

Here is a summary of the minutes from the LADS Committee Meeting held on March 24th, 2025, at Trenant Chapel, Trefonen:

Attendees: Sue Chaloner, Keith Clarke, Ron Gunstone, Margaret Hutchings, Bex Smith, Alison Utting, Elinor Williams

Apologies: Marg Kynaston

Key Points:

1. Previous Minutes:

- Accepted as a true record.

2. Matters Arising:

- Discussion on future requirements for grants, focusing on safety rails and lighting. Lighting will be hired for the summer production.
- Tesco blue tokens might fund railings, with further discussions pending.
- Values sheet updated and to be distributed to all involved in productions.

3. Review of One Acts:

- Successful production with five trophies for "Starfish" and one for "The Dower House."
- Total earnings: £2051 with a profit of £328.
- Issues at LVH venue reported, including maintenance and functional problems.
- Future consideration for taking the one-act plays to the Wellington Festival.
- Thank-yous extended to John Neilson for musical interlude and MH for videos.

4. Treasurer's Update:

- £1400 profit from Christmas Carol, current balance £5852.
- Current paid-up members: 31 adult, 5 junior.

5. Summer Production:

- "In Tents" is nearly fully cast and crewed, with venues booked for June.
- Child protection measures to be ensured due to junior actors' involvement.

6. Autumn Production:

- A new version of "It's A Wonderful Life" is being considered.
- Venue options being reviewed, aiming to avoid scheduling conflicts with other productions.

7. Communications and Website:

- New website launched. YOUR HELP NEEDED: Some of the galleries for past productions need photos. Do you have any? Please have a look at where we have gaps and contact Marg/Elinor/Alison.
- Important documents to be added to the website.

8. Reorganization of Storage:

- Cupboards and props storage reorganization planned for April 9th.

9. Workshops:

- Mask workshop deferred, future workshops and summer social to be discussed.

10. Marketing & Publicity:

- Publicity efforts for "In Tents" discussed, with an emphasis on photos and posters. LADS recruitment poster requested by OSSC.

11. LADS Branded Clothing:

- Online order form almost ready for testing.

12. Funeral:

- Tribute video and photo album created for Pippa's funeral on March 27th.

13. Other Business:

- Risk assessments for each venue emphasized.
- Hall hire rates reviewed.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for April 14th, 2025, at 8 PM.

The meeting concluded at 10:10 PM