

Historical Document

Bills of Quantities & Estimate for the Proposed Hall and Sports Club at Beaufort Hill, Monmouthshire for the Beaufort Hill Welfare Committee January 1933

J. Vaughan Richards, Architect, Crickhowell

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The whole of the bricks are to be supplied by the Beaufort Brick and Tile Company.

Monthly Meetings

1944

April 18th 1944

Chair Ivor Jones — 7 members present

Mrs Jack Thomas & Mrs Percy Evans should be shown in this report pointing out their generosity...in this most worthy effort.'

Increase prices in Billiard Hall

April 22nd 1944

Special Committee

Chair Ivor Jones and 9 others present '...Col. Tom Morgan and Capt. Gwyn Jones for them to assist with heating and lighting.

'Payments for the upkeep of the premises was insufficient. Agreements were brought up and a records of the payment from the Home Guards for the past 3 years. Seeing that no payment had been made towards the cost of heating at any time. Col. Morgan and Capt. Jones felt that we had a case to place to the Military Authority and promised this matter would receive their report.'

May 13th 1944

8 present

Cricket Section

'Mr Graham Watkins then brought forward the position of tie roller and stated that it was necessary for shafts to be fixed on this so that it could be drawn by horse.'

Damage to the Premises

'Complaints were then made regarding the gates and surrounding of the Club. Members complained of gates being taken off hinges and continuous trouble at the entrance of the Hall. It was then moved and adopted that locks be placed on gate at tie Hall entrance one placed on the gates leading to the ground also that a letter be sent to Boys School asking Mr Randall Williams to read out to lads the complainency of the damage done so often and state that the committee must prosecute of this keeps on.

Payments

The labour which had been placed on our ground was discussed. 22 was paid to Mr Frances for his effort which was worth good appreciation.

Social Activities

'Three ladies were then brought forward for consideration for work during the Dancing Season. After some discussion a proposition and an amendment came before the meeting

		CH	GS	ZT
Proposal	£	6	2	2
Amendment	£	10	4	4

After being put to vote then it was carried that they be paid the same as last year.

Mrs Kora Huish £6 Mrs Silcox & Z. Thomas £2 each

Financial Report

'The Treasurers report stated that our receipts were :-

£310.15.6

£274.17.2 Expenditure

£95.18.4 Balance

An application by Mr W. Kipper to sub-let a plot on the welfare ground was failed to achieve any success.

An application for the use of two trestles was granted to Mr Ted Herbert.'

June 10th 1944

Chair Mr Zophar Thomas

'60 books were missing from library, Mr W Priddy volunteered to try and get them back.

'Mr & Mrs Huish wanted to resign because they didn't feel appreciated...but changed their mind after speaking to Rev. Leon Jones.' uvuggt_1944

Ivor Jones & 8 members

Concerning the issue of the Library missing books from the last meeting '25 of the books have been returned.'

'Forming of a Billiards Committee with the view of infusing new life into that section, as there was a deficit compared to the corresponding period last year. The following were appointed:

Hadyn Thomas, Alf Davie, Tom Bromley, Ph Huish, E. Pritchard, Graham Watkins

'Proposal that a football section be formed.'

Report by Councillor Alf Davies

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September 9th 1944

Ivor Jones as Chair

Home Guard (TAA Territorial/Army Association —now known as the TA)

'A letter was read from the TAA on the claim for heating they first received, It was suggested that seeing victory and peace in sight that members of the committee would walk around Our building and make an estimate of the damage caused through military training in readiness for claiming damage costs.'

October 14th 1944

'A request was granted to the Home Guard to use the bottom floor of the Hall to hold a supper on November 11 th, also crockery etc and install radio to bottom floor,

Contract with Home Guard.

July 2nd 1944

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Beaufort Hill Welfare Club Minute Book 1946

Monthly meeting January 12th 1946

Chair Zophar Thomas — 11 present

'The Secretary then reported that the disinfectant spray had been purchased and proved to be a satisfactory utensil.'

'Mr Hayden Thomas then rose a point on the Hiring of the Hall by the sections of Club. The meeting felt that some concession should be made towards this matter. A proposition duly seconded came before the meeting, that fee for the Hiring of Hall in future to sections of the Club shall be £ 1.1.0. This was placed before the meeting and adopted.'

'The Chairman then expressed his gratitude to the committee for having presided over such a good committee during the past years and wished that new Chairman and committee every success.'

'An invitation was then extended to the committee to attend a Social Evening given by the Ladies' Section on Jan 19th.'

Monthly meeting held February 9th 1946

Chair Bryn Evans — 10 present

'The Financial Report was given which showed the Club with a balance in hand of £1030.'

'In further business a report was given on the damage done to the door of the committee room by five young members. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to suspend three lads for 6 months.' - Mr Will Priddy would see to this matter.'

Monthly meeting held March 16th 1946

Chair Bryn Evans — 10 present

'An appeal from from British Legion for a rebate in the hire of the Hall then was granted by reducing it to £1.1.0'

'Mr Hayden Thomas then proposed before the meeting a matter of supervision of the Social Activities held at the Hall. He felt that it was full time that consideration was given to this matter for the future of the Club. The matter was freely discussed and the meeting was unanimous in supporting the good effort. A proposition was then moved by Mr John Bowen that a sub-committee be elected to deal with this business, this was duly seconded be following were appointed: Messrs John Bowen, Ern Gray, W.J. Davies, Zophar Thomas and Clifford Dowding.'

Monthly meeting April 13th 1946

Chair Bryn Evans - 12 present

'The financial statement was given by the Treasurer which showed that the Club had progresses very favourable during the past few months. The balance hand showed £1135.15.1.'

'Complaint was then lodged about the committee room being ill-used on some occasions, it was then decided that the room should be used for Welfare Business.'

'Victory Day and recognition to our boys from the forces was then brought on. After a discussion it was decided to table the matter for the next meeting when probably more information would be had regarding Victory Day celebrations.'

Monthly meeting held May 11th 1946

Chair Bryn Evans 9 present

'Arising was a report given by the Secretary on the programme arranged by the Council on Victory celebrations. After the acceptance of the report it was decided that in view of such big attractions at Ebbw Vale on that day that the Club would not make any celebrations on Victory Day, only the Dance at night. With reference to the presentation to our boys who had served on the forces it was adopted that the date for this event and he type of programme be decided at the next meeting.'

'Two applications were then granted for the use of the Hall

1.Ladies' Sections for a Dance on May 17th 2.To Mr Parker of Eusa for a show on June 17th .

Monthly meeting held June 15th 1946

Chair Mr Hayden Thomas — 9 present

'The Welcome Home reception to our boys would be held in September and the Chairman, Mr Bryn Evans, was appointed as the organiser to arrange a suitable programme.'

Monthly meeting held July 13" 1946

Chairman Mr B. Evans — 12 members present

'Treasurer's report on proceeds from dancing for season commencing September 7th 1945 and ending June 7th 1946.

Total 2410.4.10

'This constituted a record. £133.7.1 above the previous season. The committee expressed its satisfaction and appreciation of the work done.'

'...need of a bowling green.'

Welcome Home Reception

It was decided to hold the Reception on September 1901. The Chairman then reported the progress he had made in organising the Reception. He had obtained the services of the Nantyglo Ladies' Choir and a number of suitable artists. He requested the committee to sanction the hiring of a bus to convey the choir from and to the (farm/fam). This was sanctioned. It was resolved to have bills printed to advertise the event. Also, that special cards of appreciation be presented with each cheque. That C.C. Harry Phillips be invited to act as chairman. That we ask the Ladies' Section to provide a cup of tea and sandwiches for the artists.'

Monthly meeting held August 9th 1946

Chair Bryn Evans — 9 present

'Then came the appointment of the Social Committee for the coming years. These were then elected: Bryn Evans, Hayden Thomas, Phil Huish, Joe Davies and Ern Gray.

With regard to the Lady attendants for the season a discussion arose of how they were to be appointed. After points of view were put before the meeting it was felt that this matter should have a fuller meeting to decide which action to take. After placing it before the committee it was adopted to table the question until the next meeting.

Mr Zophar Thomas then rose to place before the meeting recommendation that a trip be organised for the Lady members of the Club. As no second rose to this the matter had to fall through.'

Monthly meeting held December 14th 1946

Chair Bryn Evans — 12 members present

'The chair then stated that the Social Committee were again prepared to run a dance on

Xmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Also, the children's Xmas Party would be held on December 20th when a sum of 25 would be spent on gifts and refreshments for the children. The meeting gladly received this report.'

'The use of the hall was then granted to the Beaufort Hill School children for a...show, also the use of a football ground; boxing night, was granted to the Cricket Section; New Year's Eve night to the Beaufort Horticultural Society; Ladies' Section for January 4th for the supper; Presbyterian Church for January 22nd for a play.'

Monthly meeting held April 12th 1947

Chair Hayden Thomas — 12 present

'Arising first was the report given by the Secretary regarding the cost of the installing of the telephone at the hall. A proposition that a telephone be installed at the premises defeated an amendment to the contrary.'

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Monthly meeting held on Saturday 12 November 1949

In the chair — Mr Bryn Evans

10 members present

'Application for use of Hall on Saturday November 26th for a supper and social evening by Cardiff City Supporters Club. The fee stated that the application had been granted by the Officers, but wished the committee to approve their action.

Monthly Meeting 15th April 1950

'Application for the use of the Dance Hall for a birthday party for Master Barry Caswell. - Mr W.H. Davies moved that the Hall be granted, seconded Mr Bert Roberts and passed.'

13th May 1950 -'Application for use of Hall for Birthday Party for Miss Jill Thomas. Granted at a fee of 10/6

May 18th 1950."Application for use of Hall for a wedding reception by Mr H.V. Edwards. Granted at a fee of £1.1.0 on Saturday July 29th '

9th June 1950

'The Secretary informed the meeting that the work of clearing around the Hall had commenced but was progressing very slowly, on top of this it was on record that the Billiard Hall be repainted during the summer of this year. The takings in the Billiard Hall for the past two weeks had not covered the wages of one man, the secretary stated he wished the committee to give a great deal of thought to this matter, with a view to increasing his work to justify the employ of two caretakers or by any other means considered appropriate.

A great deal of discussion took place when a number of opinions were expressed.

Eventually Mr Bryn Evans stated that the only solution was for one caretaker to be dismissed for the summer months and in as much as Mr Charles was the older employee of the Welfare, Mr Evans proposed that Mr James Davies be notified that his services are not required during the summer months and that he be given one week notice. This was seconded by Mr E. Gray.'

30th June 1950

'Mr H. Kedward inquired into the minute referring to the conduct of the Cricket Section. The chairman explained to Mr Kedward that certain members of the Cricket Section were not paying a weekly contribution to the General Scheme in spite of the fact that they had been approached several times by the Secretary. There was also a great deal of concern felt about the presentation of the caps, which according to information received had been held in The White Horse Inn. On being asked Mr Kedward agreed that the presentation had taken place in The White Horse Inn.

This gave rise to a great deal of discussion when many views were expressed deploring the attitude of the Cricket Section in holding their annual presentation in The White Horse Inn. Eventually Mr W.J. Davies proposed that the Secretary be instructed to bring to the notice of the Cricket Section the motion which he would now move.

"The General Committee of Beaufort Hill Welfare Hall disagrees with the attitude of the Cricket Section in holding their annual presentation of Caps in The White Horse Inn, in view of the fact that there were young members of the Cricket Section who could not attend the function and in view of the fact that the Welfare offered every facility for such occasion."

This was seconded by Mr Bert Roberts and passed unanimously.'

10th July 1950

General Committee

Messrs P. Huish, Bert Roberts, W.J. Davies, E.Gray, Bryn Evans, Harry Kedward, Rex Herbert, E.G. Thomas

Football Section

Ken Pritchard, F. Dowding, Harry Tee

Cricket Section

A.Durban, Jack Reaks, Harry Waters

Minutes of Special Meeting of the General Committee held Friday 25th August 1950

Chair — Mr H Thomas

Members Present— Messrs Bryn Evans, Bert Roberts, W.H. Davies, S Sage, J Bowen, Harry Kedward, W.J. Davies, E. Gray, Rex Herbert, E.G. Thomas.

'Before discussing matter arising the Chairman stated that he had been approached by a Dutch lady who was at present residing at Ebbw Vale and who was desirous of hiring the hall for a Ballet Class. In view of the fact that she was Dutch and would probably encounter some difficulty in stating her case in writing he had invited her to attend the meeting of the General Committee in order that she may answer any question that may be raised by individual members. The ladies name was Miss Jacobs and was only a temporary resident in the area. With the consent of the committee Miss Jacobs was then invited into the meeting in company with her intended Mother in Law, Mrs Hiles, of Ebbw Vale.

Miss Jacobs stated that she had made an application to the Local Authority to run a Ballet Class and in the area under the auspices of the Monmouthshire Education Authority. This had not been granted but she had been referred to the Beaufort Hill Welfare and she was of the opinion that if she proved the worth of the Ballet Class she would have the support of the Monmouthshire Education Authority. She would therefore be very grateful if the management committee would grant her the use of the hall.

Miss Jacobs then answered several questions put to her by the committee quite satisfactorily.

Miss Jacobs then left the room and after a little discussion Mr Bryn Evans moved that the Hall be granted at a fee of £1.17.6 this was seconded by Mr E Gray and passed.

Miss Jacobs was then informed of the decision of the committee and expressed her satisfaction. She stated that she would contact the committee at a later date in reference to the date and time of the engagement.'

8th September 1950

'Miss Jacobs, who had been granted the use of the Hall for a ballet class, has since applied for an hour or so each afternoon for the next 10 days, so that she may rehearse a dance which she has been asked to do for the Old Aged Pensioners.'

14th April 1951

'Mrs Iles running the Ballet Class.'

'Mr Marchant running the Film Show.'

'Application for use of Cricket Field by Ebbw Vale Technical School.'

19th May 1951

'Mr Bryn Evans then raised the matter of Females being allowed in the Billiard Hall and stated that it was a very serious board of contention among senior members of the scheme that young girls should not be allowed to visit the Billiard Hall. This was supported by Mr E. Gray whilst the Secretary defended the decision of the Officers to allow females into the Billiard Hall, due to the fact that there was no rule to the contrary. Mr J. Bowen moved that no female be allowed into the Billiard Hall. This was seconded by Mr I. Jones. Mr Rex Herbert moved an amendment that adult females over the age of 18 be allowed this was seconded by the secretary. The proposition carried.'

18th August 1951

'The Secretary stated that the use of the Hall had been granted to the residents of Swan Crescent for the purpose of holding a Festival Tea. Would the committee endorse the action of the Officers in granting the Hall and agree on the point of payments. It should be noted, however, that it was an unusual occurrence. Several members raised the point of memberships among the residents of Swan Crescent, and a great deal of discussion was given to the point. However, eventually Mr J. Bowen moved that no fee be made for the Hall, but that the person who applied should be told that the general committee would suggest that all residents of Swan Crescent become a member of Beaufort Hill Welfare Club (passed).'

8th September 1951

'The chairman opened the meeting by calling upon Mr I. Jones, who is the most active of our Trustees, to present Mr P. Huish with a Oak Biscuit Barrel and a pair of Oak Candlesticks as a token of good will from the General Committee to Mr and Mrs Huish on the occasion of their marriage.'

'Lead that had come off the old Tennis Court was sold for £10.0.0, more than had been anticipated.'

13th October 1951

'The Secretary stated that it was the desire of the members of the Ladies' Section to have a 3 point plug put at the back of the stage in order that they may heat the Urn there if they so choose to do so. It was agreed that this matter be left to the Officers and that the plug be installed.'

8th December 1951

The Secretary then stated that he had been informed that quite a few cafes in Brynmawr were using cutlery with the Beaufort Hill Welfare stamp on them, and in point of fact one such spoon had been brought to the house.'