

# CASTLE MORPETH BRIDGE CLUB

## STOREY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE MORPETH

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at Gamekeepers Cottage, Tranwell

At 10.30 am on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

Item	Action
<p>In attendance: Mike Craig (Chair), Sheena Hudson (Secretary), Anne Bell, Freda Simpkin, David Gunn, Laura Marriott and Ken Waugh.</p> <p><b>1. Apologies:</b> There were no apologies.</p> <p><b>2. Minutes</b> of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved and signed.</p> <p><b>3 Matters arising:</b> NEBA Interleague Regulations: A decision at The Executive Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 whereby all players eligible to play in this competition must be both NEBA members and a member of the club they were representing has not been circulated in new rules. Mike has contacted NEBA and Graham Cox who will issue updated rules.</p> <p>The Committee formally agreed to award a trophy to the winners of the group not playing in the Club Championship. Freda will make enquiries into purchasing a Salver for this competition.</p> <p>An approach had been made to Bridge for All to have a meeting about encouraging bridge students to join a club and although the approach was welcomed they preferred to take an initiative with the Tuesday Stannington Bridge Club to encourage their members to try playing opportunities at other Morpeth Bridge clubs.</p> <p>Slow play continuous to be a problem and the Directors advised that it was better to have a quiet word with those players responsible at the table.</p>	

<p><b>4 Treasurer's Report:</b> The Club continues in good health with an average of 15 1/2 tables and finances were better than the forecast for 2019/2020.</p>	
<p><b>5 Christmas Party:</b> The Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at Storey Park Community Centre. The catering will be supplied by "Virginia's Bespoke Catering" which comes highly recommended. The meal will be a buffet style menu similar to previous years. The cost to members will, once again, be subsidised by the club and tickets will remain at £12 as previous years. Non-members will pay the full £15. The format will be slightly different this year as the party will coincide with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Castle Morpeth Bridge Club. In addition to the usual spot prizes and winners prizes we have booked the Virtuoso Jazz Trio to entertain during the meal. There will be table decorations to enhance the ambience of this extra special evening. Tickets will be on sale from beginning of November. David has agreed to be Director.</p>	<p>Freda Sheena Mike David</p>
<p><b>6. Update on Storey Park Community Centre:</b> Freda attended a user group meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October with Morpeth Town Council. The Council have confirmed that Storey Park Community Centre will be demolished in the near future but were unable to give a date. They are proposing to refurbish St James Hall and transfer the various group who use Storey Park to St James. There is concern that the refurbished St James will not have sufficient storage and users have been asked to email the Council with their requirements. In the meantime the Committee will look into other possible venues.</p> <p><b>Post meeting Note:</b> Freda and Mike had an informal meeting with Council representatives. A brief note has been circulated of the meeting and CMBC asked to be advised of future Forum Meetings (where the closure was first discussed) and to receive a copy of the St James plan. We have also agreed to work closely with Morpeth Bridge Club on our response to the Council.</p>	<p>Mike Freda All</p>
<p><b>7. Any other Business:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>8. Date of next meeting:</b> The AGM will be held on Tuesday 2nd June 2020 at Storey Park Community Centre. As the Notice of the AGM is circulated two weeks before the AGM our Committee Meeting needs to be 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> May. Members to email Sheena if they can't make any of these dates.</p>	<p>Sheena All</p>