

Minutes of Cowton Arts & Theatre Society Meeting held in the Beeswing at 7:30pm on Wednesday 7th May 2025

Committee Members Present: Nick Smith (Chairman), John Shields (Secretary), Susan Shields (Treasurer), Elaine Simpson, Pat Watson, Geoff Green, Jane Green, Tracey Cramond

Apologies: Margaret Walton, Cristina Peacock

Agenda Items:

1. 2025 Performance Update: Feedback from those attending indicates that the performance was very well received and appreciated. Several comments, which were meant constructively, were that the overall performance was a little too long and that the stage was, on occasions, too crowded which was confusing in some scenes. Otherwise, everyone really enjoyed the show and thanked all those involved for an excellent night's entertainment. NS/JS acknowledged these stating they would be borne in mind in the future SS gave a post-performance financial report as follows:

Treasure Island 2024						
Date	Income	Cheque	Cash	Expenditure	Cheque	Cash
24/03/2025	Tickets		909.00	TEN	21.00	
24/03/2025	Raffle		188.00	J Shields Drinks	152.12	
24/03/2025	Bar		324.60	N Smith - Drinks	72.28	
24/03/2025				N Smith - Flowers	35.00	
						Mark Pizza & Sam/Isabe lle
24/03/2025				C Peacock - Vouchers	70.00	makeup
24/03/2025				E Simpson - Costumes	173.07	
02/05/2025				ECVH Hall hire	418.50	
					Total	
Total income		1421.60			expenditure	941.97
Less expenditure		941.97				
Surplus bar stock B/F		106.66				
Surplus bar stock C/F		85.96				
Profit/loss		458.93				
Balances						
Bank	£3093.40 (after uncleared ECVH cheques deducted £418.50 and £50)					
Cash	£ 116.22					

ACTION: None

2. Murder Mystery: NS stated it is still hoped to put this on around September and that feedback suggest that it will be welcomed by the community.

ACTION: To be added to the agenda for the next meeting along with consideration of the next panto.

3. Lighting: JS explained that the separate control unit with wiring for the spotlight had been purchased and would be installed once the work on the village hall was complete. This is the final spend with regard to the lottery grant.

ACTION: None

4. Video of the 2025 performance: It was agreed the video show for the cast would be shown on a Saturday evening towards the end of June. This, as was requested by several members of the cast, will take place in the village hall. The date will be set once work on the village hall has been completed and will be preceded by CATS annual general meeting.

ACTION: Monitor progress on VH work.

5. JG/JS informed the committee of a request to assist in an attempt by members of the community to get a version of 'village day' going again over the August bank holiday. After discussion it was agreed that, while on this occasion CATS could not be able to stage an event due to a significant number of the committee being away, an email would be sent to our members to see if any of them would be interested in taking part. It was also agreed that CATS would help out wherever possible.

ACTION: JG/JS to attend the next 'village day' meeting and feed this back.

5. Next Meeting: The date of the next meeting to be agreed.

6. AOB: No other business was raised and the meeting closed at 8:30pm.