

Present: Angela Harkness Robertson (chair)  
Hannah Bradley  
Alma Forsyth  
Alastair Smith

In attendance (for item 3): Michael Mulligan  
Chris Allan

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Daniel Sutton, Siobhan McGovern, David Grimes and Claire Wood.

2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 1 May were approved.

3. Home Street

Michael Mulligan and Chris Allan attended to present proposals for rearranging the workshop space at Home Street. This would involve hiring a skip to dispose of the existing junk timber occupying the rear of the workshop. The space freed up would then be used to house the furniture, with the present furniture area forming a new workshop space. A toast-rack storage system would be built at the left rear of the space to accommodate flats. Odd-sized rostra would be disposed of and collapsible based made for standard-sized rostra. The approximate cost of this work - in materials and skip hire - was estimated to be £350 to £400.

Committee members present thanked Chris and Michael for their proposals and agreed that these should be taken forward, subject to available funds.

4. The Lark

The run had been very successful, with 4 star reviews and a good report from the SCDA adjudicator. Bellfield had been a suitable venue for this production, although the lack of toilets had caused issues for cast and audience.

5. Merry Wives

Anji reported that all was going well. One rehearsal had had to be cancelled owing to a cast member's family medical emergency, but this had not caused difficulties. She expected to complete blocking on 23 June.

6. Pool, no water

One cast member had been lost but had been replaced. All was going well, and the show was fully blocked.

7. Catch-22

Hannah reported that more than 75 people had expressed in the script reading to be held on the evening of 26 June.

She had negotiated a special rate for the Biscuit Factory of £1300 for a 4-night run with a 75-100 seating capacity. The venue would receive a 30 box office share for ticket sales from 150 upwards. The Committee asked whether it would be possible to have a 5-night run and Hannah agreed to investigate.

8. Next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting should be sorted by email correspondence.

9. AOB

The Committee noted that its members were required to attend at least 50% of meetings in any given year and that this should be drawn to the attention of all committee members.