

## Minutes of the Berwick Bridge Club Committee meeting held at 5pm Monday, 31 October 2022 online on Zoom

Present:	Peter Calder (PC)	President
	Paul Gipson (PG)	Honorary Secretary
	Tony Reed-Jones (TRJ)	Honorary Treasurer
	Louis Moore (LM)	Honorary Competitions Secretary
	Penny Davidson (PD)	Committee member
	Angela Hutchinson (AH)	Committee member
	Jean Mole (JM)	Committee member
	Linda Warcup (LW)	Committee member

Apologies: Canon Christopher Smith, Kitty Home Robertson

### President's welcome

PC welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the sole item was the ventilation at the Parish Centre.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has provided the electrician's quote for installing a Positive Input Ventilation solution. The options discussed were:

- (1) Do nothing
- (2) Install one PIV unit at a cost of £762 + VAT (£914.40)
- (3) Install two PIV units at a cost of £1,524 + VAT (£1,828.80)

The recommended solution is two units, although it is possible to install one unit and add a second later if deemed necessary.

The electrician also provided a quote for an extractor fan, although this would require further discussion regarding positioning and feasibility and may require planning consent; he also does not believe it would resolve the club's issue.

PC noted that with a maximum of 50 people expected to attend on a Thursday evening, and an average of 21 people to date, there is no urgent need to go ahead with the PIV installation.

However he was in favour of moving ahead with the installation of one PIV unit.

The main arguments for doing so are:

1. We can afford it.
2. The knowledge that the ventilation is better may encourage more members to attend.
3. If, in future, we had larger attendances we could comfortably accommodate them.
4. It would be of benefit to the PCC who have looked after us so well over a long period.
5. It would benefit the wider community who use the building.
6. This matter has bedevilled us for years and it would finally put it to bed.

TRJ was concerned that the PCC were responsible for the purchase and maintenance of any installed system: PC and PG confirmed that this was understood by the PCC at our last meeting.

TRJ also covered his analysis of potential members attending the Parish Centre, including the current average of 21 players per session. However he also said that 42 people had played at the Parish Centre to date, so we could see more than ten tables in the near future.

PG said that another benefit of the system would be the ability to close the windows and remove the draughts, especially during the winter season. He said that this may be more beneficial for our membership than the stale air problem.

JM, LM, PD, LW and AH were also in favour.

PC called for a vote and the committee voted unanimously in favour of the one PIV solution.

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.