

Minutes of North Middleton Village Community Hall Committee Meeting

3rd August 2026

Janet Donaldson (JD)
Norma McDonald (NM)
Anne Robertson (AR)
Lynne Morris (LM)
Jen Russell (JR)
Craig Purves (CP)
Dan McCormack (DM)

Apologies: Carrie Bennett (CB)

Welcome

Action

JD welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

Actions from Minutes of Last Meeting:

JD still looking into the incorporated charity status, reminder to forward the link from OSCR website for review. Further boxes of archived paperwork to be reviewed. JD

New cooler jacket on the beer keg has proved a success. Decision to purchase an additional jacket for the spare keg agreed. LM to organise. LM

Treasurers/Financial Update

Balance at 31/07/26
Current Account. £2497
(includes £800 deposits)=£1697
Savings Account. £12911
Heating funds. £3142
Total. £16053
restricted £2162
Total in savings. £18215
TOTAL IN BANK £20712
Float £200 petty cash £141 = £341

£620 due to be paid to the Bouncy Castle Man for the fete inflatables and £600 to be paid to Belhaven. However we have a well stocked bar for the summer fete.

Any questions regarding the accounts at any time to be referred to LM.

Summer Fete

Still to confirm a first aider for the fete. AR to advise asap. AR

Judges and prize confirmed for the dog competition.

Small prizes for games sourced.

JD to create labelling for the corn hole game and ticket template. JD

Volunteers to be sourced to help with various stalls and tasks.

LM advised she has inflatable hammer throw option for one of the stalls. LM

LM to advise stall holders of set up from 11.30am LM

Boiler Grant Update

JR advised that Tyne & Esk had rejected the funding for the hall boiler and solar panels which was very disappointing given the amount of work gone into the application including building warrant and structural engineer costs.

CARES however have awarded the hall 40% funding for the heat pump replacement. JR advised that, following the lack of funding from Tyne & Esk, the solar panel were taken out of the CARES funding application for this year.

There was a discussion on whether the solar panel funding could be sourced elsewhere for installation this year. It was decided that, due to the urgency of the boiler replacement before this winter, to defer fund sourcing for the solar panels until 2027.

JR to contact ZKY to reconfirm costs for the heating replacement and to schedule a date for the works to commence.

JR

NM will speak to Councillors Ellen Scott and Douglas Bowen regarding their funding contribution and how this is provided at the upcoming community council meeting.

NM

Hall Bookings/Events

8th August: 1-5 for children's party. **AR to open JR to close.**

22nd August – 1-5pm for children's party. **NM to open, CP to close.**

23rd August: Summer Fete

29th August 8am-12pm **DM to open and close**

Hall Events:

3rd October Family Hoe Down Country & Western themed event. 7-10pm. CP to DJ with karaoke. AR assisting with line dancing input and decorating hall. Bar to be open and ticket price of £6 per adult and £3 per child will include food (hot dogs and pulled pork). Event will need advertised on social media.

ALL

31st October Children's Halloween party. 7-9pm. With a ghost train guising option for children with responsible adults, visiting pre arranged neighbours. Free event for children with games. Need to source Halloween decorations and check what is in the hall currently.

ALL

Community event funding by Moorfoot Community Council. Agreed this should be a winter warmer event on 16th January. Soup & roll, tea, coffee, cake/biscuit. Free event funding by the donation from the community council.

Children's Christmas party on 12th December. 4-6pm. Ticketed event. To be discussed further at next meeting.

ALL

JD to confirm with Chris from Borthwick District Pipe Band if they would plan on New year's day if bar was to open.

JD

Hall Promotion:

Pauline, founder of Learn to Grow consultancy and also a trustee at the Salisbury Centre in Edinburgh, has offered to come to a meeting to discuss how we can further promote the hall facilities effectively and assist with ideas on how to secure more bookings through marketing and networking. Agreed that this would be a welcomed benefit to the committee. LM to organise for September.

LM

NM had drafted a flyer promoting the hall's facilities ie Friday bar, pickleball and badminton and venue hire. Agreed this could be effectively done via a drop through letterboxes. To discuss further with CB to see if this could be done in tandem with the Grapevine pamphlet

NM/CB

drop.

Committee Meeting Date/Time:

Agreed to start the committee meetings at 6pm on first Monday of each month.

ALL

Any Other Business:

NM suggested that the current taps in the toilets could be changed to push taps to avoid inadvertently leaving them running. JR said she would ask her plumber to quote for the taps in the first instance.

JR

Date of Next Meeting : Monday, 7th September 2026 @ 6pm