

Glamis Residents' Association – Extraordinary Committee Meeting
23 October 2024, 6.00 pm

Apologies notified in advance: none

In attendance: D Stafford; Sue Fraser; Emma Mulhern; Charmaine Regis; Susan Cauldwell; Desmond Ellerbeck

Action Points and Matters Arising

Bingo Funds

The committee noted that cash funds collected for the pensioners' bingo had not been remitted in a timely manner.

It is difficult to estimate the exact amount involved, as the Wednesday afternoon gathering operates on a regular but semi-informal basis and the organisers do not keep records. When the club was running, £50 in cash was being left in a tin on top of a fridge. This money had not been banked.

This arrangement appears to have started after lockdown was lifted in 2021. Before that, bingo formed part of a block booking paid for by the council. That arrangement ended when Raines Hall, Wapping, was brought back into service and a new arrangement was put in place. The treasurer understood that the new rent, paid directly into the bank by the Wapping Social Club, formerly known as Raines, covered the Wednesday pensioners' bingo and was not aware of the cash being left in the tin.

The bingo restarted on 17 August 2021, although it did not take place every Wednesday afternoon. The estimated cash amount for the period from August 2021 to September 2024, when the issue was identified, was between £2,500 and a maximum of £3,000. When asked about the matter, the hall manager apologised profusely to the committee and repaid £3,000, which was credited to the GRA bank account on 17 October 2024.

The committee considered the matter carefully. In doing so, it took account of the hall manager's 18 years of unpaid service to the GRA, the considerable time and effort he had contributed over the years, and his personal circumstances at the time. The committee also remained mindful of the trustees' duty to protect both the charity's financial position and its reputation.

Following discussion, the committee voted unanimously to agree the following actions:

- Desmond would step down as chair and would no longer undertake any client-facing activities.
- Desmond would no longer be involved in bookings, which would be managed exclusively by Sue Cauldwell.
- We would move away from taking cash for deposits and bookings where possible
- The only trustees with access to the GRA account would be D Stafford, with Sue Cauldwell acting as deputy.
- As the funds had been recovered and the hall manager had shown a great deal of remorse, the committee decided not to take the matter any further.

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