

## Taita Public Hall Records 1922-1976, 1984-1993

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### 1922 Jun 07 Wed

An informal meeting of a few residents of Taita was held at Taita Store at the instance of R. Bartosh, Esq., for the purpose of discussing the best means of erecting a Public Hall suitable for the residents of Taita.

Present: Messrs Bartosh, Westbury, Foley, Alsop, Foster, Evans, Pemberton, Teasdale, Kitchener, Loveridge, Ferretti, Mabey & McGregor.

The following were elected (Pro Tem)

Chairman: H. Foley      Secretary: R. R. McGregor

Committee: Messrs Bartosh, Westbury, Kitchener, Alsop, Evans, V. Pemberton, Evans, Teasdale & T. Foster.

After a short discussion it was decided to approach J. C. Mabey, Esq., for the site on which to erect the Hall.

Charles Ernest Alsop	1883-1942 born Liverpool, England
Richard Bartosh	1868-1942 born Frenstat, Austria
William Clewer Evans	
Francesco (Frank) Ferretti	1885-1974 born Italy
Henry Foley	1880-1956 born Wellington, NZ
Thomas Randolph Foster	1877-1961 born Leeds, England
Frederick William Kitchener	1883-1957 born Kaikoura, NZ
Loveridge	
Mabey	
John Charles Mabey	1858-1952 born Taita
Rob Roy McGregor	1893-1954 born Wellington, NZ
Victor Jubilee Pemberton	1887-1960 born Redgrave, Suffolk, Eng
Thomas James Teasdale	1884-1961 born Seaham, Durham, Eng
Frederick Westbury	1863-1943 born Cirencester, England

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**1922 Jun 09 Fri**

Present: Messrs Bartosh, Westbury, Mabey, McGregor, Ferretti, Foster, Evans, V. Pemberton, Foley, Alsop & Teasdale.

Mr Bartosh reported that a ¼ of an acre of land had been secured from Mr Mabey with the aid of Mr Westbury giving the aforesaid gentleman £50.

Public Meeting and Notice: Foster/Evans – That a public meeting be called at a future date, with seven clear days' notice of same through the press and notices placed in conspicuous places.

Foley/Alsop                      That three Trustees be appointed

Evans/Bartosh                  That the committee \_ & canvass the district for funds.

Alsop/Evans                      That a committee of twelve with power to add to fifteen be elected at the Public Meeting.

Westbury/Foster                That a few influential residents be approached with a view of heading the subscription list before the general canvass of the district took place.

Donations: The Chairman instructed the Secretary to write to the Fruit Brokers Association, J. W. Wallace and Burbridge for donations.

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**1922 Jun 12 Mon Taita Store**

Present: Messrs Bartosh, Westbury, Foley, Alsop, Teasdale, Kitchener, Pemberton, Horlor & McGregor  
The canvass of influential residents resulted in the promised support to the extent of £536 17s besides the land valued at £100.

- Foley/Westbury            That the building be built with at least a fifteen-foot stud.
- Bartosh/Pemberton        That Mr Foley instruct Times, Dominion and Evening Post to insert the following on two occasions – That a public meeting would take place at Taita Schoolroom on Monday 19 June 1922.
- Bartosh/Foley             That a final meeting of the informal committee take place at Taita Store on Saturday afternoon at 2pm on 17 June 1922.
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**HALL FOR TAITA**

A canvass for subscriptions in connection with a proposal made by some residents of Taita disclosed that times are apparently not as hard as they have been. On Friday night last a number of the residents held a meeting and decided that a public hall was needed in the district. By 5 p.m. on Saturday a sum of £515 had been obtained by subscriptions. The total cost of the hall would be about £1500, but by means of a working bee it is hoped to erect the building for £700, the estimated cost of the material.

Evening Post Tue 13 Jun 1922

**RESIDENTS OF TAITA.**

**A PUBLIC MEETING** of Residents of Taita will be held in the Schoolroom, Taita, on **MONDAY, June 19th,** at 8 p.m.

**Business:**  
To discuss **Erection of Public Hall and Elect Trustees and Management Committee** for same.

(Signed)  
**H. FOLEY,**  
**Chairman Provisional Committee.**  
New Zealand Times 14 Jun 1922

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### 1922 Jun 17 Sat Taita Store

Present: Messrs Westbury, Bartosh, Kitchener, Alsop, Evans, Teasdale, Pemberton, Foley & McGregor

The committee report that they have received an offer through Mr Evans of an electric plant engine excepted at a very reasonable cost and recommending the incoming committee to have expert advice on same.

Alsop/Evans                That efforts have been made to secure timber at Trentham Camp but proved unsuccessful.  
Evans/Alsop                That the hall be used on Sundays for sacred purpose only.  
Pemberton/Westbury      That a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Kitchener for drawing up proposed plan of Taita Hall.

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### 1922 Jun 19 Mon Taita Schoolroom – Public Meeting

Mr Foley have a general description of what work had been done by the informal committee to date, also explained the proposed plan of building. The informal committee then resigned enbloc, with the exception of Mr McGregor who was asked to act as secretary (Pro Tem), until the regular committee was elected by the Public. Mr McGregor then thanked the meeting to elect a chairman.

Prichard/Hewer            That Mr Foley be chairman for the evening.  
Prichard/McArthur        That Mr Bartosh who was the instigator of the movement be publicly thanked and the same to be recorded on the regular minutes.

The following were elected Trustees: Job Charles Mabey, Arthur Gadsby, Frederick Westbury.

The following were elected after a ballot as the regular committee: Messrs Bartosh, Foley, Hewer, McGregor, Evans, J. Bentley, Edgar Hall, Horlor, Alsop, V. Pemberton, Foster & Kitchener. Mr McArthur and Mr Pritchard were the scrutineers.

Arthur Gadsby	1856-1940 born Godmanchester, HUN, ENG
John Bentley	1866-1943 born New Zealand
Edgar Hall	1886-1953 born Lower Hutt
Frederick Seymour Hewer	1881-1953 born Cirencester, GLS, ENG
Donald McArthur	1876-1972 born Ararat, Victoria, AUS
David Kennedy Pritchard	1883-1953 born Maybole, AYR, Scotland

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### 1922 Jun 19 Mon Taita Schoolroom – Immediately after the Public Meeting

The following were elected: Chairman H. Foley; Vice-Chairman & Treasurer F. Hewer; Secretary R. R. McGregor. The Chairman then thanked Messrs Pemberton and Westbury for the use of their cars, also Mr McGregor for the use of his store until the completion of the building.

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## 1922 Jun 20 Tue Taita Store – 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting of the Committee

Present: Messrs Foley, Bartosh, Hewer, McGregor, Kitchener, Alsop, Hall, Horlor, Westbury, Pemberton and Foster.  
Mr Bentley sent apology on account of being unable to attend through sickness.

- Westbury/Hall            That Young, White & Courtney be approached with a view of giving legal advice to and act on our behalf.  
*Alexander Tolhurst Young (1899-1974), Charles Gilbert White (1880-1966), Frederic John Courtney (1872-1956)*
- Foley/Hall                That Messrs Westbury, Hewer and Bartosh approach solicitors.  
Foley/Alsop              That Mr Bartosh get cost of survey from Mr Climie failing him Mr Truebridge.  
Foster/Evans             That the foundations of building be in concrete.
- Foley/Hewer             That the offer of Messrs Hooper, Kells and England to carry gravel, also Mr Horlor's offer to do the necessary carrying of timber from Lower Hutt Station be accepted.  
*Edward England (1871-1937 Born Hutt), George Hooper (1857-1941 Born Taita)*
- Foley/Hewer             That Mr Horlor be instructed to proceed to Trentham Camp and pick up windows doors etc, also Messrs Pemberton and McGregor to assist in buying and loading same.
- Foley/Foster             That Fruit Broker's Association be thanked for their donation.  
Hewer/Foley             That Messrs NZ Sawmillers, Goldfinch & Co., Collier, Campbell, Strand etc be written to for quotation for timber.  
Foley/Horlor             That the plan be adopted as a general working plan.  
Hewer/Alsop             That the lean to be 12 feet instead of 10 feet as proposed.  
Horlor/Hewer            That Mr Kitchener be instructed to prepare plans on the lines submitted to meeting.
- Hewer/Foster            That Secretary prepare six subscription lists for the use of canvassers and that the district be canvassed systematically.
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| Nai Nai Road and Back roads    | Evans and Hall             |
| Park Avenue to Cottle's Lane   | Horlor and Alsop           |
| Below Park Avenue              | Pemberton and Westbury     |
| Cottle's Lane to Cemetery Road | Bartosh and Hewer          |
| Cemetery Road to Oswald's      | Foster, Foley, and Bentley |
- Foley/Evans             That canvassers make inquiries to whom are tradesmen and how much time they can share in helping with the building.
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**1922 Jun 27 Tue – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.2**

Present: Westbury, Bartosh, Pemberton, Horlor, Kitchener, Alsop, Foster, Hower, Bentley, Foley & McGregor

Mr Westbury reported on interview with Messrs Young, White & Courtney and instructed Secretary to have minute book forwarded to their office for perusal. The Chairman then took the report on the canvass of district which proved very satisfactory, the cash donations collected being £71 12s 6d.

Foster/Pemberton	That Mr Truebridge's offer of £6 6s be accepted to survey the section.
Westbury/Alsop	That the action of Messrs Pemberton, Horlor & McGregor in securing windows, doors & sashes from Trentham Camp be confirmed.
Westbury/Alsop	That the amount £19 2s 6d for doors, windows and sashes etc be passed for payment. (1 <sup>st</sup> payment in cashbook 28 Jun)
Bartosh/Foster	That 4800 feet of flooring be secured & Messrs Kitchener & McGregor be empowered to procure same.
Hower/Foster	That Messrs Kitchener & McGregor wait on Mr Mabey re amount of frontage.
Pemberton/Foster	That an account be opened at the Bank of New Zealand Lower Hutt. (£52 deposited 28 Jun minus 6d exchange)
Horlor/Alsop	That a Public meeting be called at a future date to arrange voluntary labour.
Westbury/Alsop	That all arrangements for foundation of building be left in the hands of Mr Kitchener.
Bentley/Pemberton	That Mr Kitchener be appointed to take sole charge of the building and be empowered to engage & dispense with labour
Westbury/Pemberton	That Mr Kitchener be authorized to procure timber and cement for foundations also the necessary timber for tool shed.

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**1922 Jun 28 Wed**

Bank deposit: £52 10s

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### 1922 Jul 06 Thu – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.3

Present: Hewer, Bartosh, Foley, Pemberton, Hall, Alsop, Kitchener, Foster, Westbury, Bentley & McGregor

Mr Westbury reported on interview with Mr Mabey re frontage, also that section had been surveyed by Mr Truebridge and the size of same was 75 feet x 147 feet deep. (DP5919) Mr Kitchener reported on flooring and had option on same with Odlin & Co. He also reported on the different quotations for timber.

Foster/Alsop	That post, and strainers be ordered from Campbell, Upper Hutt.
Hewer/Foster	That the matter of lighting be left over, and Secretary write Early Bros thanking them for quotations of Wizard Lighting System.
Foley/Hewer	That Secretary procure a set of books.
Foley/Hewer	That draft declaration re purposes and conditions etc from Solicitor be accepted
Westbury/Hewer	That full names of Trustees and Committee be taken.
Hewer/Bentley	That three members of committee be appointed as building committee.
Westbury/Foster	That Messrs Bentley, Hewer & Foley be elected as building committee.
Bentley/Bartosh	That Mr Kitchener get in touch with Goldfinch & Co. by telephone and arrange a trip to Ohakune if necessary, on Monday to select timber required.
Westbury/Hewer	That a full committee meet at 10am on Sunday to discuss position of Hall.
Bartosh/Hewer	That fencing wire be procured for fencing section.
Bentley/Horlor	That the offer of Mr A. Kilmister to do carrying from Wellington be accepted. (Arthur William Kilmister 1895-1952)

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1922 Jul 11 Tue      Bank deposit £23

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### 1922 Jul 13 Thu – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.4

Present: Foley, Bartosh, Westbury, Bentley, Horlor, Foster, Hewer, Kitchener, Alsop, Pemberton & McGregor

Mr Westbury apologized for Mr Hall's absence. Mr Kitchener report on trip to Ohakune and surrounding district re buying timber for Hall.

Foster/Kitchener	That Statement of Chronicle Office be returned.
Foley/Bartosh	That account of Wellington Pub Co. be passed for payment. (15s paid 28 Jul)
Horlor/Foster	That a comment be forwarded to Solicitors re letting Hall over heads of incoming committee.
Foley/Bartosh	That rules and regulations as submitted be drawn up for adoption subject to alterations suggested.

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1922 Jul 14 Fri      Bank deposit £27 2s; Payment of 4s for cheque book

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**1922 Jul 17 Mon – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.5**

Present: Foley, Bartosh, Foster, Hewer, Hall, Horlor, Westbury, Alsop, Kitchener, Pemberton, and McGregor.

Foster/Alsop Westbury/Hall	That minutes of previous meetings be confirmed. That Mr Kitchener's expences to Ohakune £4 9s, workers insurance £2 be passed for payment
Horlor/Hall	That Messrs Thoms Bros, Petone be asked to donate a tablet suitably inscribed for Hall. <b>William Alfred Thoms (1867-1943) and Henry Halhead Thomas (1876-1957) – monumental masons, Adelaide St, Petone</b>
Foley/Foster Hewer/Hall Westbury/Foster Horlor/Pemberton Foley/Pemberton	That Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees be authorized to make payments for workers weekly. That Mr Kitchener's wages be £7 10s per week & leading man 2s 9d per hour, any other labourer at the rate of 2s 6d per hour. That a letter of thanks be sent to River Board. That a case of iron be procured at £29 per ton. That action of Messrs Kitchener & Hewer in securing flooring be confirmed.

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<b>1922 Jul 20 Thu</b>	Payment: £2 for insurance
<b>1922 Jul 24 Mon</b>	Bank deposit £23 12s; Payment to Kitchener £4

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**1922 Jul 24 Mon – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.6**

Present: Pemberton, Westbury, Alsop, Bartosh, Hewer, Kitchener, Foley, and McGregor

Hewer/Alsop	That secretary's action in securing iron at £31 per ton be confirmed.
Westbury/Pemberton	That draft letter re subscriptions be adopted.
Foley/Kitchener	That rules and regulations as amended be adopted.
Kitchener/Alsop	That a septic tank and two pans be installed.
Bartosh/Alsop	That Westbury, Foley, and McGregor proceed to Trentham Camp to secure material.

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**1922 Jul 26 Wed** Bank deposit £38 11s; Payment to Kitchener £13 10s

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**1922 Jul 28 Fri** Payment to Wellington Pub. Co. 15s

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**1922 Jul 31 Mon** Payment to Ireland £6 3s 9d (John Ireland, carpenter Main Street, Lower Hutt or Hastings Ireland of Trentham Camp, labourer)

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**1922 Jul 31 Mon – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.7**

Present: Bartosh, Westbury, Kitchener, Mabey, Hewer, Bentley, Horlor, Alsop, Pemberton, Foley and McGregor

An apology was received from Mr Foster for not being present. Mr Hewer took the chair on account of Mr Foley having to leave early.

Mr Foley reported on advice received re height of stage 4 feet with 6 feet slope

Bartosh/Pemberton	That Mr Pritchard be asked to type a draft letter to subscribers.
Bartosh/Pemberton	That action of Westbury, Horlor, Alsop and McGregor in securing material be confirmed.
Mabey/Bartosh	That twenty forms be procured at Trentham Military Camp at a price not exceeding 4s
Horlor/Pemberton	That Mr Bentley's offer to carry forms be accepted.
Bentley/Horlor	That two members be appointed to report on chairs at Petone.
Kitchener/Foley	That Bentley and Pemberton report on chairs.
Horlor/Bentley	That Mr Glover be written and it be explained that the letting of Hall will be held over until more definite arrangements can be made.
Foley/Bartosh	That Stage be 4 feet high with six feet slope.
Foley/Bartosh	That Ladies and Gents dressing rooms be on level with main floor.
Pemberton/Alsop	That necessary alterations re dressing rooms be left in hands of building committee.
Westbury/Bentley	That plan of section as submitted be forwarded to Solicitors.

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**1922 Aug 02 Wed** Payment to Westbury £21 13s 7d; The Solicitors filed a declaration under Part II of "The Libraries and Mechanics' Institutes Act 1908"

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**1922 Aug 07 Sun** Payment of wages £13 8s 3d

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**1922 Aug 08 Mon – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.8**

Present: Foley, Bartosh, Horlor, Pemberton, Kitchener, Hewer and McGregor

Horlor/Foley	That apologies from Westbury, Foster and Bentley be accepted.
Pemberton/Bartosh	That ceiling of main Hall be lined.
Horlor/Kitchener	That Foley purchase windows for front of Hall at Trentham Camp if possible.
Hewer/Pemberton	That the hall be opened by social and dance opened to residents of Taita free and subscribers outside the district by invitation, the ladies being asked to provide a basket.
Foley/Bartosh	That a recommendation be made to Trustees to take steps to secure a loan from the Advance to Settlers of £700 on land, buildings of the Taita Hall immediately.

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<b>1922 Aug 09 Tue</b>	Bank deposit £84 9s 6d
<b>1922 Aug 11 Thu</b>	Payments to Blundell Bros 7s 9d ( <b>Evening Post</b> ) and the NZ Times 7s 9d.
<b>1922 Aug 14 Sun</b>	Payments: Wages £13 8s 3d; Truebridge £6 6s
<b>1922 Aug 15 Mon</b>	Bank deposit £66 10s
<b>1922 Aug 17 Wed</b>	Payments: McGregor £12 17s 9d; Wages £15 9s
<b>1922 Aug 22 Tue</b>	Payment to Goldfinch & Co. £49 15s 3d

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**1922 Aug 22 Tue – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.9**

Present: Hewer, Bartosh, Horlor, Alsop, Pemberton, Kitchener, Foley and McGregor  
Foley reported on windows at Trentham. He then asked leave to withdraw owing to pressure of business.

Pemberton/Alsop	That apologies from Westbury, Foster and Bentley be accepted.
Foley/Pemberton	That Mr Evans resignation be accepted with regret.
Kitchener/Pemberton	That nominations be opened for committee man to fill vacancy caused by Mr Evans' resignation.
Kitchener/Pemberton	That Mr F. Bertelsen be elected as a member of the society. <b>Frederick Peter Ferdinand Bertelsen (1882-1949)</b>
Horlor/Alsop	That Foley and Hewer wait on Reuben King re his proposition of loan to hall.
Alsop/Pemberton	That Mr Dudding's offer of spouting be left in the hands of Mr Kitchener. <b>Harold Stanley Dudding (1889-1966) plumber</b>

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<b>1922 Aug 23 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £129 2s
<b>1922 Aug 28 Mon</b>	Payments: Hutt Valley Sawmillers £130 18s 6d; Wages £17 10s 3d

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**1922 Aug 28 Mon – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.10**

Present: Hewer, Bartosh, Kitchener, Alsop, Bertelsen, Pemberton, Foley, Horlor and McGregor  
Foley reported on windows secured at Trentham Camp costing £1.

Foley/Alsop	That building committee meet Kitchener to estimate the cost of completing the building.
Horlor/Bertelsen	That complete lists of subscriptions be made out and outstanding subs be collected.
Bertelsen/Kitchener	That the building be insured in the Standard Insurance Company for £800.
Pemberton/Bartosh	That workers compensation be made up to £200. (insurance)
Foley/Horlor	That building committee be given power to make preliminary inquiries re loan on building.
Foley/Alsop	That accounts as read be passed for payment including £1 for windows bought at Trentham Camp.
Foley/Alsop	That a Challenge heater be obtained from Trentham Camp.

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<b>1922 Aug 30 Wed</b>	Payments: £1 for the windows; Wages £17 17s 6d.
<b>1922 Sep 02 Sat</b>	Payments: Chote £3 6s 6d; Wages £27 15s 6d. <b>W. A. Chote Ltd, Farish St, Wellington – William Alfred Chote</b>
<b>1922 Sep 05 Tue</b>	Bank deposit: £27
<b>1922 Sep 06 Fri</b>	Payments: Horlor £21 14s 3d; Cheque book 4s

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**1922 Sep 07 Thu – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.11**

Present: Foley, Kitchener, Hewer, Bertelsen, Bartosh, Foster, Pemberton, Horlor, Hall, Alsop, Bentley and McGregor  
Foley reported on unsuccessful attempt to secure Challenge heater from Trentham Military Camp, the cost of building and furniture for same.

Foley/Bentley	That Alsop, Bertelsen and McGregor wait on Mr Gadsby re loan.
Foster/Kitchener	That a loan of £700 be asked for.
Bertelsen/Alsop	That the unpaid subscribers be sent a letter.

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<b>1922 Sep 07 Thu</b>	Ten Subscribers paid – Brice, Banton, Weir, McNab, Foster (2), Mrs Hill (2 <sup>nd</sup> donation), Gledhill, Tapp and a Friend
<b>1922 Sep 15 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £23 6s
<b>1922 Sep 16 Sat</b>	Subscriber A. Turner paid £3
<b>1922 Sep 18 Mon</b>	Three subscribers paid – Dickie, Deckston and Bartosh

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**1922 Sep 18 Mon – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.12**

Present: Hall, Kitchener, Pemberton, Bertelsen, Hewer, Alsop, Bartosh, Horlor and McGregor  
Kitchener apologized for the absence of Westbury and Bentley.  
McGregor reported on unsuccessful interview re loan from Mr Gadsby.

Pemberton/Bertelsen    That correspondence from Mr Dickie be received.  
Bartosh/Horlor         That minute relating to opening of hall be rescinded – motion lost (no vote for motion)

Horlor/Alsop            That an old resident of Taita be asked to preside at residents opening night and the Prime Minister Mr Massey be asked to open hall publicly the following week.

Horlor/Bertelsen        That Hewer interview solicitors re loan.  
Pemberton/Hall         That payment of accounts be left in the hands of the Treasurer and Secretary.

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**1922 Sep 19 Tue**        Two subscribers paid – Hooper and Bartlett  
Bank deposit £26 1s  
Payments: Stewart & Co. 10s 1d; A. Turner £3 5s

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**1922 Sep 20 Wed**        Payments: Insurance £1 10s; Wages £20 12s  
**1922 Sep 21 Thu**        Two subscribers paid – Evans and Frandi; Payment to Clendon Bros £3 15s 6d  
**1922 Sep 22 Fri**        Four subscribers paid – Anson, Chittick, Anyon and Wyper; £32 11s deposited in the bank; Payment for bank charges 5s

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**1922 Sep 25 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.13**

Present: Hewer, Westbury, Bentley, Bartosh, Alsop, Bertelsen, Pemberton, Horlor, Hall, Kitchener and McGregor

Bartosh/Bertelsen        That opening date be left over until next meeting.  
Westbury/Bentley        That McGregor's action in approaching Forester's Lodge and securing loan to be confirmed – carried unanimously.

Horlor/Pemberton        That Trustees be advised re loan with Forester's Lodge and have clause inserted in mortgage enabling the Society to pay £50 or more of principal at any quarterly payment.

Bartosh/Hall             That 30s be paid to valuers as expences.  
Bartosh/Westbury        That Wizard Lighting plant be installed.  
Bertelsen/Bentley        That an advertisement be inserted for 300 chairs and piano for three nights.  
Kitchener/Bentley        That a 16-gallon Methven boiler be obtained.

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**1922 Sep 26 Tue**      Payment: Hutt Valley Sawmillers £100

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**1922 Sep 29 Fri**      Five subscribers paid – Sutcliffe, Simpson, Sanders & Son, Gordon and Pescini  
Bank deposit £32 11s

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**1922 Sep 29 Fri – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.14**

Present: Hewer, Bentley, Bartosh, Alsop, Pemberton, Bertelsen, Foley, Kitchener and McGregor

Pemberton/McGregor    That Hall be opened on 13 October 1922.  
Kitchener/Bentley     That Wizard Company be instructed to send man out to measure up plant for hall.  
Bentley/Bartosh        That Hewer & McGregor wait on school committee re working together with crockery etc.  
Foley/Bentley          That Secretary write Mr Grantham re engagement on 13 Oct 1922.  
Foley/Bertelsen        That Mr Westbury be asked to open hall on 13 Oct 1922.

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**1922 Oct 03 Tue**      Three subscribers paid – Baker Motor Bus Company, Willis, Russell

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**1922 Oct 04 Wed – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.15**

Present: Westbury, Mabey, Pemberton, Bertelsen, Horlor, Hewer, Bentley, Alsop, Kitchener, Foley and McGregor  
Hewer reported on successful interview with Taita School Committee re crockery etc.

Hewer/Alsop	That minute relating to opening date be rescinded.
Kitchener/Bentley	That first opening night be 12 <sup>th</sup> October 1922.
Bentley/Hewer	That Secretary's action in engaging orchestra on 12 <sup>th</sup> October be confirmed.
Hewer/Pemberton	That a deputation wait on Cudby & Co., also Clyde Chair Co. with power to act in purchasing 100 chairs.
Kitchener/Bentley	That Bertelsen and Horlor wait on chair companies.
Bentley/Kitchener	That Mr Foley interview Mr Cemino re piano.
Horlor/Bentley	That correspondence re piano as received be handed to expert.
Hewer/Bertelsen	That application of Taita School Committee be received and hall granted for Dec 20 <sup>th</sup> 1922 terms to be submitted later.
Foley/Hewer	That Secretary affix common seal of the Taita Public Hall Society (Incorp.) to mortgage and that it be signed and witnessed by Secretary, Trustees and Chairman.
Pemberton/Mabey	That the official opening of Hall be Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 1922 providing Mr Massey is available to perform the ceremony.
Foley/Bentley	That social committee comprise of Bertelsen, Kitchener, Pemberton, Alsop, McGregor.
Horlor/Mabey	That Secretary send invitation cards to subscribers south of Park Avenue and Seddon St & north of Stokes Valley.
Horlor/Pemberton	That Foley and McGregor be advertising committee.
Westbury/Hewer	That Secretary write Hutt Band re engagement on Saturday 14 Oct 1922.
Kitchener/Bertelsen	That Hutt County Council be informed that septic tank is ready for inspection.
Horlor/Bertelsen	That tickets be procured suitable for all occasions.
Hewer/Bertelsen	That 5s double and 3s single ticket be charged for Public Opening.
Hewer/McGregor	That application from Caledonian Society be received and a charge of £2 be charged.
Bentley/Alsop	That Hewer, Bertelsen, Pemberton & McGregor submit scale of charges for hall.
Kitchener/Bertelsen	That a charge of £2 2s be charged for election purposes.
Bentley/Kitchener	Subject to Hall being opened publicly on 16 <sup>th</sup> inst by Mr Massey – Mr Glover be granted use of Hall free for children's concert considering the proceeds of same are for the benefit of Hall funds.

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**1922 Oct 05 Thu** One subscriber paid – Mr Vaughan

**1922 Oct 06 Fri** Bank deposit £28 5s

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**1922 Oct 06 Fri – Taita Store – Committee Meeting No.16**

Present: Westbury, Bertelsen, Hewer, Horlor, Alsop, Foley, Kitchener, Pemberton, Bentley and McGregor  
Bertelsen reported on chairs.

Hewer/Westbury        That the whole committee meet at Hall on Thursday morning 12 Oct 1922 at 8am.  
Bentley/Bertelsen     That Kitchener interview Mr Grantham re engagement of orchestra on Saturday night.  
Bertelsen/Foley        That Hewer, Foley, Pemberton, Kitchener & McGregor be catering committee.

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**1922 Oct 09 Mon**        Six subscribers paid – Ormrod, Baldwin, Johnstone, Travis, Knight, Walker

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**1922 Oct 09 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.17**

Present: Pemberton, Bertelsen, Alsop, Horlor, Westbury, Kitchener, Foley & McGregor  
Foley reported on Piano; Kitchener reported on orchestra; Secretary reported on invitations and bus service; Foley reported on advertising.

Westbury/Bertelsen    That the matter of selecting Piano be left in hands of Mr Gardiner.

Foley/Bertelsen        That a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Kitchener and that his action be confirmed in advertising opening night on Lower Hutt Picture screen.

Pemberton/Kitchener    That children be admitted at the discretion of door keeper.  
Pemberton/Westbury    That action of building committee be confirmed in installing extra lights.

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**1922 Oct 10 Tue**        Three subscribers paid – Mrs May Mason, Cottle, August  
The Solicitors file a resolution of members varying regulations of Society under “The Libraries and Mechanics’ Institutes Act”

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**1922 Oct 11 Wed**        Bank deposit £591 4s (Bank loan)

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**1922 Oct 11 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.18**

Present: Hewer, Kitchener, Alsop, Horlor, Bertelsen, Pemberton, Bentley, Foster and McGregor

Foley/Kitchener	That letters of thanks be enclosed with cheque to Messrs Young, White & Courtney.
Hewer/Horlor	That use of the Hall be granted to Mr Glover on Tuesday and Friday nights respectively for rehearsal and concert.
Bentley/Hewer	That Foley's action in securing a curtain be confirmed.
Kitchener/Pemberton	That a vote of thanks be accorded to Foley re action in having road and footpath put in order, also having lamp posts and lights put in street.

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**1922 Oct 12 Thu**      Five subscribers paid – Buck, Lawery, Stellin, Mason and Mrs Black.

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**1922 Oct 13 Fri**      Bank deposit £23 16s

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**1922 Oct 13 Fri – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.19**

Present: Bertelsen, Hewer, Westbury, Alsop, Foley, Pemberton, Bentley, Kitchener and McGregor

Hewer/Bertelsen	That a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr David Andrew McEwen for use of his car on Thursday and Saturday nights.
Pemberton/Bertelsen	That advertising committee's action in advertising Anyan's buses be confirmed.
Bentley/Hewer	That Kitchener's action in ordering mat be confirmed.
Foley/Bertelsen	That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Deckston re offer of morrow and enlargement of members of Taita Hall Society Incorp.
Foley/Bertelsen	That a letter of thanks be sent to performers.

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**1922 Oct 16 Mon**      Payments: Wages £25; Excel Supply Co. 11s 6d; Mills & Co. 10s

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**1922 Oct 17 Tue**      Bank deposit £45



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**1922 Oct 18 Wed - Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.20**

Present: Bartosh, Bertelsen, Hewer, Bentley, Horlor, Kitchener, Foster, Foley, Alsop, Westbury and McGregor

The Secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to the following artists.

Grantham sen, Hutt B. Band, Marquis Party, Miss McKeown, Mrs J. Bentley, T. Claughton, Alf Turner, Barton Ginger, Miss Denniston etc

Foley/Bartosh            That authority to operate account at Bank of New Zealand Lower Hutt under Incorporated Society Act be signed & stamped with seal.  
Kitchener/Bartosh        That Taita Tennis Club be charged £2 10s for use of Hall and conveniences on Saturday 28 Oct 1922.

Foster/Westbury        That the Hutt Band be donated £2 2s for services rendered on the Public opening night (paid 18 Dec) and the Lyric Orchestra be donated £1 for services rendered on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1922 (paid £6 16 Dec)

Hewer/Kitchener        That Horlor & McGregor proceed to Titahi Bay to purchase chairs if satisfactory price can be arranged.  
Kitchener/Hewer        That Early Bros account be left over until next meeting  
Hewer/Foster            That accounts as read be passed for payment totalling £512 11s 11d  
Hewer/Horlor            That 2s for Diningroom, 1s 6d for Library be charged until further notice for use of Church of Sunday School from 2-4pm  
Horlor/Hewer            That Bartosh be charged £2 10s for hall and conveniences on 01 Nov 1922.

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**1922 Oct 19 Thu**        Bank withdrawal of £6 8s 9d petty cash  
Payments – McGregor £17 17s; Forester's Lodge £1 10s; Horlor £10 16s 4d; Moulton £25 0s 6d

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**1922 Oct 24 Tue**        Payments – Smith & Smith £3 4s; Odlin £2 15s 8d; Cheque Book 10s

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**1922 Oct 25 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.22 [sic] There is no 21<sup>st</sup> meeting in the minute book**

Present: Bertelsen, Bentley, Pemberton, Horlor, Westbury, Bartosh, Hower, Hall, Kitchener and McGregor  
Mr Alsop's apology for non-attendance was accepted.  
Mr Horlor reported on chairs bought at Titahi Bay.

Pemberton/Westbury That action of Horlor and McGregor in securing chairs be confirmed and a hearty vote of thanks be accorded for services securing same.

Bentley/Horlor That letter of regret be sent to **Mr Wise**, also damage made good to pipes  
Bentley/Bartosh That Mr Pritchard be granted use of Hall on 31 Oct 1922  
Bentley/Bertelsen That Prohibition Party be granted use of Hall on 13 Nov 1922  
Bentley/Bartosh That Mrs Boorman's offer of Piano and stool at £52 10s be accepted. (See Notes of Boorman possibility)  
Horlor/Alsop That boundary for scale of charges be Nai nai Lane on the south and Stokes Valley on the north.

**Scale of Charges** for use of Taita Public Hall – unanimously agreed to.

		Reduced price for local functions
[1] Long night with use of conveniences	£3 10s	£2 15s
[2] Short night without conveniences	£2 15s	37s 6d
[3] Saturday night closing sharp at midnight all conveniences	£3 10s	£2 10s
[4] Concerts	£2 5s	37s 6d
[5] Political meetings and lectures	£2 2s	
[6] Booth elections	£3 3s	
[7] Main Hall Sundays	25s	
[8] Sacred Concerts	1/3 to Hall, 2/3 to performers with guarantee of 25s	
[9] Dining Room for meetings	10s	
[10] Library Room for meetings	7s 6d	
[11] Special uses by arrangement		
[12] Booths Anteroom Library	£1 10s	

Bentley/Horlor That Taita School Committee be charged 10s for use of Hall on 14 Dec 1922 to cover cost of lighting.  
Hower/Bentley That a letter be sent to Mr Glover informing him to convey the committees thanks to children who performed in concert for Hall funds.  
Bartosh/Hall That accounts totalling £90 9s 2d be passed for payment.

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**27 Oct 1922 Fri** Payments: Mills & Co. £115 10s 6d; Young White & Co. £15 8s; Dudding £23 4s; Chote Ltd £13 0s 8d

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**28 Oct 1922 Sat** Payments: Goldfinch & Co. £47 2s; Arcus £10

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01 Nov 1922 Wed	Payments: Boorman £52 10s (for piano and stool); Anyan £4
02 Nov 1922 Thu	Payment: Hutt Valley Sawmillers £236 6s
04 Nov 1922 Sat	Payments: Wages £34 11s 3d; Grantham £10 9s 4d; Helyor Cheque repaid £1 1s
06 Nov 1922 Mon	Bank deposit £22 1s
09 Nov 1922 Thu	Donation of 10s from Mr Bird

**09 Nov 1922 Thu – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.23**

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Present:	Westbury, Bentley, Bertelsen, Bartosh, Horlor, Pemberton, Alsop, Foley and McGregor.
Bentley/Bertelsen	That Mr Westbury act as Chairman.
Bertelsen/Alsop	That secretary's action in letting Hall to the following be confirmed: Tennis Club, Bennett, Hutt Valley Producers & Wilford. <a href="https://digitalnz.org/stories/5eaf76b6f96fc000067be06f">Henry Dargaville Bennett (1876-1953)</a> <a href="https://digitalnz.org/stories/5eaf76b6f96fc000067be06f">https://digitalnz.org/stories/5eaf76b6f96fc000067be06f</a>
Bertelsen/Alsop	That secretary's reply to Barton Ginger thanking him for securing offer of Culford Bell's services also informing him that we are procuring suitable scenery at a future date of which he will receive due notice.
Bentley/Alsop	That cover be procured for piano.
Horlor/Bentley	That notice boards be procured one 4'x3' and one 2'x3'

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FAIRY PLAYS,  
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Beautiful Dances by Pupils of Miss Beere.  
One Act Farce,  
"THE BATHROOM DOOR."  
Scenes, Sketches, Monologues.  
Proceeds for Boys' Institute Cricket Club.

**DRAMATIC RECITALS**

A programme of special merit has been arranged for the annual recital of Mr. Culford Bell's pupils, to be given in the Concert Chamber to-morrow and Saturday evening. Prominent among the items to be given are the two children's fairy plays, "The Duke of Christmas Daisies" (adapted from Barrie's "Little White Bird") and "The Birthday of the Sun and the Moon." These plays, with the pretty dresses and the charming dances, are always very popular with the public. The programme will be different each night, except that one of the plays will be repeated. Various items in character are included. The proceeds go to the Boys' Institute Cricket fund.

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James Culford Bell (1875-1939)

**MR. CULFORD BELL**

(By Telegraph—Press Association.)

AUCKLAND, This Day.

The death has occurred of Mr. Culford Bell, principal announcer at IYA, following a surgical operation. Born in London, Mr. Bell came to New Zealand 30 years ago, after spending his young manhood in Canada and the United States. On the inauguration of IYA thirteen years ago he was appointed senior announcer. He was well known in dramatic and elocutionary circles throughout New Zealand.

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**25 Nov 1922 Sat – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.24**

Present: Hewer, Bartosh, Pemberton, Foley, Kitchener, Bertelsen, Alsop and McGregor  
Mr Foley apologized for Westbury, Bentley and Foster.

Hewer/Bertelsen That improvements to back of stage be left over.  
Horlor/Bertelsen That Hutt Band be informed of charges as tabulated.

Bartosh/Bertelsen That regular meeting take place the second Wednesday of each month at 8pm summer & 7.30pm winter months.

Hewer/Alsop That a letter of thanks be sent to Messrs P. Hayman & Co. re donating flag for Hall.  
Horlor/Alsop That a list of unpaid subscribers be prepared.  
Horlor/Alsop That a subscription list be prepared re Piano and Furniture fund.

Hewer/Bertelsen That action of Messrs Pemberton & McGregor in securing drinks to sell in the Hall be confirmed.

Alsop/Foley That committee run a dance fortnightly beginning Friday charges to be Gents 1s 6d Ladies 1s and Miss J. Lawrence be asked to provide music.

Horlor/Bertelsen That Mr Alsop be granted use of hall to instruct learners in dancing, proceeds of same to be in aid of Hall funds.

**MR. PHILIP HAYMAN**

(By Telegraph.)  
(Special to the "Evening Post.")

DUNEDIN, This Day.

Advice has been received of the death in London of Mr. Philip Hayman, of the firm of P. Hayman and Co. The late Mr. Hayman was in Dunedin when war broke out in 1914 and he immediately joined up with the forces. At the conclusion of hostilities he returned to New Zealand and was with the firm in Auckland until he returned to London in 1923. He visited New Zealand again in 1934 but left finally for London in 1935.

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<b>27 Nov 1922 Mon</b>	Payments: Wages £3; Horlor £3 10s.
<b>29 Nov 1922 Wed</b>	Payments: Blundell Bros £2 9s; T. A. Wells 12s 2d; Clyde Chair Company £56 5s
<b>01 Dec 1922 Fri</b>	Payment to Kircher £3 18s 6d
<b>07 Dec 1922 Thu</b>	Payment to Gardiner £3
<b>09 Dec 1922 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £53 2s 6d
<b>13 Dec 1922 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.25</b> (Committee book records Weds 12 Dec 1923 & minutes are signed off on 10 Jan 1923)	
Present: Hewer, Foley, Bertelsen, Horlor, Hall, Alsop, Hewer, McGregor and Bartosh	
Horlor/Hewer McGregor/Alsop	That yale lock be procured for committee room. That locker be made for ticket office.
Foley/McGregor	That Mrs Lloyd be granted use of library at a fee of £1 10s for first quarter, same to be reviewed at expiration of quarter. Maybe Mrs Maisie Lloyd living at 38 Waterloo Road in 1925?
Hewer/Foley	That brethren be advised that hall cannot be leased for term but main hall can be had for 25s and large anteroom 10s for Sunday nights from 6.30pm to 8pm
Foley/Kitchener	That 10s deposit be paid on key for hall same to be lifted after one PM on date of having hall and key to be returned by midday next day or deposit forfeited.
Foley/Bartosh	That two of committee that are responsible for lighting and upkeep of Hall shall have the right of free access to hall and authority at all functions.
Kitchener/Hall Horlor/Bertelsen	That a social and dance be held on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January in aid of repairs to motorcar belonging to Mr Pemberton. That Bertelsen and Alsop be caretakers.
<b>14 Dec 1922 Thu</b>	Donations/Subs from: Mr Tilly £1; Gilbert, Epuni Hamlet 5s, F. Westbury £2, Helyar £1 1s, Caledonians £34 3s 5d Income: Caledonians £2; David Kennedy Pritchard £2 10s; Tennis Club £2 10s; Bennett £2 2s; Wilford £2 2s Proceeds from Glover's Concert £11 3s Proceeds from the use of the Library Room – twice used by Thomas Wilford's committee 15s

<b>16 Dec 1922 Sat</b>	Payment to Lyric Orchestra £6
<b>17 Dec 1922 Sun</b>	Payment to Hutt Band £2 2s
<b>20 Dec 1922 Wed</b>	Payment to Anyan £11 15s
<b>30 Dec 1922 Sat</b>	Payments: Early Bros £20; Mills & Co. £14 10s 6d
Undated Dec	Income: Five dancing classes £11 10s 6d; Tennis Club £5 5s; Bennett £2 2s; Sale of drinks £4 19s
Undated 1922	Income: Sawyer Party £10 11s 3d; Bennett £2 2s; Dance 1 <sup>st</sup> Committee £2 7s 10d; Two C. Alsop dances £4; Fun Doctors £1 12s 6d and proceeds from selling drinks at same £1 1s 6d
Undated 1923	Income: Dance Class £1 12s 6d
<b>03 Jan 1923 Wed</b>	Payment to Epuni Lodge £10 10s
<b>08 Jan 1923 Mon</b>	Bank deposit £24 7s

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**10 Jan 1923 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.26**

Present: Westbury, Bentley, Bertelsen, Alsop, Foster, Bartosh, Hewer, Horlor, Pemberton & McGregor.

McGregor/Westbury That apologies for absence from Mr Foley be accepted.

Bertelsen/Alsop That a special meeting of the society take place at Taita Hall and Mr Kofoed be asked to attend.

Pemberton/Kitchener That the special meeting to receive Mr Kofoed be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> instant at 8pm.  
(Albert Kofoed 1888-1977 – Manakau Pictures 1922)

Bentley/Bartosh That the secretary arrange to have photographs taken on Sunday morning next 15<sup>th</sup> January 1923 [sic – 15<sup>th</sup> was Mon]  
Bertelsen/Alsop That school committee be granted use of supper room the night preceding picnic free.  
Hewer/Westbury That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop for their services as caretakers etc during Dec & Jan.

Pemberton/Bartosh That Messrs Derosa & Hally be granted use of Hall free for one night in consideration of their services, same to be taken advantage of before the end of February 1923. Francis Vincent De Rosa & probably Patrick Hally.

Kitchener/Horlor That Messrs Kitchener and Bentley and Hewer be caretakers for the ensuing month and secretary to instruct them when hall is engaged.

Westbury/Alsop That 5s double 3s Gents single and 2s 6d Ladies single be charged on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1923 for admission to social & dance.

Bertelsen/Alsop That Mr N. Craig be engaged to supply music and secretary write and secure his services.  
Maybe Nathaniel Craig, Draper, Hutt Road, Lower Hutt (1922 ER) or his father Nathaniel, a Taita Nurseryman 1892

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**12 Jan 1923 Fri** Payment: Harold Stanley Dudding £17 2s 10d. (spouting)  
Income: Bartosh £4; Taita School Committee 10s

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**14 Jan 1923 Sun** Income: Dance £3 2s 6d; Dance £3 9s 6d; Williamson £1

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**15 Jan 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.27 – Special Meeting**

Present: Bartosh, Westbury, Alsop, Bertelsen, Horlor, Kitchener, Bentley, Pemberton, Hewer, Foley, McGregor

Bentley/Horlor That an offer be made to Mr Kofoed to run pictures only one night per week at a rental of £2 5s in advance plus extra insurance to comply with by-laws and be done at Mr Kofoed's own expense, engine room subject to removal operating box and any alterations to building to be left intact at termination of lease. Application for a further night subject to further consideration.

Hewer/McGregor That the photo of committee be the one taken inside of hall.

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**20 Jan 1923 Sat** Payment: Trevethick £1 8s  
**07 Feb 1923 Wed** Income: Dance £2 11s 6d  
**13 Feb 1923 Wed** Income: Dance £1 12s 6d; Dance (tickets 2s each) £8 17s

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**15 Feb 1923 Thu – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.28**

Present: Bertelsen, Kitchener, Foley, Hewer, Pemberton, Bentley, Westbury, Alsop, Hall and McGregor

The amount of £6 15s and £3 12s was received from Mr Pemberton being proceeds from soft drinks.

Mr Alsop apologized for Mr Horlor's absence.

It was resolved that accounts to 15 Feb 1923 be left in the hands of Treasurer and Secretary

Hewer/Bentley That Mr Pemberton take sole charge of drinks and pay bills and hand profits only to secretary as from 01 Feb 1923.  
Hewer/Foley That secretary interview Messrs Early Bros re lighting account and endeavor to arrange to pay for same in October next.  
Hewer/Bentley That Messrs Kitchener & Foley be caretakers for the ensuing month (Feb March).  
McGregor/Foley That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Messrs Hewer and Bentley for services rendered as caretakers.  
Foley/Bertelsen That Mr Bentley have power to secure table for hall.  
Alsop/Foley That the committee dance be held every Friday as from Friday next.  
McGregor/Alsop That the committee hold a long night on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at a charge of 2s all round.

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**15 Feb 1923 Thu** Income: Sale of drinks £6 15s and £3 12s  
**19 Feb 1923 Mon** Bank deposit £33 18s 6d  
**24 Feb 1923 Sat** Payment: McGregor £12 5s.  
**26 Feb 1923 Mon** Payment: Petty Cash £2 8s.  
**27 Feb 1923 Tue** Payment: Thompson Lewis £13 5s 6d.  
**28 Feb 1923 Wed** Payment: Grantham £5

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**28 Feb 1923 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.29** – Special Meeting

Present: Bertelsen, Hewer, Pemberton, Bartosh, Foley and McGregor.

It was resolved that the Secretary write Mr N. Craig re getting a definite price for permanent engagement to play for dances every Friday night.

Hewer/Bertelsen        That Secretary inform Messrs DeRosa and Halley that the committee cannot accept his offer of £1 per night for 13 weeks and that the committee are not in favour of leasing the hall for dancing for any term.

Foley/Pemberton        That Messrs Perry & Henderson be granted use of Hall at a rental of £2 10s per night the cost of the alterations to be paid for by Messrs Perry & Henderson. The term of lease to be not less than three months, all additions and alterations to become the property of the Hall Committee without compensation what so ever in any way. The lessee to find two approved suretees and the agreement to be legally drawn up by Messrs Young, White & Courtney the same to be paid for by Messrs Perry & Henderson.

Hewer/Alsop            That Messrs Bartosh & McGregor interview Mr Lawrence re music and report at next meeting.

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**02 Mar 1923 Fri**        Income: Dance £3 9s; Dance £4 4s 6d; Sunday School £1 5s; Church rental £2 5s

**14 Mar 1923 Wed**       Payment: Chronicle £4 17s 6d

**15 Mar 1923 Thu**       Payment: Wellington Publishing Co. £1 2s 6d

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**No date – No place – Committee Meeting No.30** – Special Meeting

Present: Not recorded

It was resolved to forward draft letter to Messrs Perry & Henderson as received from solicitors.

Bentley/Westbury        That Mr N. Craig be engaged to play for community dances from 23 Mar 1923 until further notice at a fee of 25s from 8pm until 12 and 30s from 8pm until 1am.

McGregor/Bartosh        That the committee hold a long night on 23 Mar in form of Paper Dress.

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**No date – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.31**

Present: Alsop, Pemberton, Hewer, Bartosh, Bertelsen, Bentley, Kitchener and McGregor.  
Mr Hewer in Chair. Mr Kitchener apologized for the absence of Messrs Horlor, Foster and Foley.

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The committee received deputation from the Municipal Queen's Committee re dance in aid of their Queen.

Hewer/Westbury            That the committee hold dance in conjunction with Municipal Queen's Committee each party taking 50/50 after all expenses being paid.  
Bartosh/Bertelsen        That the tickets be 2s each all round.

It was resolved to hold dance on Friday 16 Mar 1923.

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Bertelsen/Alsop        That Mr Halley be notified that his services will not be required after Friday 16 Mar 1923.  
Alsop/Bartosh            That 2s 6d Gents and 2s Ladies be charged for paper Dress Dance.  
Bentley/Bartosh        That judging for best dress be by public voting.  
Pemberton/Bentley      That prizes for best dress be to the value of 30s.

Mr Westbury kindly donated 10s towards making the prizes to the value of £2.

Bertelsen/Bentley      That Mr Bartosh be one of the caretakers for ensuing month March April.

Mr Kitchener voluntary offered his services as caretaker for March April which were accepted with thanks.

Bartosh/Bentley        That Mr Hewer interview Early Bros re lighting account also procure the necessary washers  
McGregor/Bertelsen     That action of Mr Hewer in securing torch light be confirmed.

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**19 Mar 1923 Mon**        Payment: Dudding £1 4s  
**21 Mar 1923 Wed**        Payment: Bettossi & Co. 15s 6d

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**23 Mar 1923 Fri**        Payment: Bank charge 5s  
Income: Dance £16 17s; F. Futter (anteroom) 7s 6d

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**24 Mar 1923 Sat**        Bank deposit: £33 15s  
**30 Mar 1923 Fri**        Income: Dance £2 19s; Hutt Band £2 10s

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**06 Apr 1923 Fri**      Income: Dance £3 1s

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**No date** (12 Apr 1923) – **Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.32**

(Date based on date previous minutes were signed off as a correct record)

Present: Bentley, Bertelsen, Hewer, Bartosh, Alsop, Pemberton & McGregor.

The Dance held in aid of Municipal Queen resulted in a profit of 12s 8d after allowing 35s for lease of Hall.

Mr Pemberton handed in the amount of £7 14s 3d being profit on sale of drinks.

Bentley/Bertelsen      That the action of Mr Hewer in securing two promissory notes for payment of Early Bros be confirmed. The payment of Promissory Notes fall on 14 Jun 1923 for £30 9s 9d and 14 Sep 1923 for £25 15s 3d.

Bentley/Pemberton      That piano be overhauled immediately.

McGregor/Pemberton      That Committee run long night on 20 Apr 1923.

Bertelsen/Pemberton      That Mr Bartosh be granted use of Hall and conveniences 27 May 1923.

Bentley/Pemberton      That Messrs Alsop and Bertelsen be caretakers for April May.

Pemberton/Bentley      That Messrs Kitchener and Bartosh be accorded a vote of thanks for their services as caretakers.

Pemberton/Alsop      That Secretary write to Mr A. Evans and accept offer of mirror also thank him for same.

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**12 Apr 1923 Thu**      Income: Caledonians £3 10s; Ice Creams £1 3s 6d; Drinks £2 0s 9d; Drinks £4 10s

**13 Apr 1923 Fri**      Income: Dance 19s

**20 Apr 1923 Fri**      Income: Dance £6 17s

**26 Apr 1923 Thu**      Payments: Epuni Lodge £10 10s; McGregor £4 18s 9d; Kitchener £3 15s 6d

**01 May 1923 Tue**      Payments: E. W. Mills & Co. Ltd £1 6s 9d; Chronicle £1 5s

**03 May 1923 Thu**      Payments: Tolley & Hunt 7s 6d; John Chambers £1 1s (**John Chambers & Son?**); E. W. Mills & Co. 13s 6d; Early Bros £4

**04 May 1923 Fri**      Income: Dance £2; Tennis Club £2 15s

**11 May 1923 Fri**      Income: Dance £3 9s; Lyric Vaudeville £2 5s; R. Bartosh £5

**14 May 1923 Mon**      Payment: Grantham £7 3s 4d.

**15 May 1923 Tue**      Income: Drinks £2 13s 6d; Half price of Hall for Queen's Committee £1 15s; 50% of profits Queen's Committee 12s 8d

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**16 May 1923 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.33**

Present: Hewer, Pemberton, Bertelsen, Alsop, Westbury, Kitchener, Bartosh, Bentley, Foley and McGregor  
Mr Pemberton handed in the amount of £2 13s 6d being profit on sale of drinks.  
It was resolved to paint the Hall on Saturday 26 May 1923 weather permitting.

Hewer/Foley	That this committee grant the anteroom to the Ratepayers Association on dates as per membership card subject to ratification of incoming committee and the charge to be 5s per night.
Foley/Pemberton	That the prizes for Poster Dress Dance be to the value of £2.
Bertelsen/Foley	That Messrs Horlor and Hall be caretakers for May June term.
McGregor/Foley	That a vote of thanks be accorded to Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop for services rendered as caretakers.
Alsop/Kitchener	That a canvas of unpaid subscribers be made on Saturday afternoon comprising of Messrs Bertelsen, Alsop, Westbury & Bartosh.
Hewer/McGregor	That Mr Bertelsen's offer of car be accepted with thanks.

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<b>16 May 1923 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £42 19s 3d
<b>18 May 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £13 7s 3d

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<b>24 May 1923 Thu</b>	Donations: Mr Buck £5; F. Gorrie £5; W. A. Cottle £10; Mr Higgle £2 2s; E. L. Fuge £5; A. J. Steadman £2; Mr Bird 10s Income: Dance £2 11s 6d
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<b>25 May 1923 Fri</b>	Payments: R. R. McGregor £7 3s 4d; E. W. Mills 13s 6d; E. W. Mills 6s; F. W. Gardiner £1 5s Income: Magpies £2 5s
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**30 May 1923 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.34**

Present: Foley, Bertelsen, Kitchener, Bentley, Hewer, Horlor, Hall, Bartosh, Alsop and McGregor.

Hewer/Bentley	That accounts amounting to £6 8s 8d be passed for payment.
Hewer/Horlor	That it be a recommendation to incoming committee to alter Rule 29 to read "On the 31 <sup>st</sup> day of May in each year" in lieu of 30 <sup>th</sup> April.
Bertelsen/Kitchener	That Mr Judd be asked to audit books.
Hewer/Bentley	That Messrs Foley and McGregor arrange to have books audited.
Horlor/Kitchener	That Public meeting take place on 11 Jun 1923 to be followed by social and dance, the Ladies to be asked to bring a basket.

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<b>30 May 1923 Wed</b>	Income: Taita Tennis Club £2 15s
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**31 May 1923 Thu**      Bank deposit £14 15s 5d  
**08 Jun 1923 Fri**      Income: Dance £1 18s 6d

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**11 Jun 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Public Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting**

Attended by about 200.

Futter/Ferretti            That minutes of previous public meeting be confirmed (carried unanimously)

The Secretary read the Report and Balance Sheet.

Mason/Pescini            That the Report and Balance sheet be adopted (carried unanimously)

Messrs Foster and Eales were elected scrutineers.

The following were elected to be members of the Taita Public Hall Society for the ensuing year: Messrs Fuge, Gorrie, Turner, Kitchener, Alsop, Foley, Hewer, Bartosh, Bentley, Pemberton, Bertelsen and McGregor.

Mr Judd was elected as auditor for year ending 1924.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman declared the meeting closed; which then ended in an enjoyable social and dance.

Special meeting

The successful committee men retired to the committee room and elected Mr Hewer as Chairman, J. Bentley Vice Chairman, R. R. McGregor Hon Secretary, C. Alsop Hon Treasurer.

Messrs Bartosh and Fuge were elected as caretakers for June July period.

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**15 Jun 1923 Fri**            Income: Dance £2 4s 6d

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**18 Jun 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.36**

Present: Hewer, Bertelsen, Fuge, Bentley, Bartosh, Turner, Pemberton, Kitchener, Gorrie, Alsop and McGregor.  
Mr Hewer welcomed new members and gave them financial position etc.  
Mr Pemberton handed in £3 14s 3d profit on drinks.  
Mr Bartosh handed in £1 being Mr Jenner's sub.

Fuge/Bartosh	That recommendation of old committee re Rule 29 be not carried out.
Bertelsen/Alsop	That Mr Judd be informed that he was elected auditor for ensuing year.
Bentley/Pemberton	That Mr Cooper be informed that cards have always been provided when required at weekly dances.
Hewer/Bentley	That auditor's recommendations re Books be adopted with exception of Journal.
Bertelsen/Bentley	That Secretary write and ask Mr and Mrs DeRosa to judge waltzing competition.
Bertelsen/Turner	That 1s per couple be charged for entrance fee for waltzing competition.
Hewer/Bentley	That Mr Turner be M.C. for dances.
Alsop/Turner	That Mr Pemberton take charge of soft drink bar.
Bentley/Pemberton	That the social committee be Messrs Bertelsen, Fuge, Kitchener, Turner and Alsop.
Bertelsen/Bartosh	That regular meetings of society take place on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month.
McGregor/Gorrie	That account of £21 be passed for payment.
Pemberton/Bertelsen	That Secretary write to Mr Campbell re road and footpath to Hall.
Bentley/Kitchener	That rules be strictly enforced re attendance.
Fuge/Bertelsen	That working bee be called on Saturday morning to paint the hall.
Bertelsen/Alsop	That committee meet every Monday to repair chairs etc.
Alsop/Turner	That Friday 29 Jun 1923 be a long night.

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<b>18 Jun 1923 Mon</b>	Sub: John Jenner £1 Income: Sale of drinks £3 14s 3d; Tennis Club £2 15s; Power Board 10s; Hutt City Council 10s; Wilford Committee 15s
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<b>19 Jun 1923 Tue</b>	Bank deposit £13 7s 3d
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<b>20 Jun 1923 Wed</b>	Income: Caledonians £3 10s Payment: McGregor £6 8s 8d
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<b>21 Jun 1923 Thu</b>	Income: Sunday School £2 5s 6d; Church £1 6s
<b>22 Jun 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance 5s 6d
<b>23 Jun 1923 Sat</b>	Payment: Early Bros £30 9s 9d; Kitchener £21
<b>28 Jun 1923 Thu</b>	Income: Dance £9 5s 6d
<b>03 Jul 1923 Tue</b>	Income: Ratepayers £1
<b>06 Jul 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Hutt Valley Association 7s 6d; Dance 3s 6d

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**09 Jul 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.37**

Present: Hewer, Bertelsen, Gorrie, Fuge, Bartosh, Alsop, Turner, Kitchener, Pemberton and McGregor.  
 It was agreed that Messrs Hewer and Turner act as caretakers for July August term.  
 The Committee received Messrs Cooper and Glover of the Ratepayers Association.

Turner/Bartosh	That committee receive deputation from Ratepayer's Association.
Fuge/Gorrie	That the committee meet Saturday week to paint hall.
McGregor/Hewer	That a vote of thanks be given to Messrs Fuge and Bartosh for services rendered as caretakers.
Bartosh/Turner	That a long night be held on 27 Jul 1923.
Fuge/Bartosh	That Messrs Horlor and Alsop motion re the boundaries be forwarded to Solicitor.

*Motion at 25 Oct 1922 Committee Meeting*

Horlor/Alsop	That boundary for scale of charges be Nai nai Lane on the south and Stokes Valley on the north.
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Bertelsen/Kitcher	That this committee charge the Ratepayer's Association 10s per night for use of part of main hall and Gents dressing room for gymnasium for a term subject to conditions to be arranged later.
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Turner/Pemberton	That Ratepayers Association be charged 5s per night to run First Aid and Home Nursing classes.
Kitchener/Turner	That Messrs Hewer and McGregor meet Ratepayers Association re conditions etc.

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<b>09 Jul 1923 Mon</b>	Sub: George Henry Stupples £1 Income: Sale of drinks £1 19s 6d
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<b>10 Jul 1923 Tue</b>	Income: Stupples 10s; Community sing £1 5s; Bartosh £2 15s; Hutt Valley Dental £2 15s
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<b>11 Jul 1923 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £21 3s Payment: Petty Cash £1 7s 4d; McGregor £8 4s 7d
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<b>13 Jul 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 18s
<b>14 Jul 1923 Sat</b>	Payment: Epuni Lodge £10 10s
<b>20 Jul 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance 15s
<b>21 Jul 1923 Sat</b>	Payment: Cash 16s 9d
<b>27 Jul 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance Long night £7 1s
<b>02 Aug 1923 Thu</b>	Payment: Grantham £4 3s 4d
<b>03 Aug 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 19s 6d
<b>06 Aug 1923 Mon</b>	Bank deposit £7 1s
<b>08 Aug 1923 Wed</b>	Income: Caledonians £3 10s
<b>10 Aug 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 2s 6d

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### **13 Aug 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.38**

Present: Hewer, Foley, Bartosh, Pemberton, Bertelsen, Bentley, Alsop, McGregor  
Mr Bertelsen apologized for Messrs Kitchener and Fuge

Bartosh/Bertelsen	That Rates be held over
Foley/Alsop	That protest be sent to Hutt County Council informing them that we are lodging an objection to the assessment of Valuation deft.

Rule No.4 Section B – Notice of Motion by Mr Foley – that the words Education Act be deleted and the words Parliamentary franchise be submitted.

Bertelsen/Alsop	That a donation of 21s be sent to Hutt Valley Dental Clinic.
Bertelsen/Pemberton	That Mr Turner's resignation be accepted with regret.
Hewer/Bentley	That Mr Pescini be nominated for Committee. There be no further nominations forthcoming Mr Pescini was duly elected.
Pemberton/Bartosh	That Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop be caretakers for ensuing month.
Foley/Bentley	That Messrs Hewer and Alsop be given a hearty vote of thanks for services rendered as caretakers.
Bertelsen/Bentley	That the 7 <sup>th</sup> September be a hard up Dance.
Hewer/Foley	That tuning of piano be left in the hands of Messrs Alsop and McGregor.
Bentley/Foley	That Secretary inform Ratepayers Association that they may have use of kitchen only when they have artists out from town and that it must be brief.
Bentley/Alsop	That Mr Bartosh be granted use of cups and saucers.

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<b>13 Aug 1923 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £1 10s
<b>15 Aug 1923 Wed</b>	Income: Ratepayers Community Sing £1 5s; Ratepayers Egg Lecture £1 5s

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**16 Aug 1923 Thu** Payment: Mills & Co. £12 5s

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**17 Aug 1923 Fri** Income: Long Night £7 11s  
Bank deposit £18

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**24 Aug 1923 Fri** Income: Dance £1 8s  
**25 Aug 1923 Sat** Payment: McGregor £3 12s and £3 4s 11d; Kitchener £6 2s 2d  
**29 Aug 1923 Wed** Income: Grower's Dance £2 15s; 50% tuning Piano 14s 2d  
**30 Aug 1923 Thu** Payment: Grantham £1 17s 6d  
**31 Aug 1923 Fri** Income: Dance £1 7s  
**07 Sep 1923 Fri** Income: Long Night £11 9s 6d  
**08 Sep 1923 Sat** Payment: Cheque book 10s

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**10 Sep 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.39**

Present: Pescini, Hewer, Kitchener, Bentley, Bertelsen, Alsop, Pemberton, Gorrie, Foley, Fuge and McGregor.  
Messrs Gorrie and Bentley were elected caretakers for Sep Oct period.

Fuge/Bertelsen That Secretary write River Board re rates.  
Foley/Pemberton That Rule 4 Section B be altered to read Parliamentary Franchise.  
Foley/Pemberton Rule 7 – that the wording “That he is an elector as hereinbefore defined” be deleted and the word “householder” be substituted.  
Hewer/Bentley That hearty vote of thanks be given Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop for services rendered as caretakers.

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**10 Sep 1923 Mon** Income: Drinks £2 10s  
**12 Sep 1923 Wed** Bank deposit: £30 4s 8d  
**14 Sep 1923 Fri** Income: Dance £4 11s 6d  
**17 Sep 1923 Mon** Payment: Early Bros £25 15s 3d

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**21 Sep 1923 Fri** Income: Long Night £7 11s  
Payment: Bank charge 5s

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**28 Sep 1923 Fri** Income: Dance £2 16s 6d  
**05 Oct 1923 Fri** Income: Dance £1 11s

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**08 Oct 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.40**

Present: Hewer, Alsop, Bertelsen, Gorrie, Pemberton, Pescini, Kitchener, Foley, Fuge, Westbury, Bartosh and McGregor.  
Mr McGregor apologized for Bentley's absence.  
Messrs Kitchener and Pescini were elected caretakers for ensuing month.

Foley/Bartosh	That Church of Christ be granted use of room for Sunday evenings.
Hewer/Alsop	That Secretary procure prizes to the value of £3.
Pemberton/Pescini	That Mr Grantham be approached re cake for guessing competition.
Kitchener/Westbury	That Mrs Deckston be sent a photo of Hall Committee same to be charged to Hall Committee.
Alsop/Pemberton	That hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Gorrie and Bentley for services rendered as caretakers.
Foley/Westbury	That action of Messrs Kitchener and Bertelsen on building screen across door be approved.
Pescini/Bertelsen	That committee meet on Tuesday night at Taita Hall.
Foley/Gorrie	That a committee comprising of Messrs Hewer, Bertelsen and McGregor submit rules re letting of Hall etc.
Kitchener/Bartosh	That cups, jugs and Hurricane Lamp be procured.

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<b>09 Oct 1923 Tue</b>	Bank deposit: £26 9s 6d
<b>10 Oct 1923 Wed</b>	Income: Band Dance £3 10s; Church £1 6s; Sunday School £2 5s 6d; Drinks £2 18s
<b>12 Oct 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Long Night £21 4s
<b>15 Oct 1923 Mon</b>	Payments: McGregor £5 15s 3d and £4 8s; Hutt Dental Clinic £1 1s; McGregor £1 14s 4d
<b>16 Oct 1923 Tue</b>	Payments: Hewer £6 1s 6d; Grantham £5 4s 2d
<b>18 Oct 1923 Thu</b>	Payment: Hutt and Petone C. £1 12s 6d

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<b>19 Oct 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £3 Payments: Bertelsen 18s; Gardener 15s
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<b>20 Oct 1923 Sat</b>	Payment: Blundell Bros £1
<b>25 Oct 1923 Thu</b>	Income: Ratepayers £3 10s
<b>26 Oct 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £3 0s 3d
<b>01 Nov 1923 Thu</b>	Income: Footballer's Dance £3,
<b>02 Nov 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £4

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<b>03 Nov 1923 Sat</b>	Bank deposit: £7 0s 3d Payment: Epuni Lodge £10 10s
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<b>08 Nov 1923 Mon</b>	Income: Magpies £2 5s
<b>09 Nov 1923 Tue</b>	Income: Dance £2 8s
<b>10 Nov 1923 Wed</b>	Income: Starlight Ent £2 10s

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**12 Nov 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.41**

Present: Bertelsen, Gorrie, Fuge, Alsop, Kitchener, Bentley, Pescini, Pemberton, Foley and McGregor.  
Foley was elected as one caretaker and Mr Pescini offered his services for Nov-Dec period.

Alsop/Pemberton	That letters of thanks be forwarded to Mr Grantham for donation of cake for guessing competition.
Foley/Bertelsen	That a further letter be sent re assessment on building.
Kitchener/Bentley	That accounts be passed for payment totalling £29 9s 6d.
Bentley/Alsop	That wizard tank be returned.
Foley/Kitchener	That rules governing hall be adopted and printed.
Alsop/Bentley	That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to Messrs Kitchener and Pescini for services rendered as caretakers.
Foley/Bentley	That insurance be increased to £1200 on building and £200 on furniture.
Foley/Bentley	That Mr Kitchener be instructed to complete all odd jobs in or about the hall.

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<b>12 Nov 1923 Mon</b>	Income: Drinks £4
<b>13 Nov 1923 Tue</b>	Bank deposit: £41 17s
<b>20 Nov 1923 Tue</b>	Income: Perry Winkles £3 10s
<b>22 Nov 1923 Thu</b>	Income: Dance 11s
<b>24 Nov 1923 Sat</b>	Payments: Petty Cash £4 12s 6d; McGregor £10 10s 2d

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<b>28 Nov 1923 Wed</b>	Income: N. Craig Dance £2 15s Payment: Grantham £4 3s 4d
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<b>30 Nov 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 12s 6d
<b>04 Dec 1923 Tue</b>	Bank deposit: £3 10s
<b>07 Dec 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £8 19s

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**10 Dec 1923 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.42**

Present: Hewer, Bertelsen, Pemberton, Kitchener, Bentley, Foley, Gorrie, Pescini, Fuge, Alsop and McGregor.  
Messrs Hewer and Fuge were elected as caretakers for Dec Jan period.

Foley/Fuge	That footpath be filled in and made ready for tarring and that Mr Hewer have arranging of getting footpath filled in.
Foley/Fuge	That procuring of pipes from Mr Deckston be left in hands of Mr Bentley.
Bentley/Foley	That school be granted use of Hall for rehearsal.
Bentley/Foley	That Mr Bertelsen takes over duties as M.C. until further notice.
Bertelsen/Foley	That vents be closed to prevent boys from crawling under hall.
Pescini/Pemberton	That a long night be held on New Year's night.
Bentley/Bertelsen	That posters be procured to advertise dance.
Hewer/Bertelsen	That Mr Kitchener fix up benzene store.
Alsop/Fuge	That Mr Charlie Bertelsen be engaged as pianist on New Year Night.

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<b>10 Dec 1923 Mon</b>	Income: Tennis Club £2 15s; Drinks £4
<b>11 Dec 1923 Tue</b>	Bank deposit: £20 13s
<b>12 Dec 1923 Wed</b>	Income: Home Nursing £4
<b>14 Dec 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 19s 6d
<b>16 Dec 1923 Sun</b>	Income: Caledonians £3 10s
<b>17 Dec 1923 Mon</b>	Payments: Hutt Valley Law Association £8 13s 6d; Kitchener £14 16s
<b>21 Dec 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 16s
<b>28 Dec 1923 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £2 5s
<b>01 Jan 1924 Tue</b>	Income: Long night £11 3s 6d
<b>04 Jan 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 4s
<b>09 Jan 1924 Wed</b>	Bank deposit: £3 10s
<b>11 Jan 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 8s
<b>12 Jan 1924 Sat</b>	Income: Pot Porri £3 10s

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**14 Jan 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.43**

Present: Hewer, Alsop, Pemberton, Bertelsen, Pescini, Kitchener, Foley and McGregor.  
Apologies received and accepted from Messrs Bentley and Fuge  
Messrs Alsop and Bertelsen were elected as caretakers for Jan Feb period.

Alsop/Pemberton	That matter of piping be left in hands of building committee.
Pemberton/Alsop	That accounts amounting to £23 2s 3d be passed for payment.
Bertelsen/Pemberton	That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to caretakers.
Kitchener/Alsop	That Mr Pemberton procure paper? for windows.
Hewer/Bertelsen	That Secretary procure six Globes.
Hewer/Foley	That Taita School be donated 25s towards prize money.
Bertelsen/Pemberton	That a long night be held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.
Alsop/Kitchener	That Mr Charles Bertelsen be engaged as pianist for Hall committee dances.
Foley/Bertelsen	That Mr Bartosh be sent a registered letter informing him that he has missed three meetings in succession and therefore ceases to be a member of the Society.

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**14 Jan 1924 Mon**      Income: Drinks £4  
                                 Payment: McGregor £2 5s 6d

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**15 Jan 1924 Tue**      Bank deposit: £31 6s  
**18 Jan 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance £2 6s  
**21 Jan 1924 Mon**      Payment: Mills & Co. £1 4s

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**25 Jan 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance £1 11s  
                                 Payment: Grantham £3 18s 4d

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**26 Jan 1924 Sat**      Payment: Cheque book 10s  
**30 Jan 1924 Wed**      Payment: Standard Insurance £12 13s 10d  
**01 Feb 1924 Fri**      Income: Long night £11 12s

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**02 Feb 1924 Sat**      Income: Taita School £1 17s 6d  
                                 Payments: Kitchener £5 19s 10d; McGregor £2 10s 3d

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**06 Feb 1924 Wed**      Payments: Early Bros 8s; Epuni Foresters £10 10s  
**08 Feb 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance £1 4s

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**11 Feb 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.44**

Present: Hewer, Pemberton, Gorrie, Bentley, Kitchener, Alsop and McGregor.  
Messrs Gorrie and Bentley were elected caretakers for Feb Mar period.

Bentley/Kitchener That accounts amounting to £6 1s be passed for payment.  
Hewer/Bentley That Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop be given a hearty vote of thanks for services as caretakers.  
Hewer/Bentley That letter be held over and footballers be informed to send delegates to meet Taita Hall committee representatives re hall for Gym.

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**11 Feb 1924 Mon** Payment: Bentley £1 9s  
**13 Feb 1924 Wed** Bank deposit: £18 10s 6d  
**14 Feb 1924 Thu** Income: Dance £1 1s 6d  
**21 Feb 1924 Thu** Income: Dance £1 9s 6d  
**29 Feb 1924 Fri** Income: Long Night £20 14s 6d; Tennis Club £2 10s  
**03 Mar 1924 Mon** Income: Church of Christ £4 9s 6d  
**07 Mar 1924 Fri** Income: Dance £1 11s 6d

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**10 Mar 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.45**

Present: Hewer, Pemberton, Bertelsen, Gorrie, Bentley, Foley, Pescini and McGregor  
Revenue for Feb-March totalled £36 16s 6d  
Messrs Kitchener and Foley were elected caretakers for March April period.

Bertelsen/Gorrie That accounts amounting to £10 17s 11d be passed for payment.  
Bentley/Foley That Mr Hewer procure tea urn.  
Hewer/Bertelsen That matter of curtain be left in the hands of Mr Bentley.  
Pemberton/Foley That a vote of thanks be passed to Messrs Gorrie and Bentley for services rendered as caretakers.  
Bertelsen/Foley That Mr Hunt be charged £3 15s for use of hall on 06 April and main hall not to be used for sit down supper. (Explain charges in letter).  
Bertelsen/Gorrie That a long night be held on Easter Monday.  
Foley/Bentley That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Bertelsen for services rendered as M.C.  
Foley/Bentley That Mr Pescini take over duties as M.C. for ensuing month.

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**10 Mar 1924 Mon** Income: Drinks £5  
**11 Mar 1924 Sat** Payments: Bertelsen £1 12s 3d; Mills & Co. £3 13s 11d  
**14 Mar 1924 Fri** Income: Dance 10s

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**15 Mar 1924 Sat – Special Meeting**

Taita Footballers were granted use of hall on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 10pm subject to tenure not interfering with any engagements whatsoever, rental to be charged at 5s per night. Hall to be swept clean after use. Mr Evans to be responsible for discipline.

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<b>15 Mar 1924 Sat</b>	Bank deposit: £36 16s 6d
<b>18 Mar 1924 Tue</b>	Payment: Grantham £3 6s 8d
<b>20 Mar 1924 Thu</b>	Payments: Tingay 17s; McGregor £2 6s 6d and £5 3s 5d; Petty Cash £1 8s 1d; New Zealand Candle Co. 9s

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<b>21 Mar 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £8 17s
	Payments: Bank charge 5s; Chronicle £2 17s 6d

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<b>28 Mar 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance – no returns
<b>04 Apr 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1 11s 6d
<b>11 Apr 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance 9s
<b>12 Apr 1924 Sat</b>	Payment: Taita School £1 5s

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**14 Apr 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.46**

Present: Hewer, Alsop, Gorrie, Bertelsen, Pescini, Kitchener, Foley, Bentley, Pemberton and McGregor.  
Messrs Hewer and Foley were elected caretakers for ensuing month.

Hewer/Bertelsen	That Mr Bentley's action re procuring curtain be confirmed and £5 _ be paid to Mr Leslie for same.
Kitchener/Foley	That Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> be the night to receive Taita Footballers Def re gym

Foley/Pemberton	That a letter be sent Taita Tennis Club informing them that in future the Committee intend to strictly enforce rules of tenure re hiring Hall.
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Foley/Gorrie	That Public be asked to protect their property by wearing dancing pumps.
Bertelsen/Pescini	That 2 <sup>nd</sup> May be a long night and paper Dress Dance.
Foley/Pescini	That Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop procure prizes and spoons for Easter Monday night.
Pemberton/Foley	That a bowl be secured and fitted to Gents dressing room.
Bertelsen/Bentley	That Mr Kitchener procure bowl and fix same.
Alsop/Hewer	That hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Kitchener and Foley for services rendered as caretakers.
Kitchener/Alsop	That Mr Bertelsen be M.C.
Bertelsen/Alsop	That the 30 <sup>th</sup> April be a meeting of the Hall Committee.

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<b>14 Apr 1924 Mon</b>	Income: Drinks £1 10s
<b>16 Apr 1924 Wed</b>	Bank deposit: £12 17s 6d
<b>21 Apr 1924 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £21 12s 9d; Tennis Club £1 17s 6d

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**30 Apr 1924 Wed – Special Meeting**

Present: Hewer, Gorrie, Bertelsen, Pemberton, Kitchener, Fuge, Pescini, Alsop and McGregor.

Kitchener/Alsop            That letter received from Mr Drummond re valuation of Taita Public Hall £1650 and Secretary's action in forwarding same to Mr Martin, Valuer General's Office be confirmed.

Bertelsen/Kitchener      That Secretary have books audited after next regular meeting.  
Bertelsen/Gorrie          That the 9<sup>th</sup> instant be a long night.

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<b>30 Apr 1924 Wed</b>	Bank deposit: £23 10s 3d Payments: Ramsay £2 4s; Grantham £1 9s 2d
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<b>01 May 1924 Thu</b>	Income: Hunt £3 15s; Drinks £1 10s Payment: McGregor £2 5s 4d
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<b>02 May 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £7 15s Bank deposit: £5 5s
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<b>03 May 1924 Sat</b>	Payments: Leslie £5; Epuni Forrester's Lodge £10 10s
<b>09 May 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £5 19s

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**12 May 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.47**

Present: Hewer, Bertelsen, Foley, Gorrie, Bentley, Pescini, Kitchener, Pemberton and McGregor.  
Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop were elected caretakers for the remaining period of the outgoing committee.

Bentley/Kitchener        That 300 leaflets be printed re annual meeting same to be drawn up by Chairman and Secretary.

Kitchener/Pescini        That 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. Same to be concluded with a dance, the ladies being asked to provide a basket.

Foley/Pemberton         That Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June be a special meeting.

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**12 May 1924 Mon**      Income: Band £3 10s

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**15 May 1924 Thu**      Bank deposit: £17 4s  
Payment: Benzine £3 4s 6d

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**16 May 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance 12s

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**22 May 1924 Thu**      Payments: McGregor £5 13s 1d; Grantham £6 9s 2d; Bank 10s  
Bank deposit £24 0s 3d (not in ledger)

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**23 May 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance £3 12s

**30 May 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance 2s

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**06 Jun 1924 Fri – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.48**

Present: Hewer, Foley, Pemberton, Bentley, Alsop, Kitchener, Bertelsen and McGregor.

Bentley/Foley	That action of Mr Hewer in interviewing Trustee of Epuni Forester's Lodge re reducing loan by £50 be confirmed.
Hewer/Foley	That £50 be paid off loan reducing same from £600 to £550.
Foley/Bentley	That Rules 4B and 7 of having been amended and returned from solicitors be confirmed and adopted.
Hewer/Foley	That Mr Charlie Bertelsen's offer to play for dance after meeting be accepted with thanks.

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**06 Jun 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance 1s 6d

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**09 Jun 1924 Mon – Taita Hall - Public Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Attended by 100. Mr Hewer in the Chair.

Westbury/Evans            That minutes be confirmed.  
Bentley/Westbury        That report and balance sheet as read be received and adopted.

The nominations for committee men being in excess of the required number, the Chairman called for scrutineers to be elected and voting papers to be given to all those entitled to vote.

Messrs Burgess, Eales and Foley were elected to act as scrutineers.

Mr Burgess was successful after a ballot for the position of auditor for the Hall Society.

The following were elected as committeemen for 1924-25: Pemberton, Hewer, Goodman, P. Walters, Kitchener, Alsop, Evans, Gorrie, F. Bartosh, George Mason, Pescini and McGregor.

**Special Meeting held after AGM**

The Committee elected the following: F. S. Hewer (Chairman); V. Pemberton (Vice-Chairman); C. Alsop (Treasurer); R. R. McGregor (Secretary).  
It was decided to hold the next committee meeting on Monday 16 Jun 1924.  
Messrs Goodman and Evans were elected caretakers for Jun July period.

Pemberton/Goodman    That letter of regret be forwarded to Messrs Bertelsen, Bentley, Foley and Fuge expressing regret of Committee in severing their connection with the Hall management.

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**13 Jun 1924 Fri**        Income: Dance 16s; Foster windows £1 10s

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**16 Jun 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.50**

Present: Hewer, Mason, Evans, Pemberton, Kitchener, Goodman, Walters, Pescini, Bartosh, Alsop and McGregor  
It was decided to hold the regular meeting of the society on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

Goodman/Pescini	That accounts amounting to £13 16s 8d be passed for payment.
Mason/Goodman	That Mr Evans be granted use of Hall for Gym for 5s per night.
Hewer/McGregor	That Mr Charles Bertelsen be asked to continue his services as pianist for dances on the same terms as last year.
Alsop/McGregor	That a progressive Euchre party be held.
Pescini/Alsop	That Mr Kitchener procure necessary timber for tables and tressles for tables.
Hewer/Goodman	That the first Wednesday in July be the starting night of the card tournament.
Alsop/Mason	That two dozen cards be procured by Secretary.
Goodman/Bartosh	That a charge of 1s be charged for admission to card tournament.
Alsop/Pescini	That prizes to the value of £1 be procured by Secretary.
Alsop/McGregor	That 27 <sup>th</sup> June be a long night.
Mason/Evans	That next long night be held Friday July 18, 1924.

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<b>16 Jun 1924 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 10s Payment: Epuni Forresters Lodge £50
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<b>18 Jun 1924 Wed</b>	Payment: McGregor £13 16s 8d
<b>20 Jun 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £1
<b>27 Jun 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £8 4s
<b>02 Jul 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Cards £1 18s
<b>04 Jul 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance – no returns
<b>05 Jul 1924 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £7 3s 6d
<b>09 Jul 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Cards £1 17s
<b>11 Jul 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Market gardeners £2 15s; Dance 3s 6d
<b>16 Jul 1924 Sat</b>	Income: Cards £1 18s; Sale of drinks £2

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**17 Jul 1924 Thu – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.51**

Present: Hewer, Bartosh, Kitchener, Mason, Gorrie, Goodman, Walters, Evans, Alsop, Pemberton

The following accounts were passed for payment: McGregor £5 0s 3d; Kitchener £4 4s; Early Bros £2 5s.

Revenue for month: £19 15s 6d

Caretakers for ensuing month – Messrs Gorrie and Walters; Mr Alsop was elected M.C. for ensuing month.

Hewer/Goodman Pemberton/Mason Alsop/Evans	That Secretary's apology for absence be accepted (This appears to be the first meeting missed by RR McGregor since the beginning) That rates be placed in hands of solicitors per Mr Hewer. That letter of thanks be sent to Mr McArthur for making card tables. (Donald McArthur was scrutineer for 1 <sup>st</sup> Comm Mtg 1922)
Goodman/Alsop	That letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr Bertelsen for reducing his fee at last dance and notifying him alteration of Dancing programme also if agreeable to continue.
Evans/Kitchener Evans/Bartosh	That short nights be cut out and a long night held every second Friday. That plain and Fancy Dress be held on 1 <sup>st</sup> August and prizes to be to the value of £1 10s
Walters/Goodman	That Mr Bertelsen be approached to provide extra music for long nights. It was resolved that Messrs Hewer and Alsop approach Mr Bertelsen re extra music for long nights.
Goodman/Kitchener Hewer/Mason Hewer/Mason Alsop/Bartosh	That an annual ball be held on Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> 1924 – Ladies 3s, Gents 5s, Double 7s 6d That Messrs Evans and Goodman hearty vote of thanks for services as caretakers. That Gym be charged 25s for use of Hall on 12 <sup>th</sup> . That 50 posters be procured for Dance on 1 <sup>st</sup> August.

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<b>17 Jul 1924 Thu</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £2; Rent of room Lib Lab £1 2s 6d; Lib Lab Dance £2 15s
<b>19 Jul 1924 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £19 15s 6d
<b>22 Jul 1924 Tue</b>	Income: Card Party £1 12s
<b>23 Jul 1924 Wed</b>	Payment: McGregor £5 0s 3d
<b>25 Jul 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £4 15s
<b>30 Jul 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Card Party £1 19s
<b>06 Aug 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Card Party 16s
<b>08 Aug 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £3

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**11 Aug 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.52**

Present: Hewer, Bartosh, Pemberton, Evans, Kitchener, Alsop, Walters, Mason and McGregor  
Messrs Hewer and Bartosh were elected caretakers for Aug Sep period.

Hewer/Pemberton That letter re rates from solicitors be received and adopted and their advice regarding last years rates be acted upon.

Notice of motion by C. Alsop – that motion to hold ball on 10 October be rescinded.

Hewer/Mason That Gym be granted use of Hall twice weekly at a fee of 5s per night to 30 September 1924.  
McGregor/Kitchener That Grantham's account be held over for correction.  
Evans/Walters That accounts amounting to £44 9s 1d be passed for payment.  
McGregor/Hewer That a hearty vote of thanks be given Messrs Gorrie and Walters for services as caretakers.

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**13 Aug 1924 Wed** Payments: Petty Cash £1 7s 9d; Benzine £3 3s; McGregor £8 17s 5d  
Income: Card Party £2 1s

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**14 Aug 1924 Thu** Bank Deposit £15 19s 6d  
**15 Aug 1924 Fri** Income: Dance £10 11s 6d  
**16 Aug 1924 Sat** Payments: Epuni Forrester's Lodge £10 10s; Wizard Lighting Co. £2 5s

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**19 Aug 1924 Tue** Payment: Judd £2 2s  
Bank Deposit £12 12s 6d

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**20 Aug 1924 Wed** Income: Card Party £1 12s  
**25 Aug 1924 Mon** Payment: Hutt County Council £20 16s 5d  
**27 Aug 1924 Wed** Income: Card Party £1 11s  
**29 Aug 1924 Fri** Income: Dance £9 6s  
**01 Sep 1924 Mon** Payment: Kitchener £4 4s  
**03 Sep 1924 Wed** Income: Card Party £1 11s

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**08 Sep 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.53**

Present: Hewer, Evans, Walters, Pescini, Mason, Alsop, Gorrie, Kitchener, Pemberton  
Messrs Kitchener and Pescini were elected caretakers for Sep Oct period.

Evans/Walters	That Hall be granted free for Benefit Dance to be held on 19 September.
Pescini/Kitchener	That all outstanding accounts be rendered monthly.
Kitchener/Evans	That a bag of sugar be presented to leading gent at wind up of card season.
Hewer/Mason	That a short dance be held on Wednesday after card party – Ladies, a basket, Gents 1s
Kitchener/Alsop	That prizes to the value of about 30s be procured for poster dance.

Notice of motion at meeting held on 11 Aug 1924 – that an annual Ball be held on 10 October 1924 be rescinded.

Mason/Evans            That a hearty vote of thanks to caretakers for services rendered to hall.,

Mason/Evans            That 2<sup>nd</sup>? Annual dance be held on 10 Oct 1924 in the form of plain and fancy dress. Prizes as usual and posters to be procured immediately.

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<b>08 Sep 1924 Mon</b>	Payment: Chronicle 12s 6d
<b>09 Sep 1924 Tue</b>	Payment: Blundell 5s
<b>10 Sep 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Card Party £1 16s
<b>11 Sep 1924 Thu</b>	Income: Ratepayers Association £1 10s; Lease of Hall £3 10s; Sale of Drinks £2 10s; Sunday School £14

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<b>12 Sep 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £5 12s 3d Bank deposit £21 10s
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<b>17 Sep 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Card Party £2 1s
<b>24 Sep 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Card Party £1 0s 6d
<b>25 Sep 1924 Thu</b>	Payment: Bank charge 5s
<b>26 Sep 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Dance – no returns
<b>01 Oct 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Card Party £2 0s 6d
<b>06 Oct 1924 Mon</b>	Income: Gym Club £3 5s
<b>08 Oct 1924 Wed</b>	Income: Card Party £1 19s 6d
<b>09 Oct 1924 Thu</b>	Income: Tennis Club £2 15s
<b>10 Oct 1924 Fri</b>	Income: £7 13s 3d
<b>11 Oct 1924 Sat</b>	Payment: McGregor £3 4s 6d

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**13 Oct 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.54**

Present: Hewer, Kitchener, Bartosh, Goodman, Pescini, Evans, Alsop, Gorrie, Mason, Pemberton and McGregor.  
Messrs Evans and Mason were elected as caretakers for Oct Nov period.

Hewer/Pemberton      That accounts with footnote as read be sent out on overdue accounts.  
Pescini/Bartosh      That accounts amounting to £28 15s 8d be passed for payment.

Mr Futter was received on behalf of Gym.

Evans/Goodman      That Gym be allowed use of Hall from 7 o'clock to 9.15pm on same terms for two nights, Tuesday and Thursday to complete practice for display.

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**13 Oct 1924 Mon**      Income: Rent of side room re football ground 7s 6d; Rent of side room Lib Lab 7s 6d; Sale of drinks 16s  
**14 Oct 1924 Tue**      Bank Deposit £43 14s

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**15 Oct 1924 Wed**      Income: Card Party £2 11s  
Payments: Grantham £15; McGregor £9 13s 8d

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**16 Oct 1924 Thu**      Payment: Bentley £1 15s  
**17 Oct 1924 Fri**      Payment: Chronicle 17s 6d and £1 14s  
**18 Oct 1924 Sat**      Payment: Wizard 15s  
**21 Oct 1924 Tue**      Payment: McGregor £3 4s 6d  
**23 Oct 1924 Thu**      Income: Card Party 8s 6d  
**24 Oct 1924 Fri**      Income: Card Party £2  
**29 Oct 1924 Wed**      Income: Dance – no returns; Russell Party £3 10s; Loydd £1 1s  
**05 Nov 1924 Wed**      Income: £1 2s  
**07 Nov 1924 Fri**      Income: Dance 12s 4d

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**10 Nov 1924 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.55**

Present: Hewer, Kitchener, Bartosh, Pescini, Pemberton, Alsop, Mason and McGregor  
Apologies received Messrs Goodwin and Evans  
Messrs Mason and Alsop were elected caretakers until further notice.

Pescini/Kitchener That insurance on building be changed over to Alliance Assurance Company as directed by Trustees of Epuni Forester's Lodge the amount of policy to be £1200. Furniture insurance to remain in Standard Office.

Pescini/Pemberton That accounts amounting to £12 12s 4d be passed for payment.

Mason/Kitchener That Committee run dances on 05 Dec, 01 Jan 1925, 22 Jan 1925 and cut out dances for February the orchestra to be informed of alterations.

Mason/Pescini That Mr Russell be granted use of Hall for purpose of running a dance.  
Bartosh/Kitchener That hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Messrs Evans and Mason for services as caretakers.  
McGregor/Mason That Mr C. Bertelsen be engaged to play piano on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.

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**11 Nov 1924 Mon** Bank deposit £25 9s 10d  
Income: Footballers £11 15s; Drinks £2 10s

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**13 Nov 1924 Wed** Payment: McGregor £2 19s 10d  
**14 Nov 1924 Thu** Income: Perry Winkles £3 10s  
**15 Nov 1924 Fri** Payment: Epuni Foresters £9 12s 6d  
**21 Nov 1924 Fri** Income: Russell Party £2 15s

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**22 Nov 1924 Fri** Payment: British Imp. O\_ £1 19s 6d  
Bank deposit £8 15s

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**24 Nov 1924 Sun** Payment: Hutt R. Board £2 1s 2d  
**28 Nov 1924 Fri** Income: Dental Clinic £2 10s; Church of Christ to 31 Nov £2 8s  
**29 Nov 1924 Sat** Payments: Alliance £6 14s; Standard Insurance £1 12s 5d

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**08 Dec 1924 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.56**

Present: Hewer, Gorrie, Bartosh, Goodman, Pescini, Pemberton, Alsop and McGregor  
Gorrie and Goodman were elected caretakers for Dec Jan period.  
Hewer apologized for absence of Mr Kitchener.

McGregor/Goodman That Mr George Mason's resignation be accepted with regret.

Hewer/Goodman That the Hall Committee having duly considered letter from Chamberlain & Co. (re right to sell Frozen dainties, sweets, soft drinks and fruit) would consider cash offer for sole right to sell as above for a period of three months from 01 Jan 1925 to 31 Mar 1925 both nights inclusive. The committee to provide room for sale of same and applicant to take over soft drinks at present held by hall Committee at cost price. Access to hall may be obtained from 7.30pm on any entertainment and room to be left clean.

Goodman/Bartosh That accounts amounting to £12 7s 10d be passed for payment.

McGregor/Goodman That the Dental Clinic be donated £1 1s and forwarded to Mr Pemberton.

Pemberton/Goodman That Secretary's (Mr McGregor) resignation be accepted with regret.

Pemberton/Gorrie That Messrs Alsop and Mason be given hearty vote of thanks for services rendered as caretakers.

Goodman/Alsop That Mr Vaughan be allowed use of Hall for rehearsal of school concert.

Pemberton/McGregor That Mr Walter's having missed three meetings he ceases to be a member and he be advised to that effect.

McGregor/Alsop That Mr Ford be elected a member of Hall Committee subject to their approval.

Goodman/Bartosh That Mr Hutchinson be elected a member of the Hall Committee subject to his approval.

Pemberton/Alsop That Mr Butler be elected a member of the Hall Committee subject to his approval.

William Baird Hutchison  
James Henry Butler

It was resolved that Mr Goodman interview Messrs Hutchinson and Reilly.

It was resolved that Mr Pemberton act as Secretary until next meeting.

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<b>12 Dec 1924 Fri</b>	Income: Social Evening 10s
<b>18 Dec 1924 Thu</b>	Income: School Concert £1 17s 6d
<b>22 Dec 1924 Mon</b>	Bank deposit £8 15s
<b>01 Jan 1925 Thu</b>	Income: Dance £6 7s

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**Important** New Year Night Dance

50 Posters, Hutt and Petone pictures (two nights respectively), 50 Dozen cakes, 16 loaves, 1 Ham – Frank Bartosh to cook, Tea 2lbs Amber Tips, Sugar 8lbs No.1A, ¼ Coleman's Mustard, two Gallons milk (see JC Mabey). Six butter

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**12 Jan 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.57**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Pescini, Gorrie, Hutchinson, Butler, Alsop and Pemberton  
Messrs Hewer and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
Mr Alsop apologized for the absence of Mr Ford.

Goodman/Pescini	That letter received from Chamberlain & Co. declining Hall Committee's offer for night to sell Frozen dainties in the Hall be received.
Hewer/Gorrie	That Mr Pemberton be Secretary for the remaining term and Bank be notified to that effect.
Alsop/Hutchinson	That Secretary procure necessary Stationary etc for the officers working of the Committee business.
Alsop/Hutchinson	That £1 1s be donated to Taita School Committee prize fund.
Alsop/Pemberton	That Messrs Goodman and Gorrie be given hearty vote of thanks for services rendered as caretakers.
Goodman/Pemberton	That Mr Bartosh take over the sole charge of Soft Drinks

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<b>16 Jan 1925 Fri</b>	Payment: Hutt Dental Clinic £1 1s
<b>20 Jan 1925 Tue</b>	Bank deposit £11 2s 6d
<b>22 Jan 1925 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £10 0s 6d
<b>24 Jan 1925 Sun</b>	Payment: Court Epuni £9 12s 6d

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<b>29 Jan 1925 Thu</b>	Bank deposit £10 0s 6d Payment: Grantham £10 5s
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<b>30 Jan 1925 Fri</b>	Payments: Cash 10s, Taita School Committee £1 1s
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**09 Feb 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.58**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Alsop, Goodman, Bartosh, Hutchenson, Butler, Kitchener, Pescini and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Messrs Pescini and Hutchenson were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchenson/Goodman That accounts to the amount of £22 3s 7d were passed for payment.

Hewer/Alsop That Secretary write to Councillor Campbell asking for two electric street lights to be installed down Mabey's Road also pointing out the necessity of cleaning the footpath leading to the Hall.

Alsop/Kitchener That Mr Hewer interview Hutt Valley Electric Power Board for full particulars re electric lighting of Hall and report at March meeting.

Alsop/Goodman A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Hewer and Butler for services rendered as caretakers.

Kitchener/Pemberton That the Committee's fortnightly dances commence on Friday 20 Mar 1925.

Alsop/Bartosh That a dance be held on Thursday 19 Feb 1925. Advertising and catering to be on same lines as last dance.

Hewer/Butler That Secretary be empowered to procure suitable posters for Committee's new season dances.

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**14 Feb 1925 Sat** Payment: Chronicle £1 15s

**16 Feb 1925 Mon** Payment: Hutt County Council £14 19s 7d

**17 Feb 1925 Tue** Payment: Grantham £2

**19 Feb 1925 Thu** Income: Dance £7 19s

**25 Feb 1925 Wed** Payment: Ford £3 9s

**05 Mar 1925 Thu** Bank deposit £7 19s

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**09 Mar 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.59**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Butler, Alsop, Pescini, Goodman, Hutchenson, Gorrie, Bartosh and Pemberton (Secretary)

A letter of thanks from the Taita School Committee was received.

Accounts to the amount of £4 were passed for payment.

It was resolved that the matter of card parties be held over until next meeting.

Alsop/Bartosh            That Mr Hewer's report re Power Board's terms 20s deposit and quarterly or half-yearly payments be received, also Mr Feist's estimate.

After considerable discussion

Pescini/Hutchenson    That the matter of electric lighting of Hall be held over until further advice be procured. The Hutt Power Board to be asked to advise on same and estimates be then procured on advised lighting.

Goodman/Bartosh      A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Hutchenson and Pescini for services rendered as Caretakers.

Goodman/Butler        That Messrs Alsop and Kitchener be caretakers for the ensuing month.

Pescini/Bartosh        That a special meeting to discuss Electric Lighting be held on Friday 20 March and next regular meeting on 09 April.

Alsop/Pemberton      That Mr C. Bertelsen be engaged to provide music for dance on the 20<sup>th</sup> instant.

Alsop/Pescini          That a Poster and paper Dress dance be held on Easter Monday night 13 April and orchestra be engaged for same.

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**09 Mar 1925 Mon**      Income: Drinks £1

**19 Mar 1925 Thu**      Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**20 Mar 1925 Fri – Taita Hall – Special Meeting**

Correspondence was received from Mr Taylor (Hutt Power Board's Inspector) advising as to the best method of Lighting the Hall.

Alsop/Goodman        That Mr Taylor's advice be accepted and adopted and Mr Taylor to be thanked for same.

Estimates for the Installation of Electric Light to Hall were received from Messrs Feist and Stewart.

Goodman/Bartosh      That Mr Feist's estimate be accepted subject to the work being carried out at once.

A letter was received from the Taita Football Club asking for Special rates for use of small room for Club Committee meeting.

Pescini/Butler        That Football Club be granted use of small room on the first Monday evening of each month for the term of twelve months (subject to new committee approval) at a rental of 4s per night commencing 06 Apr 1925. Payments to be made quarterly.

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**20 Mar 1925 Fri**      Income: Dance £14 2s 9d  
**24 Mar 1925 Tue**      Bank deposit £15 2s 9d  
**27 Mar 1925 Fri**      Payment: Bank charge 5s  
**28 Mar 1925 Sat**      Payment: Chronicle £2  
**30 Mar 1925 Mon**      Payment: Grantham £2

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**09 Apr 1925 Thu – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.60**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Gorrie, Goodman, Butler, Alsop, Bartosh, Kitchener and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £22 8s 2d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Gorrie and Goodman volunteered to act as caretakers for the ensuing month.

Alsop/Bartosh              That weekly card parties be commenced on Tuesday 21 April Ladies and Gents prizes to be given each night and aggregate prizes to be given each eighth night.

Woodman/Gorrie          That Secretary procure £1 worth of playing cards.  
Hewer/Gorrie              That the matter of prizes for card parties be left in the hands of the committee men in charge of cards.  
Butler/Gorrie              That Mr Goodman be elected assistant M.C.

It was resolved that as many as possible roll up on Friday afternoon to decorate the Hall.

Butler/Pemberton        A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Alsop and Kitchener for services rendered as caretakers.

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**13 Apr 1925 Mon**      Income: Dance £11 15s  
**17 Apr 1925 Fri**      Payment: Grantham £2; Hutt Valley Power Board £9 5s 8d  
**18 Apr 1925 Sat**      Epuni F. Lodge £9 12s 6d  
**21 Apr 1925 Tue**      Income: Cards 11s

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**24 Apr 1925 Fri**      Bank deposit £12 6s  
                                Payment: Alsop £1 10s

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**01 May 1925 Fri**      Income: Cards 13s 8d; Dance £6 8s 6d  
**05 May 1925 Tue**      Income: Cards 14s  
**09 May 1925 Sat**      Bank deposit £7 16s 2d

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**11 May 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.61**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Alsop, Bartosh, Goodman, Butler, Pescini, Hutchinson and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £6 11s 4d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Hewer and Butler were elected caretakers for the remaining term.

Alsop/Bartosh	That the Taita football club be granted permission to place a portable locker in Hall Committee room.
Goodman/Hutchinson	That orchestra be engaged for long night dance Friday 15 May 1925.
Goodman/Pescini	That Secretary write thanking Messrs F. Westbury and A. Gadsby for their donation of £1 each for aggregate prizes for the card parties.
Bartosh/Alsop	That the Hall Committee's annual meeting be held on Wednesday 10 Jun 1925. The meeting to be held on the same lines as last year, advertising to be left in the hands of the Chairman and Secretary.
Alsop/Pescini	That a quantity of the damaged cups be presented to the Taita Football Club.
Alsop/Butler	A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Goodman and Gorrie for services rendered as caretakers.

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<b>11 May 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Drinks £1 10s
<b>12 May 1925 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 3s 6d

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<b>15 May 1925 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £2 6s 6d
	Payment: Grantham £3 15s

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<b>16 May 1925 Sat</b>	Income: Bengé £3 10s; Hutt City Council 10s; Discount 1s 3d
<b>17 May 1925 Sun</b>	Income: Cards 17s
<b>19 May 1925 Mon</b>	Payment: Ford £2 16s 4d
<b>21 May 1925 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £9 18s 3d
<b>26 May 1925 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 5s 4d
<b>29 May 1925 Fri</b>	Income: Dance 14s 6d
<b>01 Jun 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Cards £1 7s

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**08 Jun 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting No.62**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Butler, Bartosh, Kitchener, Hutchinson and Alsop

Owing to the Secretary being absent Mr Alsop acted as same.

Accounts to the amount of £5 13s were passed for payment.

A letter was received from the Taita Football Club thanking the Hall Committee for their donation of damaged crockery.

Messrs Kitchener and Goodman apologise for the absence of Messrs Gorrie and Pemberton.

Bartosh/Kitchener	That Mr C. Bertelsen be engaged to provide music for annual meeting.
Alsop/Goodman	That two bags of sugar be procured for the aggregate prizes for card parties.
Hewer/Alsop	That biscuits be procured for the wind up of the first term of card parties.
Hewer/Bartosh	That a _ note of thanks to Mr Burgess for his explanation Re Balance Sheet.
Alsop/Goodman	A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Hewer and Butler for services rendered as caretakers.

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**08 Jun 1925 Mon**      Income: Drinks £1 5s

**09 Jun 1925 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s 6d

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**10 Jun 1925 Wed – Taita Hall - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Public Meeting**

About 50 residents were present. Mr Hewer was in the Chair. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was read.

Bertelsen/Peck	That the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be received.
Hewer/Horlor	That Report and Balance Sheet be adopted (after a short discussion).

Nominations for new Committee were then called for. The nominations being in excess of the number required the Chairman called for scrutineers and ballot paper to be given to all entitled to vote. Messrs H. Horlor and F. Cooper kindly consented to act as scrutineers.

The following gentlemen were duly elected as committee men for 1925/26 – F. S. Hewer, W. Goodman, Riley, Peck, Bertelsen, Foley, Alsop, Hutchinson, Butler, F. Gorrie Jnr, F. Bartosh and V. Pemberton.

Mr A. Burgess was elected Auditor unopposed.

Mr Horlor complimented the outgoing committee on the manner in which they had carried out their duties during their term of office.

Peck/Ferretti              A hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing committee carried by acclamation. Mr Hewer suitably replied.

Their being no further business the Hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance held. The Ladies kindly provided the supper and Mr C. Bertelsen the music.

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**10 Jun 1925 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

The following officers were elected:

F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. Goodman (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary)

It was decided to hold the monthly meetings on the second Monday in each month.

Alsop/Riley                      That this meeting be adjourned until Monday June 15 at 8pm.

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**10 Jun 1925 Wed**              Bank deposit £6 8s 4d

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**13 Jun 1925 Sat**              Income: Hutt Pro League £2 2s  
Payment: Chronicle £1 8s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 0s 6d

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**15 Jun 1925 Mon**              Minutes of adjourned meeting

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Present: Hewer (Chairman), Alsop, Bertelsen, Foley, Butler, Bartosh, Goodman, Hutchinson, Rily, Peck and Pemberton (Secretary)

It was decided to clean up the footpath by the upper room and top areas some with clippers. Messrs Hewer, Bertelsen, Foley, Goodman, Bartosh and Peck undertook to carry out this work.

Messrs Hewer and Bertelsen promised to interview Bus proprietors Re Bus service to dances.

Messrs Hutchinson and Foley volunteered to act as caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchinson/Goodman      That an impressed account be opened to the amount of £100 and a journal be kept.

Hutchinson/Foley              That the next dance take the form of a paper Hat and Novelty dance and if possible to be held on Wednesday 01 Jul 1925.

Goodman/Peck                  That card parties be continued for another eight week session – Messrs Bartosh and Peck to take charge of same.

Goodman/Foley                  That Mr Bartosh again take charge of the soft drinks.

Foley/Alsop                        That this meeting be adjourned until Monday 22 June at 8pm.

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**16 Jun 1925 Tue**              Income: Cards £2 12s; Taita Bas. Club 5s  
Payment: Cash £10

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**22 Jun 1925 Mon** Minutes of adjourned meeting

Messrs Hewer and Bertelsen reported that they had made arrangements with Mr Bently of Petone to run Busses to our fortnightly dance. It was decided to procure 50 posters for Special Dance and 300 for our ordinary dances – Mr Hutchinson undertook to attend to this matter. Mr Goodman wrote asking for leave of absence from our June and July meetings explaining that he was undergoing an operation. It was decided to engage the usual Orchestra less the Saxophone for our fortnightly dances. Mr Bertelsen promised to attend to this matter. Resolved that Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop be MC's for our dances.

Foley/Riley That the fortnightly dances commence on Wednesday 01 Jul 1925 and Messrs Hewer and Bertelsen be thanked for the trouble they had taken re Buses.

Foley/Alsop That application be granted and Secretary write Mr Goodman expressing our regret and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Hewer/Bertelsen That Secretary write Mr A. Rollings informing him that the Committee is not prepared to accept his offer of £7 10s for the Wizard Light plant.

Riley/Peck That the Wizard Lighting plant be advertised for sale in the Dominion and that £25 (free on Board or rail) be asked same.

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**23 Jun 1925 Tue** Income: Cards £2 8s 6d  
**27 Jun 1925 Sat** Bank deposit: £8 7s 6d  
**30 Jun 1925 Tue** Income: Cards £3 6s 3d  
**01 Jul 1925 Wed** Income: Dance £7 10s 4d  
**07 Jul 1925 Tue** Income: Cards £4 1s 3d  
**09 Jul 1925 Thu** Bank deposit £14 17s 10d

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**13 Jul 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bertelsen, Riley, Foley, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, Alsop, Hutchinson and Pemberton (Secretary)

A letter was received from Mr R. McGregor asking for the flag lent by him to the Hall Committee. Secretary was instructed to write the Heretaunga Dance band informing them that we have already made arrangements for Orchestra for this season's dances. It was decided to procure one cord of wood for the copper fire. Mr Alsop promised to do his best to get same. Accounts to the amount of £25 4s 8d were passed for payment. Messrs Hewer and Alsop were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Foley/Hutchinson That this flag be handed to Mr W. Gee as requested by Mr McGregor.  
Alsop/Bertelsen A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Foley and Hutchinson for services rendered as caretakers.

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<b>13 Jul 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Rent of S. room 10s; Drinks 10s
<b>14 Jul 1925 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 10s 9d
<b>15 Jul 1925 Wed</b>	Income: Dance £5 9s 9d
<b>16 Jul 1925 Thu</b>	Payment: Grantham £5 5s
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<b>17 Jul 1925 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £10 0s 6d Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £4 7s 2d; Cash Alsop £7 19s 7d
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<b>18 Jul 1925 Sat</b>	Payment: Com Print Co £3 5s
<b>20 Jul 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Cards £4 5s
<b>21 Jul 1925 Tue</b>	Payment: Thomson & L. £2 5s
<b>25 Jul 1925 Sat</b>	Payment: Court Epuni £9 12s 6d
<b>28 Jul 1925 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £4 1s 3d
<b>29 Jul 1925 Wed</b>	Income: Dance £3 3s
<b>01 Aug 1925 Sat</b>	Payment: Alliance £9 14s 5d
<b>03 Aug 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Cards £4 13s 6d
<b>05 Aug 1925 Wed</b>	Payment: Alsop £7 16s 6d
<b>07 Aug 1925 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £16 2s 9d
<b>08 Aug 1925 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £4 2s 6d

### **10 Aug 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Butler, Bertelsen, Alsop, Riley, Peck and Pemberton

An application was received from Mr P. Hobbs for the use of supper room to hold Gospel meetings on Sunday evenings.  
Resolved that Mr F. Gorrie Jnr having missed three committee meetings he automatically ceases to be a member and Mr F. Gorrie Snr be elected to fill vacancy.  
Messrs Bertelsen and Riley were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
Messrs Peck and Bartosh again volunteered to take charge of card parties for the ensuing term.  
Accounts to the amount of £13 12s 2d were passed for payment.  
Apologies were received from Foley and Goodman.

Bertelsen/Riley	That Secretary action Re payment of insurance be endorsed.
Riley/Bertelsen	That keys of the hall be deposited with the Hutt Valley Power Board for the convenience of the meter reader.
Bartosh/Peck	That application be granted [to Hobbs] at a rental of 5s per night for a term of three months, rent to be paid monthly.
Hewer/Bertelsen	That the Committee dances be held every Saturday night until further notice.
Butler/Pemberton	That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Hewer and Alsop for services rendered as caretakers.
Hewer/Alsop	That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Peck and Bartosh for their work in connection with the card parties.
<b>10 Aug 1925 Mon</b>	Income: L. August – sale of windows £1 10s; sale of drinks £1
<b>11 Aug 1925 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £4 3s 9d

<b>15 Aug 1925 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £2 16s
<b>18 Aug 1925 Tue</b>	Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 6s 7d Income: Cards £4 1s
<b>20 Aug 1925 Thu</b>	Payment: Grantham £4
<b>22 Aug 1925 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £5 12s
<b>25 Aug 1925 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £4 18s
<b>28 Aug 1925 Fri</b>	Payments: Burgess £2 2s; Ford £5 3s 7d
<b>29 Aug 1925 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £4 10s 6d
<b>01 Sep 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Cards £4 6s 3d
<b>05 Sep 1925 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £5 1s 6d
<b>08 Sep 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Cards £3 1s 3d Bank deposit £37
<b>10 Sep 1925 Wed</b>	Income: Rent of room 10s Bank deposit £8 2s 9d Payment: Cheque book 4s
<b>12 Sep 1925 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £5 16s 6d Payment: Alsop £9 10s 2d

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**14 Sep 1925 Sun – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Bartosh, Butler, Bertelsen, Foley, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)

A letter was received from the Hutt Valley Electricians asking for permission to use the committee room on the evening of their Ball.

The Taita Football Club were granted the use of Hall for the purpose of having their photos taken.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs Alsop & King for presenting aggregate prizes for last session's cards.

Accounts to the amount of £27 3s 11d were passed for payment.

Messrs Gorrie and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Resolved that as many as possible of the Committee come along on Monday 21 Sep 1925 to repair broken furniture.

Bertelsen/Gorrie	That permission be granted to use Committee room for the purpose of storing goods in connection with Ball subject to same being under the control of caretakers.
Bartosh/Riley	That card parties be continued for another eight weeks after the present session.
Foley/Riley	That the following articles be procured – 12 doz cups, 5 doz dinner plates, one 3lb axe $\frac{3}{4}$ handle, one hammer, bolts and screws for repairing chairs, 12 packs cards and a number of prizes for card parties.
Hewer/Alsop	A hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Bertelsen and Riley for services rendered as caretakers.
Hewer/Pemberton	That apology was received from Mr Goodman – apology accepted.

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**14 Sep 1925 Sun**      Income: Sale of drinks £2

**15 Sep 1925 Mon**      Income: Cards £4 18s 9d

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**19 Sep 1925 Fri**      Income: Dance £4 6s

Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £3 10s 7d

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**21 Sep 1925 Sun**      Payment: Grantham £5

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**22 Sep 1925 Mon**      Income: Cards £3 17s 6d

Bank deposit £13 5s 3d

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**23 Sep 1925 Tue**      Payment: Ford £5 3s 9d

**24 Sep 1925 Wed**      Payment: Hutt County Council £13 9s 7d

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**26 Sep 1925 Fri**      Income: Dance £4 8s  
Payment: Com 5s

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**29 Sep 1925 Mon**      Income: Cards £4 10s

**03 Oct 1925 Sat**      Income: Dance £6 19s 6d; Crockery sold £1 8s 6d; Footballers £7 19s

**06 Oct 1925 Tue**      Income: Cards £4 10s; Gospel Hall £1

**07 Oct 1925 Wed**      Bank deposit £37 18s 6d

**09 Oct 1925 Fri**      Payment: Alsop £8 17s

**10 Oct 1925 Sat**      Income: Dance £7 2s 6d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board dance £3 10s; Soft drinks sold £1; Sundries 8s

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### **12 Oct 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Goodman, Foley, Bertelsen, Peck, Butler, Bartosh, Hutchinson, Gorrie, Alsop & Pemberton

Accounts to the amount of £39 19s 1d were passed for payment.

The Secretary was instructed to write Hutt Valley Power Board informing that the street lamp opposite the Hall is out of order and asking them to have same attended to as soon as possible.

Messrs Goodman and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Bartosh/Peck            That aggregate prizes be not given after the conclusion of the present session card parties.  
Hewer/Bartosh        That Secretary write thanking Messrs Gadsby & Kilmister for donation of aggregate prizes for card parties.  
Hutchinson/Peck     That Mr Taylor of Lower Hutt be engaged to tune the hall piano.  
Bertelsen/Riley      That one cord of fire wood be procured from Silva Bros.  
Hewer/Alsop          That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Gorrie and Butler for services rendered as caretakers.

Riley/Bartosh        That a children's fancy dress ball be held some time in December. After a considerable amount of discussion Mr Alsop moved an amendment – that the matter be held over in the meantime. Mr Butler seconded. The amendment was then put to the meeting and carried.

Bertlesen/Riley      That the dance to be held Saturday 07 Nov 1925 take the form of a Guy Fawkes Face dance. A fine of 6d to be imposed on any one not wearing a mask.

Hewer/Butler         That the matter of prizes for Guy Fawkes dance and spot Wollys be left in the hands of Messrs Bertelsen and Alsop.

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**12 Oct 1925 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 10s

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**13 Oct 1925 Tue**      Payment: Cash £18 6s 2d – furniture fittings etc  
Income: Cards £5 1s 3d

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**16 Oct 1925 Fri**      Payment: Hutt Valley Power Board £3 9s 7d

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**17 Oct 1925 Sat**      Payment: Court Epuni £9 12s 6d  
Income: Dance £7 11s

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**20 Oct 1925 Tue**      Bank deposit £19 11s 9d  
Income: Cards £4 16s 3d

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**21 Oct 1925 Wed**      Payment: Ford £4 16s 10d

**22 Oct 1925 Thu**      Income: Hutt Prohibition League £2 2s

**24 Oct 1925 Fri**      Income: Dance £5 4s 6d

**27 Oct 1925 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 9s 6d

**28 Oct 1925 Wed**      Payment: Grantham £4

**31 Oct 1925 Sat**      Income: Dance £5 6s 6d

**03 Nov 1925 Tue**      Income: Cards £4 1s 9d; Gospel Hall £1

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**04 Nov 1925 Wed**      Bank deposit £32 11s 6d  
Payment: Cash £8 6s 9d

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**07 Nov 1925 Sat**      Income: Guy Fox Dance £14 8s 6d

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**09 Nov 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Foley, Butler, Bertelsen, Riley, Peck, Alsop, Hutchinson and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £19 14s 3d were passed for payment.

Messrs Hutchinson and Foley were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Foley/Riley	That Secretary be authorized to pay Electric Light account each month when presented.
Peck/Bartosh	That two pairs of snips be procured for use at card parties.
Goodman/Bartosh	That estimates be procured for covering of Switch Board.
Foley/Hutchinson	That a two way switch be placed in Committee Room to control the centre pair of lights in main hall. Estimates to be procured for same.
Hewer/Bertelsen	That Treasurer be authorized to procure quantities of chocolate when necessary.
Bertelsen/Foley	That £50 be paid of the Hall note on next interest day.
Bertelsen/Bartosh	That Mr McArthur be asked to fix wash basin in Gents dressing room.
Hewer/Foley	That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Peck and Goodman for services rendered as caretakers.

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**09 Nov 1925 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £3 10s; Sale of Chocolate £2

**10 Nov 1925 Tue** Income: Cards £3 17s 6d

**14 Nov 1925 Sat** Income: Dance £5 4s 6d

**16 Nov 1925 Mon** Payment: Grantham £4 15s

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**17 Nov 1925 Tue** Payments: Hutt River Board 19s 8d; Thomson £2 5s

Income: Cards £3 11s 3d

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**18 Nov 1925 Wed** Payment: Ford £4 15s

Bank deposit £24 16s

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**20 Nov 1925 Fri** Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 19s 7d

**21 Nov 1925 Sat** Income: Dance £4

**24 Nov 1925 Tue** Income: Cards £4

**28 Nov 1925 Sat** Income: Dance £5 10s 6d

**05 Dec 1925 Sat** Income: Dance £5 4s 3d

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**08 Dec 1925 Tue** Payment: Alsop £8 19s 9d

Bank deposit £28 10s 6d

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**11 Dec 1925 Fri** Payment: Standard Insurance £1 12s 5d

**12 Dec 1925 Sat** Income: Dance £5 15s

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**14 Dec 1925 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Goodman, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, Bertelsen, Hutchinson, Alsop, Gorrie and Pemberton.

Accounts to the amount of £17 9s 3d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Hewer and Alsop were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hewer/Goodman	That Mr Hutchinson's action in securing case for switch board be approved.
Hewer/Riley	That Mr Feist's estimate of about £3 for two way switch be accepted, also if possible to have two lights placed under the stage.
Hutchinson/Butler	That a long night dance be held on 01 Jan 1926 and 22 Jan 1926. Orchestra to be engaged for each occasion.
Bertelsen/Goodman	That January 1 <sup>st</sup> dance be advertised in the amusement column of the Evening Post on December 29 & 30, 1925.
Hewer/Peck	That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Hutchinson and Foley for services rendered as caretakers.
Bertelsen/Butler	That 500 admission tickets be procured.

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<b>14 Dec 1925 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of chocolate £2 19s 6d; Sale of drinks £3 0s 6d
<b>16 Dec 1925 Wed</b>	Payment: Silva £4
<b>17 Dec 1925 Thu</b>	Payment: Grantham £5
<b>18 Dec 1925 Fri</b>	Payment: Power Board £2 16s 7d
<b>19 Dec 1925 Sat</b>	Income: Labour meeting 10s; Dance £6 2s
<b>23 Dec 1925 Wed</b>	Payment: Ford £5 15s 3d

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<b>24 Dec 1925 Thu</b>	Payments: Thomson Lewis £2 5s; Cheque book 4s Bank deposit £18 7s Income: Tennis Club 7s 6d
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<b>26 Dec 1925 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £8 3s 6d
<b>01 Jan 1926 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £16 11d
<b>04 Jan 1926 Mon</b>	Payment: Epuni Foresters £50

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<b>05 Jan 1926 Tue</b>	Bank deposit £25 2s Income: Gospel Hall £1 5s
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<b>09 Jan 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £4; Gym Club 7s 6d
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**11 Jan 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, Goodman, Bertelsen, Hutchinson, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £20 17s 7d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Bertelsen and Riley were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
An apology was received from Mr Foley.

Goodman/Peck Alsop/Bertelsen	That the Anniversary night dance be advertised in the Evening Post on 20 & 21 Jan 1926. That the sum of £1 be donated to the Taita School Committee in aid of the children's Xmas prizes.
Goodman/Peck	That the Taita School Committee be granted the use of Hall Kitchen on 05 Feb 1926 for the purpose of cutting sandwiches vis also the use of a portion of the Hall crockery for their picnic on 06 Feb 1926.
Hutchinson/Goodman Hewer/Pemberton	That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Hewer and Alsop for services rendered as caretakers. That Mr Foley's apology be accepted.

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<b>11 Jan 1926 Mon</b>	Income: School Committee £1 17s 6d; Sale of drinks £4 19s; Sale of chocolate £1 11s
<b>13 Jan 1926 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £14

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<b>16 Jan 1926 Sat</b>	Payment: Grantham £5 Income: Dance £3 6s
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<b>20 Jan 1926 Wed</b>	Payments: Ford £3 9s 6d; Alsop £8 11s 3d
<b>22 Jan 1926 Fri</b>	Income: Dance £15
<b>27 Jan 1926 Wed</b>	Payment: Court Epuni £9 12s 6d
<b>30 Jan 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £4 4s 3d

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<b>05 Feb 1926 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £22 10s 3d Payment: Alsop £9 19s 3d
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<b>06 Feb 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £2 13s 6d
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**08 Feb 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Goodman, Butler, Peck, Gorrie, Foley, Hutchinson, Bertelsen, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £24 3s 8d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Gorrie and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Alsop/Gorrie            That the Saturday night dances be discontinued after 13 Feb 1926 and a special streamer and confetti long night dance be held on Friday 05 Mar 1926. Orchestra to be engaged and dance to be advertised in the Evening Post on 3 & 4 March 1926.

Foley/Alsop            That a long night dance be held on Easter Monday 05 Apr 1926 to be followed by the usual Saturday dances commencing 10 April 1926. Orchestra to be engaged for Easter Monday.

Owing to Mr Bartosh leaving the district and having tendered his resignation as a member of the hall committee  
Good/Foley            That resignation be accepted with regret.

The Chairman then called for nominations to fill the vacancy.

Pemberton/Alsop      Proposed Mr D. McArthur to fill the vacancy.

There being no further nominations the Chairman declared Mr McArthur elected to fill the vacancy on the unanimous vote of the Committee.

Alsop/Butler            That Mr Goodman be elected to take charge of Soft Drinks

Foley/Hutchinson      That the Secretary write asking the Hutt County Council to register the Taita Hall Committees ratepayer's vote in the name of V. Pemberton, Secretary of same also point out to the Council the disgraceful state of footpath leading to the Hall.

Hewer/Alsop            That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Bertelsen and Riley for services rendered as caretakers.

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**08 Feb 1926 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £3 10s 6d; Sale of chocolate 16s 6d  
**12 Feb 1926 Fri**      Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £4 9s 2d; Grantham £4 15s

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**13 Feb 1926 Sat**      Payment: Feist £6 8s 4d – Fittings; Taita School Committee £1  
Income: Dance £4 4s

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**16 Feb 1926 Tue**      Payment: Thomson Lewis £8 1s 3d  
**17 Feb 1926 Wed**      Payment: Ford £2 3s 6d  
**05 Mar 1926 Fri**      Income: Dance £13 16s  
**06 Mar 1926 Sat**      Bank deposit £25 0s 6d

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**08 Mar 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Butler, Gorrie, Peck, Riley, Goodman, Foley, Bertelsen, Alsop, McArthur and Pemberton (Secretary)

A letter was received from the Taita School Committee thanking the Hall committee for their donation of £1 towards the children's Xmas prize fund. Accounts to the amount of £6 7s 9d were passed for payment subject to the Secretary finding them correct.

It was decided to advertise the Easter Monday Novelty Dance, card parties and Saturday night dances in the Evening Post on 1 and 3 Apr 1926. Messrs McArthur and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hewer/Foley            That Mr McArthur procure a quantity of timber for six tables and tressles and make same. Also repair stools, fix wash basin to Gents dressing room, fit cover to switch board and \_ lock to front window.

Alsop/Goodman        That card parties be started on Thursday 08 Apr 1926. An aggregate prize to be given each fourth night. Supper to be on the same lines as last year. Price for admission 1s 6d.

Goodman/Alsop        That Mr Foley procure 24 packets of cards.  
Pemberton/Riley      That Messrs Hewer and Alsop take charge of card parties for the first two months.  
Goodman/Riley        That Mr Hutchinson be asked to procure 2,000 plain cards for clipping.  
Foley/Pemberton      That prizes for card parties be left in the hands of the gentlemen in charge of same – price to be about 15s each.  
Hewer/Butler          That the matter of novelties for Easter Monday Dance be left in hands of the M.C.'s

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**08 Mar 1926 Mon**      Income: Gospel Hall £2 5s; Sale of drinks £1 11s; Sale of chocolate 9s  
**17 Mar 1926 Wed**      Income: F. Davidson £2 15s  
**22 Mar 1926 Mon**      Income: Taita Football Club £7 12s  
**24 Mar 1926 Wed**      Payment: Ford £1 13s 8d  
**25 Mar 1926 Thu**      Payment: Com 5s  
**26 Mar 1926 Fri**      Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 4s 1d; Alsop £8 11s 6d  
**30 Mar 1926 Tue**      Payment: Grantham £2 10s  
**31 Mar 1926 Wed**      Income: Sports Queen Dance £3 10s  
**05 Apr 1926 Mon**      Income: Dance £20 12s

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**07 Apr 1926 Wed**      Bank deposit £38 14s  
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**08 Apr 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £4 1s 9d

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**10 Apr 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £5 5s 4d  
Bank deposit £4 1s 9d

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**12 Apr 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Goodman, McArthur, Peck, Gorrie, Bertelsen, Butler, Hutchinson, Alsop, Foley and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £45 8s 2d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Hutchinson and Foley were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Goodman/Riley      That catering for Saturday night Dances be carried out on the usual lines.

Hutchinson/Goodman      That a sub-committee comprising of Messrs Hewer, Alsop and Pemberton be appointed to interview Mr Kilmister re running buses to dances and card parties. Also to make arrangements for advertising at the pictures.

Hutchinson/Riley      That Mr McArthur be asked to fit a new length of stove pipe to copper.

Hewer/Goodman      That the societies books be closed for annual audit on 30 Apr 1926 and Secretary be authorized to pay all accounts due to that date.

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**12 Apr 1926 Mon**      Income: Sale of chocolate 14s 6d; sale of drinks £4 4s; Ratepayers 10s

**13 Apr 1926 Tue**      Payment: Cheque book 4s

**15 Apr 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £4 5s 9d

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**16 Apr 1926 Fri**      Bank deposit £14 19s 7d

Payment: Alsop £13 5s

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**17 Apr 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £3 11s 6d

Payment: Grantham £2 15s

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**20 Apr 1926 Tue**      Payment: McArthur £11 10s 8d

**22 Apr 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £4 2s

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**24 Apr 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £4 7s 6d

Payment: Power Board £2 11s 1d

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**25 Apr 1926 Sun**      Payment: Ford £3 19s 5d

**29 Apr 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £4 10s

**30 Apr 1926 Fri**      Bank deposit £16 11s

**01 May 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £3 5s

**04 May 1926 Tue**      Income: Gospel Hall £3

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**06 May 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £3 18s  
Payment: Alsop £10

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**08 May 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £2 6s 6d

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**10 May 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Goodman, Butler, Peck, Bertelsen, Hutchinson, Alsop, Foley, McArthur and Pemberton (Secretary)

Mr Hewer reported that no suitable arrangement have yet been made with bus proprietors to run a service to our Saturday night dances.

Messrs Hewer and Alsop were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

It was decided to procure a radiator for committee room. Mr Foley promising to arrange for same.

Foley/Peck                      That the sub-committee set up to deal with this matter make further enquiries and report at next meeting.

Bertelsen/Riley                That the committee meet on Monday 17 May at 7pm sharp to scrub and clean up the hall generally.

Bertelsen/Foley                That subject to the Forester's Lodge approval £50 be paid off the Hall Mortgage.

Foley/Hutchinson                That a hot point plug be fitted in the committee room.

Foley/Goodman                That the Annual General Meeting be held on Tuesday 08 Jun 1926 at 8pm; the same to be advertised in the Evening Post on 3 and 5 June 1926, also 200 \_ to be printed for distribution in the Evening Post on Monday 07 Jun 1926 and at the conclusion of the Business the Evening to take the form of an Old Time Dance, Ladies to be invited to provide a basket.

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**10 May 1926 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £6 5s; sale of chocolate £1 5s

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**13 May 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £4 11s 6d  
Bank deposit £19 19s 6d

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**15 May 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £3 11s

**20 May 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £4 17s 6d

**22 May 1926 Sat**      Income: County Council £1 1s; Dance £3 13s

**27 May 1926 Thu**      Income: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 5; Cards £5 2s 6d

**29 May 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £2 1s

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**31 May 1926 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Riley, Goodman, Butler, Gorrie, Bertelsen, McArthur, Alsop, Peck & Pemberton  
Accounts to the amount of £16 0s 10d were passed for payment.  
The annual balance sheet was viewed, discussed and approved.

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<b>31 May 1926 Mon</b>	Bank deposit £19 19s
<b>03 Jun 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 18s
<b>04 Jun 1926 Fri</b>	Payment: E. G. Grantham £5

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<b>05 Jun 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £2 18s
	Payment: Hutt Valley Power Board £1 13s 7d

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<b>06 Jun 1926 Sun</b>	Bank deposit £13 19s 6d
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**08 Jun 1926 Tue – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 40 residents were present.

The report of Balance Sheet was read and on the motion of Ferretti seconded by Mr Cooper was received. After a short discussion Hewer/Ferretti that Balance Sheet be adopted.

Nominations for new committee were then called for. The number being in excess of the number required the Chairman called for two scrutineers and Ballot papers to be given to all entitled to vote. Messrs F. Cooper and W. Gee kindly acted as scrutineers. The ballot was then taken and the following gentlemen were duly elected as committee men for the year 1926/27.

Messrs F. S. Hewer, W. Hutchinson, W. Goodman, F. Bartosh, J. Butler, H. Foley, S. Peck, F. Gorrie, D. McArthur, F. Bertelsen, C. Alsop and V. Pemberton.  
Mr A. Burgess was again elected Auditor.

Their being no further business the Hall was cleared and very enjoyable old time dance was held. The Ladies kindly provided the refreshments and Mr C. Bertelsen the music.

*Special meeting held after the Annual Meeting*

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Chairman: F. S. Hewer; Vice-Chairman W. Hutchinson, Treasurer C. E. Alsop, Secretary V. Pemberton, Soft Drinks W. Goodman

The monthly meeting night was fixed for the second Monday in each month at 8pm.

Messrs Bertelsen and Bartosh were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Pemberton/Bertelsen That Messrs Hewer and Alsop continue to take charge of card parties.

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<b>08 Jun 1926 Tue</b>	Payment: Thompson Lewis £1 13s 9d
<b>09 Jun 1926 Wed</b>	Payment: Ford £6 7s 6d
<b>10 Jun 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Church of Christ 16s; Cards £5 12s 6d
<b>12 Jun 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £2 10s 6d

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#### **14 Jun 1926 Mon – Taita Hall - Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Peck, Hutchinson, Butler, Gorrie, Bertelsen, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

A letter was received from the Forester's Lodge accepting our offer to pay £50 of the Hall Mortgage.

It was resolved that as many as possible of the Committee roll up on Monday Evening 21 June to redecorate the Hall. Messrs Hewer and Alsop promised to procure the necessary paper &c for this purpose.

Alsop/Goodman      That the Saturday night dances be discontinued and a long night dance be held on Friday 25 June the same to take the form of a paper hat and balloon dance. Orchestra to be engaged and an advert inserted in the Evening Post on Saturday 19 June & 23, also at the picture at Petone & Hutt.

Bertelsen/Bartosh      That in the event of an offer being made for the Wizard Light plant it be left to Secretary to make the best possible bargain.

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<b>14 Jun 1926 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of chocolate £2 17s 6d; Sale of drinks £2 18s 6d; Taita Football Club £4 7s Payment: McArthur £1 6s
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<b>17 Jun 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £4 14s 6d Bank deposit £19 2s Payment: Alsop £9 17s 3d
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<b>19 Jun 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance – no returns; Goods sold £2 17s
<b>24 Jun 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £4 2s 6d
<b>25 Jun 1926 Fri</b>	Income: Sale of Hats 10s; Dance £9 1s 9d

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<b>26 Jun 1926 Sat</b>	Payments: Foresters Lodge £50; Alsop £8 11s Bank deposit £21 5s 9d
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<b>28 Jun 1926 Mon</b>	Payment: Mouat Bros £22 3s
<b>01 Jul 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 6s
<b>08 Jul 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 16s 6d
<b>09 Jul 1926 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £7 2s 6d

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**12 Jul 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Hutchinson, Bertelsen, Foley, McArthur, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
A Letter was received from Mr E. Alexander giving notice to close their Sunday Evening Gospel Services held in the hall upper room.  
Messrs Butler and Gorrie were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
It was resolved to have the piano tuned as soon as possible

Goodman/Bartosh	That letter be received and Secretary action in replying and excepting notice be endorsed.
Foley/Peck	That accounts be passed for payment subject to Mr Cottrell's account being corrected.
Pemberton/Foley	That a hearty vote of thanks to ladies who kindly made the hats for our paper hat dance.
Goodman/Bartosh	That Long night dances be held on Wednesday 21 July and 04 August 1926. Orchestra to be engaged for each dance.
Foley/Bartosh	That the large radiator which Mr Hewer had brought up on approval be purchased.

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<b>12 Jul 1926 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of chocolate £1; Sale of drinks 10s
<b>15 Jul 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 4s 6d
<b>16 Jul 1926 Fri</b>	Payments: Cheque book 4s; Grantham £4
<b>17 Jul 1926 Sat</b>	Payments: Alliance £9 9s; Hutt Valley Power Board £7 2s 6d
<b>20 Jul 1926 Tue</b>	Payment: Thompson Lewis £2 5s

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<b>21 Jul 1926 Wed</b>	Payment: Ford £5 18s 5d
	Income: Dance £6 15s 4d

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<b>22 Jul 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 4s 6d
	Payment: Com. Print Co. 12s 6d

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<b>24 Jul 1926 Sat</b>	Payment: Court Epuni Lodge £8 15s
<b>29 Jul 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 16s 6d
<b>30 Jul 1926 Fri</b>	Income: S. Runnus £2 5s
<b>04 Aug 1926 Wed</b>	Income: Dance £5 2s 6d
<b>05 Aug 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £2 18s 6d

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<b>06 Aug 1926 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £28 16s 10d
	Payment: Alsop £9 15s 9d

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**09 Aug 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, Hutchinson, Bertelsen, McArthur, Alsop, and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £14 2s 2d were passed for payment.

The Chairman and Secretary promised to interview Mr Hunt re running bus for dances.

Mr Alsop resigned the position of M.C.

Messrs McArthur and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Mr McArthur was instructed to attend to general repairs to the Hall.

A matter of a curtain for the stage was then brought up and after a considerable amount of discussion it was decided to get prices for various materials and if sufficient suitable material could be purchased for about £5 the same to be procured at once.

Hutchinson/Bartosh      That a weekly Saturday night dance be held commencing Saturday 28 August 1926, dances to be run on the same lines as last year and a weekly ad to be inserted in the Evening Post every Friday night.

Hewer/Bertelsen      That Mr Alsop's resignation be accepted with regret and Mr Peck be approached to fill the vacancy.

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**09 Aug 1926 Mon**      Income: Sale of chocolate £1 3s; Sale of drinks £1 17s

**12 Aug 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £3 4s 6d

**16 Aug 1926 Mon**      Income: Gospel Hall £3

**19 Aug 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £3

**25 Aug 1926 Wed**      Payment: Ford £5 0s 7d

**26 Aug 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £3 10s 6d

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**28 Aug 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £4 19s 6d

Payment: Feist £7 6s

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**30 Aug 1926 Mon**      Payment: Hutt Valley Power Board £1 13s 7d

**02 Sep 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £4 1s

**03 Sep 1926 Fri**      Bank deposit £15 15s

**04 Sep 1926 Sat**      Income: Bartosh £2 5s; Dance £5 10s 6d

**07 Sep 1926 Tue**      Income: Old Girls 10s

**09 Sep 1926 Thu**      Income: Cards £3 4s 6d

**10 Sep 1925 Fri**      Bank deposit £20 10s 6d

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**11 Sep 1926 Sat**      Income: Dance £4 0s 6d

Payment: Burgess £2 2s

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**13 Sep 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Foley, Hutchinson, McArthur, Bertelsen, Gorrie, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

An application was received from the Taita Football Club for the use of piano for their smoke concert on 21 September. Also for use of Kitchen for their concert on 15 September.

Accounts to the amount of £24 9s 9d were passed for payment.

Mr McArthur volunteered to build a cupboard to hold chocolates &c subject to the committee supplying the material necessary for same.

Messrs Hutchinson and Bartosh were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Pemberton/Hutchinson That Taita Football Club] application be granted.

Pemberton/Peck That a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Gorrie for her donation of prize for card parties. Mr Gorrie to convey same.

Foley/Hutchinson That the matter of prizes for card parties be left to the discretion of the Chairman and Treasurer.

Hewer/Peck That Mr McArthur's offer be accepted with thanks.

Goodman/Alsop That the offer brought forward by Mr Bertelsen for Mr McDonald to supply music for dance by Radio at a date to be fixed be accepted. Mr Bertelsen to arrange date.

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**13 Sep 1926 Thu** Income: Sale of drinks £2; sale of chocolate £1 10s

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**16 Sep 1926 Thu** Payment: Alsop £9 5s 6d  
Income: Cards £3 10s 6d

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**17 Sep 1926 Fri** Payment: Grantham £4 15s

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**18 Sep 1926 Sat** Payments: Power Board £4 3s 7d; Gas Smith £7 19s 6d  
Income: Dance £4 19s 6d

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**21 Sep 1926 Tue** Payment: Thompson Lewis £2 5s

**22 Sep 1926 Wed** Payment: Ford £5 6s 8d

**23 Sep 1926 Thu** Income: Cards £4 7s

**24 Sep 1926 Fri** Payment: Com 5s

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**25 Sep 1926 Sat** Payment: Cottrels M. Service £1 13s 6d  
Income: Dance £5 4s 6d

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**27 Sep 1926 Mon** Income: Farmers £2 15s

**30 Sep 1926 Thu** Income: Cards £4 4s

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**01 Oct 1926 Fri** Bank deposit £32 11s  
Payments: Alsop £9 15s 2d; Alsop £9 11s 6d

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**02 Oct 1926 Sat** Income: Dance £8 12s 6d

**07 Oct 1926 Thu** Income: Cards £2 18s; Mr J. Peck £2 15s

**08 Oct 1926 Fri** Bank deposit £14 6s

**09 Oct 1926 Sat** Income: Dance £4 12s 6d; Taita Football Club £6 2s; Sale of drinks £6; Sale of chocolate £1 10s

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### **11 Oct 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Butler, McArthur, Foley, Hutchison, Bertelsen, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £31 19s 4d were passed for payment.

An application was received from the Methodist Church Trustees for the use of Hall on Sunday 07 Nov 1926 for the purpose of holding their Sunday School Anniversary services.

Messrs Hewer and Bertelsen were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Goodman/McArthur That application be granted and £1 be charged for use of Hall.

Foley/McArthur That one dozen electric light globes be procured.

Bertelsen/McArthur That the dance to be held on Saturday 06 Nov 1926 take the form of a Guy Fawkes Face Dance. Orchestra to be engaged and prizes given for the two most popular faces.

Alsop/Hutchison That Mr McArthur be asked to attend to repair of door etc.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Dyer (Hutt County Councillor, Epuni Riding) drawing his attention to the unsatisfactory state of the road leading to the Hall and asking him to use his influence to have same repaired as soon as possible.

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**13 Oct 1926 Wed** Income: Scottish Dance £3 10s

**14 Oct 1926 Thu** Income: Cards £3 6s

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**16 Oct 1926 Sat** Income: Dance £3 7s 6d

Payments: River Board 17s 8d; Power Board £3 12s 10d

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**19 Oct 1926 Tue** Payments: Hutt County Council £9 2s 2d; Ford £5 8s 9d

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**20 Oct 1926 Wed** Bank deposit £21 14s 6d  
Payment: McArthur £2 10s 6d

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**21 Oct 1926 Thu** Income: Cards £2 17s  
Payment: Grantham £3 5s

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**23 Oct 1926 Sat** Income: Dance – no returns  
**28 Oct 1926 Thu** Income: Cards £3 15s

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**30 Oct 1926 Sat** Income: Dance £3 3s  
Payment: Court Epuni Foresters Lodge £7 17s 6d

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**02 Nov 1926 Tue** Bank deposit £16 8s 6d  
Payment: Alsop £9 6s 10d

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**04 Nov 1926 Thu** Income: Cards £2 18s 6d  
**06 Nov 1926 Sat** Income: Dance £17 7s 3d

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**08 Nov 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Butler, McArthur, Gorrie, Hutchison, Alsop and Pemberton  
Accounts to the amount of £15 16s 9d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Foley and Alsop were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Alsop/McArthur That the weekly Saturday night dance be discontinued and dances to be held on 20 Nov and 04 Dec. Orchestra to be engaged for each and the 20 Nov dance to take the form of a paper hat and balloon dance.

McArthur/Alsop That the charge for Hall other than Saturday nights until 12pm with use of conveniences be £3 5s.  
Goodman/Bartosh That card parties be carried on for another month closing down on 09 Dec 1926.

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**08 Nov 1926 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £9 1s 6d; Sale of chocolate £1 9s 6d  
Bank deposit £20 5s 9d

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**11 Nov 1926 Thu** Payment: Cheque book 4s  
Income: Cards £3 3s

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**16 Nov 1926 Tue** Payments: Ford £4 1s 8d; Hutt Valley Power Board £3 7s 4d

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<b>18 Nov 1926 Thu</b>	Payment: Grantham £4 Income: Cards £3 13s 6d
<b>20 Nov 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £9 17s 6d
<b>24 Nov 1926 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £27 5s Payments: Alsop £7 18s; Alsop £9 10s
<b>25 Nov 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £4 4s
<b>26 Nov 1926 Fri</b>	Payment: Standard Insurance £2 16s 3d
<b>02 Dec 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 12s
<b>04 Dec 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £7 5s
<b>09 Dec 1926 Thu</b>	Income: Cards £3 13s 6d
<b>11 Dec 1926 Sat</b>	Payment: Alsop £9 12s Bank deposit £18 14s 6d

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### **13 Dec 1926 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Butler, Peck, McArthur, Hutchison, Bertelsen, Foley, Alsop and Pemberton  
Accounts to the amount of £14 1s 10d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Gorrie and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Peck            That the school children be granted the use of the hall on Thursday morning 16 Dec for concert rehearsal.

Foley/Alsop              That this committee prosecute Mr Burgoine for using obscene language outside the hall on Saturday evening 04 Dec 1926.

Bertelsen/Butler        Moved as an amendment that the matter of Mr Burgoine's language be handed over to police to prosecute subject to committee men being prepared to give evidence. The amendment was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The information to be laid was as follows: That this Mr Burgoine used obscene language outside the Taita Hall on the night of Saturday 04 Dec 1926 between the hours of 10.30pm to 11.30pm. The following committee men prepared to give evidence – Messrs Gorrie, Foley, Hutchison, Hewer and Pemberton.

Hutchison/Bartosh      That dances be held on Saturday 01 Jan, 22 Jan and 27 Jan 1927.

Bartosh/Butler         That a children's fancy dress and married couples old time dance be held on 15 Jan 1927 prizes to be given to the amount of £1

Mr Peck presented a formal picture of the noble deed of Bugler Allen representing the Boulcott farm raid 16 May 1846.

Alsop/Hewer            That a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Peck for same.

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<b>18 Dec 1926 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £6 18s 6d
<b>22 Dec 1926 Wed</b>	Payment: Ford £4 9s 6d
<b>23 Dec 1926 Thu</b>	Payment: Grantham £2 10s
<b>24 Dec 1926 Sat</b>	Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 8s 7d
<b>29 Dec 1926 Wed</b>	Payment: Com. Printing Co. £1 1s
<b>01 Jan 1927 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £4 8s
<b>06 Jan 1927 Thu</b>	Payment: Feist £2 14s 9d

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<b>08 Jan 1927 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £11 6s 6d Payments: Alsop £9 0s 3d; McArthur 18s
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### **10 Jan 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Goodman, Butler, Peck, Bertelsen, Hutchison, Gorrie, McArthur, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £24 17s 8d were passed for payment.  
Messrs McArthur and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Bertelsen/Goodman      That the Taita School be granted the use of the hall supper room on 04 Feb for the purpose of cutting sandwiches, also the use of hall crockery and tables for the school picnic on Saturday 05 Feb.

Alsop/Hutchison      That the sum of £1 be donated to School Committee in aid of the children's Xmas prizes.

Goodman/Bartosh      That weekly card parties be started on Tuesday 01 Feb 1927, aggregated prizes be given each eight weeks, price for admission and prizes to be on the same lines as last year.

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<b>10 Jan 1927 Mon</b>	Income: School concert £1 17s 6d; Sale of drinks £6 13s 6d; Sale of chocolate £1 6s 6d
<b>15 Jan 1927 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £10 14s
<b>18 Jan 1927 Tue</b>	Payment: Ford £1 11s 10d
<b>20 Jan 1927 Thu</b>	Payment: Thomson Lewis £4 10s; Grantham £3
<b>22 Jan 1927 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £5 2s 6d
<b>24 Jan 1927 Mon</b>	Payment: Court Epuni Lodge £7 17s 6d
<b>26 Jan 1927 Wed</b>	Payment: Hutt Valley Power Board £2 6s 4d
<b>01 Feb 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 3s 6d
<b>03 Feb 1927 Thu</b>	Payment: Van Stareren Bros £5 12s
<b>08 Feb 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 1s 6d

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**12 Feb 1927 Sat**      Bank deposit £30 19s  
Payment: Cheque book 4s; Alsop £9 10s 4d

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**14 Feb 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Goodman, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, Bertelsen, McArthur, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £15 0s 7d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Hutchison and Foley were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Alsop/Peck              That a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Bartosh for cutting fence and cleaning up footpath round the hall.

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**14 Feb 1927 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £2 3s 6d; Sale of chocolate 6s 6d  
**15 Feb 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £3  
**18 Feb 1927 Fri**      Payments: Cash Cards £3; Taita School Committee £1; Grantham £2 17s  
**19 Feb 1927 Sat**      Income: General Motors £3 10s  
**21 Feb 1927 Mon**      Income: Mrs Cross dance £2 15s  
**22 Feb 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £3; Methodist Church £1 10s  
**23 Feb 1927 Wed**      Payment: Ford £3 12s  
**01 Mar 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 15s 6d  
**02 Mar 1927 Wed**      Payment: Hutt Valley Power Board £2 3s 7d  
**08 Mar 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s  
**09 Mar 1927 Wed**      Payment: Thomson Lewis £2 8s

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**12 Mar 1927 Sat**      Bank deposit £27 5s  
Payment: Alsop £9 16s 2d

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**14 Mar 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Peck, Bartosh, Butler, Hutchinson, Bertelsen, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

A letter was received from Mr Goodman applying for leave of absence from the Hall Committee on account of sickness.

Accounts to the amount of £2 8s were passed for payment.

Messrs Hewer and Alsop were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr McArthur to attend repairs of windows etc.

Hewer/Bartosh            That application be granted and Secretary write Mr Goodman expressing the committee's regret in his illness and sincere wishes for his speedy recovery.

Bartosh/Peck            That the matter of prizes for card parties be left to discretion of Messrs Hewer and Alsop to procure sufficient for ten weeks.

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**14 Mar 1927 Mon**        Income: Sale of drinks £5 10s; Sale of chocolate 10s

**15 Mar 1927 Tue**        Income: Cards £3 6s

**16 Mar 1927 Wed**        Income: Mr Williams £3 10s

**22 Mar 1927 Tue**        Income: Cards £2 17s

**23 Mar 1927 Wed**        Payment: Bank charge 5s

**29 Mar 1927 Tue**        Income: Cards £3 1s 6d

**30 Mar 1927 Wed**        Payment: Ford £2 8s

**05 Apr 1927 Tue**        Income: Cards £3 18s

**08 Apr 1927 Fri**        Bank deposit £22 12s 6d

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**11 Apr 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Peck, Bartosh, Butler, McArthur, Alsop, Hutchison, Bertelsen and Pemberton (Secretary)

Messrs Bertelsen and Bartosh were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Bartosh        That accounts to the amount of £33 0s 1d including the total amount owing to the Electric Power Board for installation of Electric light be passed for payment.

Hewer/Hutchison        That a fortnightly dance be started on Wednesday 04 May 1927 dancing 8pm to 12pm, admission Ladies 1s 6d, Gents 2s, Orchestra to be engaged for same.

Hutchison/McArthur      That Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to pay all accounts due to 30 Apr 1927 to enable the Societies Books to be closed for the annual audit.

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<b>11 Apr 1927 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £3 6s; Sale of chocolate 4s
<b>12 Apr 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 9s; Donation Mr Horn aggregate prizes £2 2s
<b>13 Apr 1927 Wed</b>	Income: Mrs Williams £3 10s

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<b>14 Apr 1927 Thu</b>	Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £4 12s 7d Bank deposit £9 1s
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<b>18 Apr 1927 Mon</b>	Income: Football Club £2 15s
<b>19 Apr 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 19s 6d
<b>20 Apr 1927 Wed</b>	Payment: Thompson Lewis £3 15s; Mouat Bros £14 2s 3d; McArthur 16s 3d
<b>21 Apr 1927 Thu</b>	Payment: Court Epuni £7 17s 6d
<b>22 Apr 1927 Fri</b>	Payment: Ford £1 16s 6d
<b>26 Apr 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £4 1s; Sale of goods 10s 6d
<b>29 Apr 1927 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £14 16s
<b>02 May 1927 Mon</b>	Payment: Imprest account £10
<b>03 May 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Rent of room 8s; Cards £3 6s 6d
<b>04 May 1927 Wed</b>	Income: H. P. Board Rent £1 1s; Dance £3 19s

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**09 May 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, McArthur, Foley, Hutchison, Bertelsen, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £5 13s 9d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Gorrie and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
An apology was received from Mr Goodman and accepted.

Foley/Hutchison      That the annual general meeting be held on Wednesday 08 June 1927, the same be advertised in the Evening Post on two occasions, 200 \_ to be printed for distribution in the Evening Post on Monday 06 June and at the conclusion of the Business the Evening to take the form of an old-time dance and cards if requested. Ladies to be invited to provide a basket.

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**09 May 1927 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £4 17s; sale of chocolates 3s  
Payment: J. W. Ford £2 12s 8d (John William Ford, store and postmaster)  
Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 5s 3d; Petty cash 15s 10d

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**10 May 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 13s 6d  
**13 May 1927 Fri**      Bank deposit: £17 8s  
**17 May 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £4 7s  
**18 May 1927 Wed**      Income: Dance £4 7s  
**24 May 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £4 2s 6d  
**26 May 1927 Thu**      Income: Caledonians Rent £3 10s  
**30 May 1927 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 17s 10d  
**31 May 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 4s 6d  
**06 Jun 1927 Mon**      Bank deposit: £19 11s

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**07 Jun 1927 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Butler, Gorrie, Peck, Hutcheson, Foley, Bertelsen, Alsop & Pemberton (Secretary)\  
Accounts to the amount of £9 5s 6d were passed for payment.  
The annual report and balance sheet was read, discussed and approved.

Hewer/McArthur      That Mr Bertelsen's action re engaging pianist for annual meeting be adopted.

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**07 Jun 1927 Tue**      Income: Football Club £2 15s; Sale of drinks £5 4s; Sale of chocolates 6s  
Payment: J. W. Ford £3 9s; A. Burgess £2 2s (Alfred Burgess); G. Grantham £2 5s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 8s 6d

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**08 Jun 1927 Wed – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

Mr Hewer presiding. About 50 residents were present.

Kitchener/Ferretti      That the Annual Report and Balance sheet be received.  
Hewer/Ferretti          After a short discussion – that the Balance sheet as presented be adopted.

Nominations for new committee were then called for – there being fifteen nominations and only twelve required two scrutineers were elected and Ballot papers were distributed to all entitled to vote. Messrs F. Cooper and W. Hollis kindly acted as scrutineers. The Ballot was then taken and the following gentlemen were duly elected committee men for the years 1927-28.

F. S. Hewer, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop, S. Peck, D. McArthur, J. Butler, E. Sanders, F. Bartosh, F. Kitchener, F. Bertelsen, F. Ferretti and V. Pemberton. Mr A. Burgess was again elected auditor.

This concluded the business of the evening. The Hall was then cleared and a very enjoyable old-time dance was held – the Ladies generously providing refreshments.

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**08 Jun 1927 Wed – Taita Hall – Special Meeting**

The following officers were elected for the year 1927-28.

Chairman F. S. Hewer; Vice-Chairman W. Hutchison; Treasurer C. E. Alsop; Barman F. Bartosh; Secretary V. Pemberton

The monthly meeting was fixed for the second Monday in each month.

Messrs Peck and McArthur were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Bartosh/Ferretti      That weekly card parties be continued on same rules as previous. Messrs Hewer and Alsop again kindly consented to procure prizes for same.

Alsop/Kitchener      That an advertisement be inserted in the Evening Post weekly for one month advertising the hall to let of dances etc.  
Kitchener/Bartosh    That this meeting be adjourned until Monday 13 June 1927.

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**09 Jun 1927 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £9 19s 3d

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**13 Jun 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Adjourned Special Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, McArthur, Peck, Bertelsen, Butler, Sanders, Ferretti, Kitchener, Alsop & Pemberton (Secretary)

The matter of holding regular dances was again brought up and after considerable discussion  
Bertelsen/Ferretti That the matter be held over until the July meeting.

Peck/Kitchener That a cord of wood and a dozen electric light lamps be procured.

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**14 Jun 1927 Tue** Income: Rent of supper room £1; Methodist Church rent 10s; Cards £3 18s  
**21 Jun 1927 Tue** Income: Cards £3 10s 6d; Hutt Gala Committee 10s  
**24 Jun 1927 Fri** Bank deposit £21 17s 6d  
**28 Jun 1927 Tue** Income: Hutt Farmers rent £2 15s; Tuning piano 6s 3d; Rent 5s; Cards £3 1s 6d  
**05 Jul 1927 Tue** Income: Cards £2 15s 6d  
**08 Jul 1927 Fri** Bank deposit £9 3s 3d

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**11 Jul 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, Bertelsen, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Mr Hutchison (Vice Chairman) was in the chair.

Accounts to the amount of £27 9s 5d were passed for payment.

Messrs Kitchener and Ferretti were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Peck/Ferretti That a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs Strand for the donation of two prizes for card parties.

Bartosh/Bertelsen That (after considerable discussion) a plain and fancy dress dance be held on Saturday 30 July 1927 subject to suitable transport being arranged, orchestra to be engaged and posters to be procured for same. Prizes to the value of £1 to be given, admission to dance 2s 6d gents and 2s ladies. The question of holding a series of dances to be decided on the night of dance.

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**11 Jul 1927 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £5 6s; sale of chocolates 4s  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £7 17s 6d; Thomas Lewis £4 6s 3d; O. Feisst £2 3s 10d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 3s 3d  
J. W. Ford £2 5s 11d; Alliance Insurance Co. £9 9s; Mouat Bros £9 12s 9d

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**12 Jul 1927 Tue** Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**14 Jul 1927 Thu** Payment: Cheque book 4s  
**19 Jul 1927 Tue** Income: Cards £2 15s 6d  
**26 Jul 1927 Tue** Income: Cards £2 17s

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**30 Jul 1927 Sat**      Income: Dance £9 7s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 6s 6d

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**02 Aug 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 12s 6d  
**05 Aug 1927 Fri**      Bank deposit £25 8s 6d

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**08 Aug 1927 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £2 9s; sale of chocolate 1s  
Payments: G. E. Grantham £1 10s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 17s 6d; J. W. Ford £3; J. Silva £4

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**09 Aug 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**11 Aug 1927 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £9 10s 3d

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**13 Aug 1927 Sat – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting (sic)**

Present: Hewer, McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Kitchener, Ferretti, Bertelsen, Hutchison, Sanders, Alsop and Pemberton  
Accounts to the amount of £9 7s 6d were passed for payment.

Messrs Hutchison and Sanders were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Ferretti/Bertelsen      That as many as possible of the Committee come along on Wednesday 10 August to scrub the hall.  
Bartosh/Peck            That a series of fortnightly dances be run starting on Saturday 13 August 1927.

It was decided to ask Mr Feisst to bring up a wireless outfit on Saturday 27 August.

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**13 Aug 1927 Sat**      Income: Dance £6 7s 6d  
**16 Aug 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s  
**23 Aug 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 9s 6d  
**27 Aug 1927 Sat**      Income: Dance £4 12s 6d  
**30 Aug 1927 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**06 Sep 1927 Tue**      Income: Methodist Church 10s; Cards £2 2s  
**07 Sep 1927 Wed**      Bank deposit £25 6s 6d

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**12 Sep 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Kitchener, Hutchison, Bertelsen, Sanders, Ferretti, McArthur and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £8 7s were passed for payment.  
Messrs Bertelsen and Butler were elected as caretakers for the ensuing month.

A letter was received from the Hutt Branch of Legion of Frontiersmen engaging the Hall for Wednesday 14 September, also asking for a reduction of rent and permission to sell soft drinks.

Hutchison/Bartosh	That the Secretary informs this Company that all though the Committee is in sympathy with the cause we cannot see our way to reduce the existing charges nor grant permission to sell soft drinks etc.
Bertelsen/Sanders McArthur/Kitchener Bartosh/Ferretti	That on and after Tuesday 20 September 1927 no second prize be given for card parties, until such time as attendance warrants it. That Messrs Peck and Sanders take over the management of card parties. That the Committee dances be discontinued until Saturday 05 November 1927.
Bertelsen/Ferretti	That £50 be paid off the Hall mortgage on 08 October 1927 and an application be made to the Foresters Lodge for a renewal of £400 for a further term of five years.

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<b>12 Sep 1927 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £2 9s; sale of chocolate 1s Payments: J. W. Ford £4 7s; G. Grantham £2 15s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 5s 6d
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<b>13 Sep 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 5s
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<b>20 Sep 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 9s 6d Payment: Imprest Account £9 19s 6d
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<b>22 Sep 1927 Thu</b>	Payment: Bank fee 5s
<b>27 Sep 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 15s 6d; Frontiersmen rent £3 10s; Football Club £1 17s 6d
<b>04 Oct 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 15s; Supper room rent 10s
<b>07 Oct 1927 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £18 12s 6d

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**10 Oct 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Bertelsen, Sanders, Hutchinson, Alsop, Kitchener and Pemberton (Secretary)  
An apology was received and accepted from Mr McArthur.  
Accounts to the amount of £2 13s 5d were passed for payment.  
Messrs McArthur and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

A letter was received from the Foresters Lodge granting an extension of £400 mortgage on hall for a further term of five years.

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| Alsop/Pemberton      | That the motion carried on 12 September 1927 re payment of £50 of hall mortgage be rescinded – the mover and seconder being the only ones to vote in favour the motion was declared lost.  |
| Hutchinson/Bartosh   | That a children's plain and fancy dress and adult old-time dance be held on Saturday 19 November 1927, prizes to be given for the Best Fancy Dress of Boys and Girls seven years and under and 8-14 years. Miss K. Bartosh to be asked if she would bring some of her pupils to give an exhibition of Fancy Dancing. |
| Bertelsen/Hutchinson | That a dance be held on Saturday 05 November 1927 the same to take the form of a Guy Fawke's Face Dance, prizes to the value of £1 be given for the most Humorous faces.   |

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<b>10 Oct 1927 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £2 Payments: Foresters Lodge £57 17s 6d; J. W. Ford £1 15s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 18s 3d
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<b>11 Oct 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 17s
<b>18 Oct 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 9s 6d
<b>19 Oct 1927 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 12s 6d
<b>25 Oct 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 15s and £1 16s
<b>01 Nov 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 11s
<b>05 Nov 1927 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £12 11s
<b>07 Nov 1927 Mon</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 6d
<b>08 Nov 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 18s 6d
<b>11 Nov 1927 Fri</b>	Bank deposit: £29 18s

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**14 Nov 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, Kitchener, Bartosh, Sanders, Bertelsen, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £9 16s 10d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Kitchener and Ferretti were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

It was decided to run a six week season of card parties finishing up on 13 December 1927.

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<b>14 Nov 1927 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £4 10s Payments: J. W. Ford £5 3s; Standard Insurance £1 11s 6d; Hutt River Board £1 3s 7d; E. F. Jones £1
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<b>15 Nov 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 9s 6d
<b>17 Nov 1927 Thu</b>	Payment: Cheque book 4s
<b>19 Nov 1927 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £12 5s
<b>22 Nov 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 8s
<b>23 Nov 1927 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest account £8 12s 5d
<b>29 Nov 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 17s 6d
<b>03 Dec 1927 Sat</b>	Income: Whole _ Orc £3 10s
<b>06 Dec 1927 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 19s
<b>09 Dec 1927 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £28 19s

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**12 Dec 1927 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Sanders, Bertelsen, Ferretti, Kitchener, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £17 4s 5d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Hutchison and Sanders were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

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<b>12 Dec 1927</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £3 10s Payments: Hutt County Council £12 18s 9d; G. E. Grantham £2; M. Rimmer £1 15s 8d; Hutt Power Board 10s
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<b>13 Dec 1927</b>	Income: Cards £2 7s
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<b>06 Jan 1928</b>	Bank deposit: £5 17s
<b>08 Jan 1928</b>	Payment: Foresters Lodge £7



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**09 Jan 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Kitchener, Butler, Sanders, Hutchison, Ferretti, Bertelsen, Alsop and Pemberton.  
Accounts to the amount of £12 1s 3d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Bertelsen and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Ferretti      That a dance be held on 23 January 1928 and an orchestra from Wellington be engaged for same. After some considerable discussion this motion was put to the meeting and lost.

Kitchener/Pemberton    That a dance be held on 23 January 1928 on the usual lines, Virginian Orchestra and Bus to be engaged.  
Sanders/Bartosh        That a program of dances be drawn up by the M.C. for the Orchestra.  
Sanders/Bartosh        That dance be advertised in the Hutt News and 25 posters be procured.  
Alsop/Hutchison        That the sum of £1 be donated to the Taita School children's prize fund.  
Bertelsen/Hutchison    That the Taita School Committee be granted the use of the supper room on Friday 10 February 1928 for the purpose of cutting sandwiches for the School picnic, also the use of crockery etc for same.

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**09 Jan 1928 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £3; Taita School Committee £1 17s 6d  
Payments: Thomson Lewis £3 11s 3d; Taita School Committee £1; Hutt Power Board 10s

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**23 Jan 1928 Mon**      Income: Dance £13 15s 6d  
**10 Feb 1928 Fri**      Bank deposit £18 13s

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**13 Feb 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, Hutchison, Bertelsen, Sanders, Ferretti, Bartosh, Alsop, Kitchener and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £2 9s were passed for payment.  
Messrs McArthur and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Bertelsen That a Leap Year masked dance be held on 29 February, same to be advertised on the pictures, 25 posters to be procured and Bus engaged.

Kitchener/Peck That the Virginia Orchestra be engaged for Leap Year dance.

Bartosh/Ferretti That card parties be started on Tuesday 13 March 1928 Ladies & Gents. First and Booby prize be given to the value of about £1 1s aggregate prize each eight weeks, prizes and supper as last year.

Messrs Bartosh and Peck volunteered to take charge of card parties for the first session.

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**13 Feb 1928 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £3 10s  
Payments: Imprest account £9 6s 11d; G. Grantham £1; M. Rimmer 19s; Hutt Valley Power Board 10s

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**29 Feb 1928 Wed** Income: Dance £15 18s

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**05 Mar 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, McArthur, Peck, Butler, Bertelsen, Sanders, Kitchener, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £1 10s were passed for payment.  
Messrs Kitchener and Ferretti were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Peck/McArthur That a Special Bus be engaged for Committee dances, fares to be Ladies free and Gent 1s

Owing to the April meeting falling on Easter Monday it was decided to hold same on the first Monday in April.

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**05 Mar 1928 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £3  
**06 Mar 1928 Tue** Bank deposit £19 8s  
**10 Mar 1928 Sat** Income: Black & White cabs £3 10s

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**13 Mar 1928 Tue** Income: Cards £3 4s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 5s 6d

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<b>14 Mar 1928 Wed</b>	Income: Dance £8 0s 6d
<b>20 Mar 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 6s 6d
<b>21 Mar 1928 Wed</b>	Payments: Imprest account £9 6s 2d; Bank fee 5s
<b>27 Mar 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 3s
<b>31 Mar 1928 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £23 4d

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**02 Apr 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Kitchener, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Hutchison, Sanders, Ferretti, McArthur, Alsop & Pemberton (Secretary)  
 Accounts to the amount of £13 4s 7d were passed for payment.  
 Messrs Hutchison and Sanders were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

A letter was received from the Australasian Performing Right Association notifying us that it was necessary for the committee to pay the Association a fee for the right to use Copyright Music.

Hutchison/McArthur	(After a short discussion) That letter be received and no action taken. Carried unanimously.
Bartosh/Peck	That a Committee dance be held on Saturday 21 April, same to run on the same lines as last dance.
Ferretti/Kitchener	That the Committee Books be closed on April 30 for annual audit.

Hutchison/McArthur	That this Committee place on record our heartiest congratulations to Mr Hewer on his success in securing a seat on the Hutt River Board, as representative for this district. (Carried unanimously).
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<b>02 Apr 1928 Mon</b>	Payments: G. E. Grantham £1; Foresters Lodge £7; Thomson Lewis 18s 9d; J. Anderson £2 12s 4d
<b>03 Apr 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Hutt County Rent £1 1s; Sale of drinks £3 10s; Cards £2 5s
<b>08 Apr 1928 Sun</b>	Payment: Cheque book 4s
<b>10 Apr 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Mid Church £2; Cards £2 9s 6d
<b>17 Apr 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 8s
<b>21 Apr 1928 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £10 18s 6d
<b>24 Apr 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 4s 6d
<b>26 Apr 1928 Thu</b>	Bank deposit £27 16s 6d
<b>01 May 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 17s
<b>02 May 1928 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest Account £10
<b>05 May 1928 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £10 2s; Football Club rent £2 15s

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**07 May 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Sanders, Peck, Butler, Kitchener, Hutchison, Bertelsen, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £9 15s 9d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Bertelsen and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

A letter was received from the Australasian Performing Right Association drawing our attention to the fact that we had not replied to their previous correspondence.

Hutchison/McArthur That letter be received.

It was decided to hold a committee meeting dance on 19 May on the usual lines.

Hewer/Ferretti That the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday June 11 at 8pm, the same to be advertised in the Hutt News and at the conclusion of the Business a dance to be held, the Committee to provide light refreshments.

Pemberton/Ferretti That a vote of thanks to Messrs Peck and Bartosh for the manner in which they had carried out their duties in connection with the card parties.

Butler/Bertelsen That Messrs Hewer and Alsop take charge of card parties for the next session.

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**07 May 1928 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £5 15s  
Payments: Refreshments £3; Soft drinks £2 5s; J. Anderson £3 11s 5d

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**08 May 1928 Tue** Income: Cards £3 7s 6d  
Payments: Cheque book 4s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 13s 6d (dated 05 Mar 1928 held from last year)  
Bank deposit £21 9s

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**15 May 1928 Tue** Income: Cards £2 18s; Ratepayers 5s; Taita School Committee £1 17s 6d  
**19 May 1928 Sat** Income: Dance £8 16s 3d  
**21 May 1928 Mon** Payment: Imprest Account £9 13s 6d  
**22 May 1928 Tue** Income: Cards £3 17s

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**29 May 1928 Tue** Income: Cards £3 9s  
Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 19s

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**05 Jun 1928 Tue** Income: Stoke Valley Concert £2 5s; Cards £2 15s 6d

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**10 Jun 1928 Sun – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Ferretti, Hutchison, Alsop, Kitchener and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £8 6s 7d were passed for payment.

A further letter was received from the Australasian Performing Right Association informing us we had not yet replied to their previous correspondence.

Hutchison/Ferretti      That letter be received.

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**11 Jun 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

F. S. Hewer presiding.

Hollis/Hutchison        That the committee report as read be adopted – Carried.

Hewer/McArthur        That the Balance Sheet (after being read and after a short discussion) as presented be adopted – Carried.

The question of increasing the number of committee men was then raised, the Chairman explaining why it was necessary for extra members.

Hutchison/McArthur    That the Committee be increased by four making a Committee of sixteen members – Carried unanimously.

Mr Hollis moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing committee, this was carried in the usual manner. Mr Hewer suitably replied.

The Chairman then called for nominations for the new committee there being eighteen nominations and only sixteen required; two scrutineers were elected and Ballot papers distributed to all entitled to vote.

Mrs C. Alsop and Mrs P. Walters kindly acted as scrutineers.

The Ballot was then taken and proved in favour of the following:

F. S. Hewer	F. Kitchener
W. Hutchison	G. Braddock
J. Butler	F. Ferretti
C. Alsop	P. Walters
F. Bartosh	F. Bertelsen
D. McArthur	E. Sanders
W. Hollis	E. Hewer
S. Peck	V. Pemberton

Auditor Mr A. Burgess.

There being no further business the Hall was cleared and a short dance held, light refreshments being provided by the Committee.

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**11 Jun 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year

F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. E. Alsop (Treasurer), F. Bartosh (Barman), V. Pemberton (Secretary)

The monthly meetings were fixed for the second Monday in each month at 8pm.  
Messrs Ferretti and Hollis were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

It was decided to continue the fortnightly dances, same to be run on same lines as previous dances.

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**11 Jun 1928 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £5 13s 3d  
Bank deposit £29 10s 9d  
Payments: J. Anderson £4 14s 1d; G. E. Grantham £1 10s; A. Burgess £2 2s 6d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 6s 10d

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**12 Jun 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 19s  
**15 Jun 1928 Fri**      Payment: Imprest Account £9 0s 10d  
**16 Jun 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £8 1s  
**19 Jun 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 7s 6d

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**26 Jun 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 15s 3d  
Payment: F. S. Hewer £4 6s

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**28 Jun 1928 Thu**      Payment: Thomson Bros £5 18s  
**30 Jun 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £10 14s 3d  
**03 Jul 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £4 19s; Football Club £2 15s  
**05 Jul 1928 Thu**      Bank deposit £42 4s 3d  
**08 Jul 1928 Sun**      Payments: Alliance Assurance £9 9s; Foresters Lodge £7; Thomson Lewis £2 5s; J. Anderson £3 3s 7d

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**09 Jul 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Hollis, Butler, McArthur, E. Hewer, Braddock, Hutchison, Sanders, Ferretti, Walters, Alsop & Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £30 16s 5d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Peck and Walters were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

A further letter was received from the Australasian Performing Right Association re right to use Copyright Music

Hutchison/Hollis      That (after a short discussion) that the letter be received.  
Hollis/Kitchener      That all card players be requested to write their names on tally cards before commencing to play, otherwise no clip be given.

Bartosh/Kitchener That the hall be redecorated, Messrs Braddock & Hutchison to endeavour to procure suitable material for same.

Mr Braddock was appointed to work in conjunction with Mr Peck as M.C. and Messrs Hutchison and Sanders as extra door keepers.

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<b>09 Jul 1928 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £2 5s
<b>10 Jul 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £4 7s
<b>14 Jul 1928 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £11 13s 6d
<b>16 Jul 1928 Mon</b>	Payment: Imprest Account £9 14s
<b>17 Jul 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 18s
<b>24 Jul 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £4 1s
<b>28 Jul 1928 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £8 7s 6d
<b>31 Jul 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 6s
<b>06 Aug 1928 Mon</b>	Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 0s 10d
<b>07 Aug 1928 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 8s
<b>08 Aug 1928 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest Account £9 16s 10d
<b>09 Aug 1928 Thu</b>	Bank deposit £40 6s
<b>11 Aug 1928 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £5 15s 9d; Sale of drinks £3 10s; Rent Med Church £3

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### **13 Aug 1928 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Kitchener, McArthur, Bartosh, Hutchison, Sanders, Peck, Braddock, Hollis, E. Hewer, Butler, Bertelsen, Ferretti, Walters, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary).

Accounts to the amount of £30 10s 11d were passed for payment.

Messrs Hutchison and Braddock were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Before commencing the business of the evening Mr Hewer moved a vote of sympathy to Mr Sanders in his late sad bereavement. This was carried in the usual manner the committee men standing. His mother: **Jane Sanders nee Rosson (1858-1928) widow of Henry Sanders (1857-1924)**

An application was received from the Church Bazaar Committee for the right to sell soft drinks at the coming Bazaar.

Hutchison/Hollis That owing to this being a special effort on behalf of the Church the Committee's rights in the matter be waived.  
Hewer/McArthur That Secretary write Mr Jones thanking him for his donation to the Hall funds.

Bertelsen/McArthur That the dance on September 8 take the form of a paper hat and balloon dance, the Committee to supply Hats and Balloons free about £2 to be expended on same.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Grantham to deliver Cakes for our dances and in the event of a refusal Mr Taylor to be approached.

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**13 Aug 1928 Mon**      Payments: J. Anderson £4 11s 5d; E. F. Jones £3; Hutt County Council £12 11s 10d; G. E. Grantham £6  
**14 Aug 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**16 Aug 1928 Thu**      Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**21 Aug 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 9s 6d  
Payment: Thomson Bros £2 14s 9d

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**25 Aug 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £4 6s  
**27 Aug 1928 Mon**      Payment: Imprest Account £9 12s  
**28 Aug 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 16s 6d

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**04 Sep 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 0s 6d; Stokes Valley Concert £2 5s  
Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 12s 11d

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**07 Sep 1928 Fri**      Bank deposit £30 9s 9d  
**08 Sep 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £9 4s

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#### **10 Sep 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Kitchener, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, E. Hewer, Braddock, Hutchison, Hollis, Bertelsen, Sanders, Ferretti, McArthur, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £7 5s 1d were passed for payment.

Messrs Kitchener and McArthur were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

A letter was received from Mr R. Styles of Trentham complaining that the Orchestra playing at our Dances was not up to standard.

Bartosh/Ferretti      That correspondence be received.

The matter of changing our Orchestra was then dealt with and after a considerable amount of discussion

Hollis/Braddock      That a advert is inserted in the Evening Post, The Hutt News and the Petone Chronicle asking for quotes for dance orchestra to play at our fortnightly dances reply to be in on or before Saturday 22 September.

Bertelsen/Ferretti      That subject to the Foresters Lodge being favourable £50 be paid off the Hall mortgage next Interest day.

Bartosh/Sanders      That the small room next the Committee room be used for a special cloak room where garments could be left for the sum of 3d per garment, Mr Hollis to take charge of same.

It was decided to hold a special meeting on Monday 24 September at 8pm to receive applications for dance Orchestra.

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**10 Sep 1928 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £4 5s  
Payments: J. Anderson £3 6s 5d; Thomson Lewis £1 10s; W. H. Green £2 8s 10d

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**11 Sep 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 12s 6d  
**18 Sep 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 19s  
**19 Sep 1928 Wed**      Payment: Imprest Account £9 2s; Thomson Bros £4 16s 4d  
**20 Sep 1928 Thu**      Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**22 Sep 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £5

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**24 Sep 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Special Meeting to receive Dance Orchestra applications**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Butler, Peck, E. Hewer, Hollis, Sanders, Bertelsen, Walters and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Apologies were received and accepted from McArthur and Ferretti

Ten applications from various Dance Orchestras were received and after going through each application

Hollis/Bartosh              That the Gaiety Dance Orchestra be engaged for dances to be held in this hall on Saturdays 06 October, 20 October & 3 November

Hollis/Walters              That a spot waltz be included in the dance to be held on Saturday 06 October, the mover and seconder promising to provide the prizes.  
Hewer/Bertelsen              That a vote of thanks to Messrs Hollis & Walters for their donation.

The Secretary was granted the use of the hall piano for Saturday evening 29 September 1928.

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**25 Sep 1928 Tue**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £50  
**02 Oct 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 12s 6d  
**05 Oct 1928 Fri**      Bank deposit £30 2s  
**06 Oct 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £8 9s 6d

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**08 Oct 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Butler, Hollis, E. Hewer, Braddock, Sanders, Bertelsen, Ferretti, Kitchener, Walters and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £19 11s 2d have been passed for payment.

Messrs Bertelsen and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Messrs Braddock and Bartosh volunteered to take charge of Bus on Saturdays 20 October and 03 November.

Messrs Hewer and Sanders promised to provide prizes for spot waltz for 20 October dance and were suitably thanked for same.

Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs Alsop and Hutchison.

A letter was received from Mr L. Gosse apologizing for his misbehaviour at one of our recent dances.

Hewer/Braddock            That owing to the amount of drink that was finding its way to the hall the police be interviewed re same, also a number of notices to be printed prohibiting any persons from bringing liquor into the hall, it was also decided to have notices printed for special cloak room and committee room.

Braddock/Ferretti        That the Railway Department be approached to run a bus service to our fortnightly dances, same to be engaged subject to a guarantee of not more than 30s per night be asked.

Kitchener/Bartosh        That card parties be run for another eight week session finishing up on Tuesday 11 December 1928.

Kitchener/Hewer         That the dance to be held on 03 November that the form of a Guy Fawkes face dance, prizes to be given for the two most Humerous faces, Mr Bertelsen promised to procure prizes for same.

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**08 Oct 1928 Mon**        Income: Rent 10s; Sale of drinks £1 10s; Cloak room 4s  
Payments: D. McArthur £2 7s 3d; Hutt River Board £1 0s 10d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 12s; J. Anderson £3 10s 1d  
G. E. Grantham £3; Foresters Lodge £7; Imprest account £9 19s

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**09 Oct 1928 Tue**        Income: Cards £2 18s 6d

**16 Oct 1928 Tue**        Income: Cards £3 7s 6d

**20 Oct 1928 Sat**        Income: Dance £6 17s 6d

**23 Oct 1928 Tue**        Income: Mr Field rent £2 2s; Cards £2 9s 6d

**24 Oct 1928 Wed**        Payment: Imprest Account £9 18s

**30 Oct 1928 Tue**        Income: Cards £3 2s

**03 Nov 1928 Sat**        Income: Dance £21 16s 6d; Bus Fares £2 5s 9d

**05 Nov 1928 Mon**        Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 1s

**06 Nov 1928 Tue**        Income: Cards £2 17s; Football Club £6 5s; Cheyne Jones £3 (marked with a cross)

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**07 Nov 1928 Wed**      Bank deposit £67 14s 9d  
Payment: Imprest Account £9 6s

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**12 Nov 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Butler, Peck, E. Hewer, Hollis, Hutchison, Braddock, Sanders, Bertelsen, Alsop, Kitchener, Ferretti and Pemberton (Secretary)

Messrs Bartosh and Braddock promised to take charge of Petone Bus.

Messrs Sanders and E. Hewer were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Sanders      That the Railway Department be approached to run a Bus from the Upper Hutt to our Saturday night dances

Hutchison/Braddock      That the Gaiety Orchestra be asked to play for a dance on New Year night in preference to Saturday 29 December. An extra dance to be held on 22 January and the usual Saturday night dance following on 24 January to take the form of a children's Fancy Dress ball.

Hutchison/Ferretti      That January 1 and 22 dances to carry on until 1am.  
Hewer/McArthur      That 20 dozen cups be procured.

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**12 Nov 1928 Mon**      Income: Bus Fares 11s 6d; Cloak room £1 2s 9d; Taita School £1 17s 6d; Sale of drinks £8 10s  
Payments: Thomson Lewis £2 5s; Standard Insurance Company £1 11s 6d; J. Anderson £4 19s 9d; Thomson Bros £3 8s

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**13 Nov 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 17s

**17 Nov 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £15 14s

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**20 Nov 1928 Tue – Taita Hall – Meeting on Card Night**

Bartosh/Pemberton      That owing to the Orchestra asking £4 to play on New Years night the Saturday 29 December dance be held in preference to same.  
Braddock/Walters      That the Gaiety Orchestra be engaged to play on 22 January at a cost of £6.

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**20 Nov 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 17s

**27 Nov 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 14s

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**01 Dec 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £13 3s  
Payment: Imprest Account £9 14s 10d

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**04 Dec 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 17s  
Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 19s 3d

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**07 Dec 1928 Fri**      Bank deposit £52 3s 9d

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**10 Dec 1928 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Butler, E. Hewer, Sanders, Hutchison, Braddock, Ferretti, Hollis, Walters, Bertelsen, Kitchener, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £9 17s 5d were passed for payment.

Messrs Ferretti and Hollis were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Messrs Walters and Hollis volunteered to take charge of Dance Bus.

Hutchison/Braddock      That prizes to the value of about £4 including four dozen boxes of chocolates be given at the children's Fancy Dress dance. The advertising of this dance to be on the similar lines as last year.

Braddock/Hutchison      That the Orchestra be written to informing them that they be permitted to travel on dance Bus free providing some is paying its way. The Secretary to point out that the Committee in granting this privilege in no way commit themselves to provide conveyance.

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**10 Dec 1928 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £5; Bus Fares £2 8s 9d; Cloak room 12s 9d; Rent of room 10s  
Payments: F. S. Hewer £3 6s; J. Anderson £2 11s 5d; G. E. Grantham £4

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**11 Dec 1928 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 11s

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**15 Dec 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £13 13s  
Payments: Imprest Account £9 9s 3d; Cheque book 4s

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**29 Dec 1928 Sat**      Income: Dance £12 1s  
**11 Jan 1929 Fri**      Bank deposit £24 15s 6d

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**12 Jan 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £11 15s 6d  
Payment: Imprest Account £9 18s 4d

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**14 Jan 1929 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, Hollis, Walters, Hutchison, Braddock, Sanders, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £21 5s 6d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Peck and Walters were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
An apology was received and accepted from Mr Bartosh.

Hewer/Peck                That £1 1s be donated to the Taita School Committee in aid of the children's prize fund.

Permission was granted the Taita School Committee the use of hall crockery etc for use at their annual picnic.

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<b>14 Jan 1929 Mon</b>	Income: School Committee £1 17s 6d; Hutt Valley Producers £1; Rent for A. Burgess £2 7s; Sale of drinks £8; Cloak room 15s 6d; Bus Fares £3 Payments: Foresters Lodge £6 2s 6d; Thomson Lewis £2 5s; Bus Hire £4 19s; Taita School Committee £1 1s; Thomson Bros £6 18s
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<b>16 Jan 1929 Wed</b>	Income: Hutt Valley Producers 10s
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<b>22 Jan 1929 Tue</b>	Income: Dance £8 10s 6d Payment: Imprest Account £9 6s 6d
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<b>26 Jan 1929 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £8 2s 6d
<b>28 Jan 1929 Mon</b>	Payment: Imprest Account £9 3s
<b>30 Jan 1929 Wed</b>	Income: Church of England rent £1 17s 6d
<b>07 Feb 1929 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £57 19s 6d
<b>09 Feb 1929 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £8 4s 6d

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**11 Feb 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, McArthur, Butler, Hollis, Peck, Kitchener, Hutchison, Bertelsen, Braddock, Ferretti, Walters, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £17 4s 11d were passed for payment.

Messrs Hutchison and Braddock were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hewer/Kitchener	That Mr Hutchison's action in procuring extra decoration for stage be endorsed.
Ferretti/Kitchener	That card parties be commenced Tuesday 5 March aggregate prizes to be given each eight weeks.
Hollis/Alsop	That a first and second prize be given, the cost of same to be left to the discretion of purchaser. Booby prize to be cut out.
Hutchison/Pemberton	That Messrs Hewer and Alsop take charge of card parties for the first season, also procure prizes for same.

Messrs Bertelsen and Peck promised to present the first aggregate prizes and on behalf of the committee the Chairman suitably thanked Messrs Bertelsen and Peck for the same.

Hewer/Peck	That Mr Grantham's successor be approached re catering for the Committee Dances.
Hewer/Ferretti	That Mr McArthur procure new copper and fit same suitable lid.

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<b>11 Feb 1929 Mon</b>	Income: Bus Fares £2 10s 9d; Sale of drinks £4; Cloak room 10s 3d Payments: F. S. Hewer £6 5s 9d; G. E. Grantham £6 15s; Thomson Lewis £2 5s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 4s 3d E. Jones 15s
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<b>23 Feb 1929 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £9 6s 6d
<b>25 Feb 1929 Mon</b>	Payment: Imprest Account £9 17s 11d
<b>05 Mar 1929 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 3s
<b>06 Mar 1929 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest Account £9 15s 10d

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<b>08 Mar 1929 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £29 12s 6d Payment: Cheque book 4s
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<b>09 Mar 1929 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £11 7s
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**11 Mar 1929 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Butler, Hollis, Peck, Hutchison, Braddock, Kitchener, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £10 2s 4d were passed for payment.  
The Secretary was instructed to interview Mr Martin re unsatisfactory catering.  
Messrs McArthur and Kitchener were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
It was decided to procure a cord of fire wood.

Hutchison/Kitchener That the Foresters Lodge be approached to accept a further £50 off Hall loan.

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<b>11 Mar 1929 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £3; Cloak room 12s 3d; Bus Fares £2 4s 6d Payments: F. S. Hewer £4 11s; Hutt Valley Power Board 10s; D. McArthur 8s; Thomson Lewis £3; J. Martin & Co. £1 13s 4d
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<b>12 Mar 1929 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 7s 6d
<b>19 Mar 1929 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 16s 6d
<b>21 Mar 1929 Fri</b>	Payment: Bank fee 5s

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<b>23 Mar 1929 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £12 12s Payment: Imprest Account £9 15s 2d
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<b>25 Mar 1929 Mon</b>	Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 15s 6d; Foresters Lodge £50
<b>26 Mar 1929 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 14s
<b>02 Apr 1929 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2
<b>05 Apr 1929 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £30 19s

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<b>06 Apr 1929 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £3 16s 6d Bank deposit £7 14s 9d
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**08 Apr 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Kitchener, Hollis, Peck, E. Hewer, Braddock, Hutchison, Sanders, Bertelsen, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £8 16s 10d were passed for payment.

Messrs Bertelsen and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

McArthur/Hutchison      That the kitchen be made vermin proof.

Hutchison/Sanders      That a special Novelty Dance be held on Saturday 20 April, Hats, Balloons and squeekers to be provided free (price for admission as usual)

Hewer/Alsop              That Mr Hutchison be authorized to procure Hats etc to the value of 28s.  
Braddock/Hollis        That Novelty Dance be advertised in the Petone Chronicle and Hutt News.

Kitchener/McArthur    That the Committee Books be closed on 30 April for the annual audit. The Secretary and Treasurer to be authorized to pay any accounts due to that date.

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**08 Apr 1929 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £4 10s; Cloak room 13s 3d; Bus Fares £1 18s 6d  
Payments: Imprest Account £9 8s 9d; Foresters Lodge £6 2s 6d; J. Martin £2; D. McArthur £2 13s 6d; F. S. Hewer £3 6s  
W. Nicholls 17s 4d

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**09 Apr 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 14s 3d

**16 Apr 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 11s

**20 Apr 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £12 8s

**23 Apr 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 11s; Rent of hall £2 2s; Church of England rent £1 17s 6d

**29 Apr 1929 Mon**      Bank deposit £37 2s

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**01 May 1929 Wed**      Income: Cards £2 9s 6d

Payments: Imprest Account £10; Power Board £1 7s 10d; W. Nicholls 19s 6d

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**04 May 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £7 11s 6d

**05 May 1929 Sun**      Bank deposit £45 15s 9d

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**07 May 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s

Payments: E. F. Jones 18s; F. S. Hewer £3 6s; Thomson Bros £6 4s 9d

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**13 May 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Hollis, Butler, E. Hewer, Kitchener, Ferretti, Hutchison, Sanders, Bertelsen and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs Braddock, Peck and Alsop.  
Accounts to the amount of £5 3s 6d were passed for payment.  
Messrs E. Hewer and Sanders were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

FS Hewer/Sanders      That the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday 10 June at 8pm, same to be advertised in the Hutt News.

Hutchison/Bartosh      That the meeting be carried out on similar lines as last year. Ladies to be invited to provide a basket and Mr Wright be asked to provide the music for dance.

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**13 May 1929 Mon**      Income: Cloak room receipts 14s 3d; Sale of drinks £4; Bus Fares £3

**14 May 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s

**18 May 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £8 15s

**20 May 1929 Mon**      Payment: Imprest Account £9 16s 6d

**21 May 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d

**28 May 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s 6d

**01 Jun 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £8 18s

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**04 Jun 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 0s 6d

Payments: Cheque book 4s; Imprest Account £9 12s 8d; Power Board 19s 2d; W. Nicholls 17s 4d

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**05 Jun 1929 Wed**      Bank deposit £45 15s 9d

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**10 Jun 1929 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Hollis, E. Hewer, Braddock, Hutchison, Sanders, Ferretti, Alsop and McArthur.  
Accounts to the amount of £11 9s 10d were passed for payment.  
Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Peck.

Ferretti/Bartosh            That the Secretary's action re writing Messrs Berry and Hibbird in connection with lease of Hall on Wednesday 16 March 1929 be endorsed.

Letters were received from Messrs Berry and Hibbird denying responsibility of account.

Hollis/Alsop                That this matter be left to the discussion of the new Committee.

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**10 Jun 1929 Mon**            Income: Cloak room receipts 11s; Sale of drinks £2 10s; Bus Fares £2 5s  
Payments: A. Burgess £2 2s; E. Grantham £4; F. S. Hewer £4 10s; Secretary Petty Cash 17s 10d

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## 10 Jun 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

Mr F. S. Hewer presiding.

McArthur/E. Bartosh That the Committee's report be adopted (after being read).

F. S. Hewer/F. Westbury That the Balance Sheet as presented be adopted.

Jones/McArthur That a letter be forwarded to Mr Gadsby expressing sympathy in his recent sickness.

Mr Westbury suggested that a canvas of the district be made to raise funds to reduce the Hall loan.

Mr Roots suggested that the New Committee make an extension to run pictures in the Hall

(A. E. Roots, gardener)

Nominations were then called for a New Committee there being only the required number nominated. The following gentlemen were declared elected for the 1929-1930 committee.

F. S. Hewer	F. Westbury
W. Hutchison	H. Mason
S. Peck	L. Braddock
D. McArthur	J. Butler
E. Sanders	F. Ferretti
C. Alsop	I. Wilson
E. Hewer	E. Jones
F. Bartosh	V. Pemberton

(Isaac Wilson, Gardener)

Auditor: Mr A. Burgess

There being no further business the hall was cleared and a very enjoyable old-time dance was held, the Ladies kindly providing the refreshments and Mr Wirght the Music.

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## 10 Jun 1929 – Taita Hall – New Committee

The following officers being elected for the ensuing year:

F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchinson (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary), F. Bartosh (Barman)

E. Sanders (Cloak room attendant), L. Braddock and F. Westbury (M.C.), H. Mason and I. Wilson, assistant Door Keepers

The monthly meeting was fixed for the second Monday in each month at 8pm.

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**11 Jun 1929 Tue** Income: Cards £1 13s

**15 Jun 1929 Sat** Income: Dance £6 13s 6d; Silverstream S. Club £3 10s

**18 Jun 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s  
**25 Jun 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 13s

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**29 Jun 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £1 9s 6d  
                            Payment: Imprest Account £9 10s 9d

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**02 Jul 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s  
**05 Jul 1929 Fri**      Bank deposit £23 11s

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**08 Jul 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Wilson, Butler, Peck, E. Hewer, Sanders, Jones, Braddock, Westbury, McArthur, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £17 6s 3d were passed for payment.

Messrs Braddock and Wilson were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Braddock/Sanders      That the price to Ladies for admission to our fortnightly dances be reduced from 2s to 1s 6d.

Braddock/Alsop        That failing an improvement in attendance to card parties the members of Committee present on aggregate night be empowered to act re discontinuance of same.

Alsop/Westbury        That a strictly old-time dance be held on Wednesday 31 July 1929. Admission Ladies 1s 6d, Gents 2s. Mr Butler to arrange for Pianist and Violinist to play.

Pemberton/Braddock    That invitations be posted to all residents of the Taita district inviting them and their friends to attend old-time dances.

McArthur/Sanders      That Messrs Braddock, Peck, Hutchison and Westbury arrange programme and act as M.C.'s.

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**08 Jul 1929 Mon**      Income: Cloak room receipts 5s 3d; Bus Fares 17s 6d  
                            Payments: J. Silva £4; Power Board £1 5s 4d; W. Nicholls £1 1s 8d; Thomson Lewis £2 16s 3d; Foresters Lodge £5 5s  
                            F. S. Hewer £2 18s

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**09 Jul 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s  
**13 Jul 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance 17s 7d  
**16 Jul 1929 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s  
**30 Jul 1929 Tue**      Payments: Alliance Assurance £9 9s; Power Board 15s  
**31 Jul 1929 Wed**      Income: Dance £15 18s  
**01 Aug 1929 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £9 15s 9d  
**09 Aug 1929 Fri**      Bank deposit £21 7s 4d

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**13 Aug 1929 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Mason, Bartosh, Peck, E. Hewer, Butler, Jones, Hutchison, Braddock, Sanders, Westbury, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs McArthur, Wilson and Ferretti.  
Accounts to the amount of £16 3s 3d were passed for payment.  
Messrs McArthur and Westbury were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Braddock/Bartosh      That an old-time dance be held on or about Wednesday 28 August, invitations to be issued for same and in the event of Mr Pollock being otherwise engaged Mr George to be approached to play.

It was resolved that as many as possible of the committee to meet at the hall on Tuesday 20 August at 7.30pm to address invitations.

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**13 Aug 1929 Tue**      Income: Taita Football Club £5 10s; Church of England £1 17s 6d; Sale of drinks £4; Cloak room receipts 2s 3d  
Payments: Cash £4 14s 3d; Bus Hire – F. S. Hewer £1 5s

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**27 Aug 1929 Tue**      Income: Dance £8 1s 6s; Methodist Church £1 17s 6d  
**06 Sep 1929 Fri**      Bank deposit £21 8s 9d

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**09 Sep 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, E. Hewer, McArthur, Westbury, Sanders, Butler, Hutchison, Braddock, Jones, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £9 19s 6d were passed for payment.

An apology was received and accepted from Mr Wilson.

Messrs Peck and Mason were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Braddock/Bartosh      That an old-time dance be held on Wednesday 2 October same to be run on lines as previous.

Ferretti/Alsop          That card parties be re-opened on Tuesday 17 September, price for admission to be 1s, no refreshments. After considerable discussion the motion was put to the meeting and declared lost.

McArthur/E. Hewer      That a monster card party be held on or about Wednesday 16 October, admission 1s 6d, good prizes and refreshments. This motion was also lost.

Hutchison/Sanders      That a monster joy night dance be held on Saturday 19 October 1929 to commence our usual fortnightly dances – Carried

Braddock/Ferretti      That an advertisement be inserted in the Evening Post applying for Orchestra to play for same fortnightly dances, replies to be in not later than Saturday 21 September 1929. Orchestra not to exceed four players.

It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on Monday 23 September 1929 at 7.30pm to discuss Orchestra replies.

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**09 Sep 1929 Mon**      Income: Cloak room receipts 2s 3d; Sale of drinks £1 5s  
Payments: E. F. Jones £1 10s 6d; McArthur £2 6s 9d; Power Board 17s 3d; E. Grantham £5 5s

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**23 Sep 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Special Meeting to discuss Orchestra replies**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, E. Hewer, Jones, Hutchison, Sanders, Braddock, Ferretti, Bartosh and Pemberton (Secretary)

Thirteen replies were received. After each application had been thoroughly discussed

Braddock/Pemberton That the Regent Dance Orchestra be interviewed with view to engagement.

Messrs Braddock, Hutchison, F. S. Hewer and Pemberton were elected to interview Regent Orchestra on Thursday evening at 7pm and in the event of failing to come to a suitable arrangement the Metropolitan Dance Orchestra and the Variety Dance Orchestra be also interviewed.

Hutchison/McArthur That the Special joy night dance be advertised in the Hutt News, two insertions, 100 posters be procured, and a Bus engaged to run from Petone & Hutt to our Saturday night dances.

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**02 Oct 1929 Wed** Income: Dance £9 8s  
**11 Oct 1929 Fri** Bank deposit £10 15s 3d

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**14 Oct 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Wesbury, Butler, E. Hewer, Braddock, Hutchison, Sanders, Jones, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £24 17s 10d were passed for payment.

An apology was received and accepted from Mr Wilson.

Messrs Butler and Ferretti were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Jones/McArthur That the action of the Chairman and Secretary re advertisement in Petone Chronicle be endorsed.  
Hutchison/Ferretti That an old-time dance be held on Wednesday 20 November 1929, same to be run on lines similar to previous dance.  
Braddock/Alsop That the Regent Orchestra be approached to provide Pianist and Violinist for old-time dance.

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**14 Oct 1929 Mon** Income: Hutt Valley Producers Association £1; Taita Tennis Club 5s; Church of England £1 17s 6d; Sale of Drinks £2 15s  
Cloak room receipts 1s  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £5 5s; F. S. Hewer £1 17s; Cramp & Co. £1 16s; Hutt County Council £11 11s  
Payment: Hutt River Board £1 7s 10d  
Cash £6 2s; Imprest Account £9 11s 1d

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**17 Oct 1929 Thu** Payment: Cheque book 4s



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**19 Oct 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £5 10s 6d; Taita Football Club 15s; Hutt County Council £1 1s  
Payment: Bank fee 5s

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**24 Oct 1929 Thu**      Payment: Standard Insurance £1 11s 6d

**02 Nov 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £5 5s 6d

**08 Nov 1929 Fri**      Bank deposit £18 10s 6d

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**11 Nov 1929 Fr – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, E. Hewer, Jones, Westbury, Sanders, Braddock, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £3 0s 6d were passed for payment.

Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs Hutchison and Wilson.

Messrs E. Hewer and Sanders were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

McArthur/Braddock      That the action of the Secretary in complying with the Bank's request be endorsed.

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**11 Nov 1929 Fri**      Income: Mr Moran rent £2 15s; Sale of drinks £6; Bus Fares £1 6s 6d; Cloak room receipts 11s

Payment: F. S. Hewer £2 9s

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**16 Nov 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £4 4s 7d

Payment: Imprest account £9 10s 9d

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**20 Nov 1929 Wed**      Income: Dance £5 2s

**28 Nov 1929 Thu**      Payment: Thomson Bros £3 15s 9d

**30 Nov 1929 Sat**      Income: Dance £5 6s 6d

**02 Dec 1929 Mon**      Payment: Imprest Account £8 19s 11d

**06 Dec 1929 Fri**      Bank deposit £25 5s 7d

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**09 Dec 1929 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Jones, E. Hewer, Wilson, Sanders, Hutchison, Mason, Westbury, Alsop & Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £14 8s 9d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Hutchison and Jones were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Jones            That a dance be held on \_ night.  
Alsop/Pemberton           That price for admission to all committee dances be Ladies 2s and Gents 2s 6d.

Mason/McArthur            That the present method adopted for the setting out of the supper be dispensed with. Tables and chairs to be installed in Supper room, thus providing facilities for a sit down supper and putting the dances on a par with other dances held in the district. After considerable discussion the motion was put to the meeting and (carried).

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**09 Dec 1929 Mon**            Income: Bus Fares £1 3s; Cloak room receipts 6s; Sale of drinks £2 5s  
Payments: Power Board £1 17s 3d; G. E. Grantham £3 10s; Thomson Lewis £2 5s; F. S. Hewer £2 10s; E. F. Jones £4 2s 6d  
Austin 19s 6d

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**14 Dec 1929 Sat**            Income: Dance £6 4s 6d  
**19 Dec 1929 Thu**            Income: Taita School Committee £1 17s 6d

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**13 Jan 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Butler, E. Hewer, Peck, Sanders, Hutchison, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £9 5s were passed for payment.  
Messrs McArthur and Westbury were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Peck            That the fortnightly dances be started again on Saturday 01 February 1930.  
F. S. Hewer/Sanders        That the Bus Fare for \_ be reduced to 6d.

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**13 Jan 1930 Mon**            Income: Bus Fares 16s; Cloak room receipts 3s 9d; Sale of drinks £3 15s  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £5 5s; F. S. Hewer £2 10s; Power Board 10s; E. Grantham £1

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**22 Jan 1930 Wed**            Income: Dance £5 2s  
**01 Feb 1930 Sat**            Income: Sale of cakes 10s  
**07 Feb 1930 Fri**            Bank deposit £21 12s 9d

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**10 Feb 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Wilson, Westbury, E. Hewer, Sanders, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £6 18s were passed for payment.  
Messrs Wilson and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
Mr Jones having left the district forwarded his resignation as a member of the Hall Committee.

Bartosh/Peck	That weekly card parties be commenced on Tuesday 04 March 1930 at 8pm.
Bartosh/Westbury	That first and booby prizes be given and aggregate each eight weeks.
Sanders/Pemberton	That the price of admission be 1s with no supper (Lost)
McArthur/Westbury	That the price of admission be 1s 6d supper provided (Carried)
Hewer/Bartosh	That Messrs Alsop and Sanders take charge of card parties and prizes to be on the same lines as last year.
Hewer/Peck	That resignation (of Mr Jones) be accepted with regret. Secretary to write Mr Jones expressing same, also thanking him for his past services as a committee man.

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<b>10 Feb 1930 Mon</b>	Income: Bus Fares 19s; Sale of drinks £1 10s Payments: F. S. Hewer £2 3s; E. Grantham £2; Power Board 10s; Thomson Lewis £2 5s
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<b>04 Mar 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 19s
<b>05 Mar 1930 Wed</b>	Income: Hutt River Board £1 1s; Taita Football Club £2 15s
<b>07 Mar 1930 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £8 14s

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**10 Mar 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Wilson, Westbury, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £1 were passed for payment.  
Messrs Butler and Ferretti were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs McArthur and Sanders.

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**10 Mar 1930 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 5s  
                              Payments: Imprest account £9 18s 3d; Cash £1

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**11 Mar 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 9s 6d  
                              Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**13 Mar 1930 Thu**      Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**18 Mar 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 3s 6d  
**25 Mar 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 11s  
**01 Apr 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 0s 6d; Taita School Committee rent 10s  
**08 Apr 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**10 Apr 1930 Thu**      Bank deposit £12 6d

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**14 Apr 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Sanders, Peck, Ferretti, Butler, McArthur, Hutchison, E. Hewer, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £5 5s were passed for payment.  
Messrs E. Hewer and Sanders were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

F. S. Hewer/Ferretti      That the Committee Books be closed on 30 April for annual audit.

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**14 Apr 1930 Mon**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £5 5s  
**15 Apr 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 5s 6d  
**22 Apr 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 5s 6d  
**29 Apr 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 3s 6d; Sale of drinks 5s 9d  
**30 Apr 1930 Wed**      Bank deposit £7 0s 3d  
**01 May 1930 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £10

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**06 May 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 5s 6d; Rent £2 7s 6d  
                              Payment: Cash £1 6s 1d

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**12 May 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, E. Hewer, Mason, Wilson, Hutchison, Sanders, Ferretti, Alsop, Butler, Westbury & Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £1 6s 1d were passed for payment.  
Mr H. Mason was elected caretaker for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Sanders      That the local Plunket Society be charged the usual schedule price for use of Supper Room and the sum of 5s be donated from the Hall Funds to the Plunket Society.

Ferretti/McArthur      That the annual general meeting be held on Monday 09 June 1930 at 8pm. Same to be run on similar lines as last year. Advertising to be done through the Hutt News.

It was resolved to hold the next monthly meeting at 7.30pm.

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<b>12 May 1930 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 7s
<b>13 May 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 3s
<b>20 May 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 14s
<b>27 May 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3
<b>03 Jun 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 8s 6d; Plunket Society 10s 6d

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**09 Jun 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Bartosh, Butler, E. Hewer, Wilson, Hutchison, Mason, Westbury, Sanders, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £2 4s 6d were passed for payment.

Hewer/Hutchison      That the committee place on record its appreciation of the Treasurer and Secretary's service during the past year.

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### 09 Jun 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

About 50 residents were present.  
Mr F. S. Hewer occupied the chair.

The Committee Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and after a short discussion were adopted.  
Mr Hollis moved a hearty vote of thanks to the outgoing committee for their services during the past year. Mr F. S. Hewer suitably replied.

The Chairman then called for nominations for a new committee their being seventeen nominations, and only sixteen required two scrutineers were elected and Ballot papers distributed to all entitled to vote. Miss R. Gorrie and Mr V. Peck kindly acted as scrutineers.

The Ballot was then taken and proved in favour of the following: Messrs F. S. Hewer, W. Hutchison, Hollis, Peck, Alsop, Bartosh, E. Hewer, Butler, Martin, McArthur, Braddock, Ferretti, Westbury, Wilson, Sanders and Pemberton.

Mr A. Burgess was again elected auditor.

There being no further business the hall was cleared and a short dance held. The Ladies present kindly provided refreshments.

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### 09 Jun 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary), F. Bartosh (Barman), W. Hollis (Assistant Barman)

The monthly meeting was fixed for the second Monday in each month at 8pm.  
Messrs Hutchison and E. Hewer were elected caretakers for the month of June.

It was resolved that as many as possible of the Committee meet at the Hall on Monday 16 June at 7pm for the purpose of scrubbing the tables and general cleaning up.

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<b>09 Jun 1930 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 10s 6d Payment: Imprest account £9 7s 8d
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<b>10 Jun 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 8s
<b>11 Jun 1930 Wed</b>	Income: C. Alsop rent £1 17s 6d
<b>17 Jun 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 15s 6d
<b>24 Jun 1930 Tue</b>	Income: Hutt Dramatic Society £2 5s; Cards £2 5s 6d

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**01 Jul 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 5s; Plunket Society £2 10s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 15s 9d

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**08 Jul 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 4s  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £5 5s; Hutt Valley Power Board £1 5s 1d

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**09 Jul 1930 Wed**      Bank deposit £36 17s  
**12 Jul 1930 Sat**      Payment: Burgess £2 2s

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**14 Jul 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, E. Hewer, Hollis, Hutchison, Ferretti, Martin, Braddock, Westbury, Wilson, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £8 12s 1d were passed for payment.

Messrs Braddock and Martin were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

The Secretary was instructed to have the piano tuned.

A letter was received from the Taita Branch Plunket Society thanking the Committee for their donation to the Plunket Funds.

Braddock/Bartosh      That an annual old time Dance be held on Wednesday 13 August. Invitations to be issued for same. Dancing 8pm to 12pm.  
Hutchison/Alsop      That the price of admission be Gents 3s, Ladies 2s.  
Braddock/Ferretti      That the Regent Orchestra be approached to supply music, namely Pianist, Violinist and Drummer.  
McArthur/Bartosh      That Mr Hutchison act as M.C.  
Hewer/McArthur      That no charge be made to Hutt Gun Club for the use of Committee's tables and forms.  
Hutchison/E. Hewer      That this committee place on record its appreciation for the manner in which the Plunket Society left the hall after their recent dance.

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**14 Jul 1930 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 10s; Cloak room 2s 3d  
**15 Jul 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 3s

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**22 Jul 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 14s  
Payment: Alliance Assurance £9 9s

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**29 Jul 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s 6d  
**05 Aug 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 14s  
**06 Aug 1930 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £8 4s 11d  
**09 Aug 1930 Sat**      Bank deposit £12 0s 9d

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**11 Aug 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Martin, Butler, E. Hewer, Braddock, Hutchison, Hollis, Ferretti, Westbury, Alsop & Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £1 2s 6d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Ferretti and Hollis were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
An apology was received and accepted from Mr McArthur.

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**11 Aug 1930 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 7s  
                                 Payment: E. F. Jones £1 2s 6d

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**12 Aug 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 12s 6d  
**13 Aug 1930 Wed**      Income: Dance £9 6s  
**19 Aug 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**26 Aug 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 8s 6d  
**25 Aug 1930 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 8s 2d  
**02 Sep 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 9s 6d; Football Club 10s

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**05 Sep 1930 Fri**      Bank deposit £21 17s 6d  
                                 Income: Med. Church £1 17s 6d

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**08 Sep 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Butler, Wilson, E. Hewer, Hollis, Westbury, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £3 were passed for payment.  
Messrs Butler and Westbury were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

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**08 Sep 1930 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 10s  
                                 Payments: Grantham £1 15s; Hutt Valley Power Board £1 5s

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**09 Sep 1930 Tue**      Income: Taita Tennis Club 5s; Cards not entered – overlooked – refer to cash in hand  
**16 Sep 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 5s  
**18 Sep 1930 Thu**      Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**23 Sep 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 0s 6d  
**30 Sep 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**01 Oct 1930 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £9 7s 2d  
**07 Oct 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s 6d  
**10 Oct 1930 Fri**      Bank deposit £10 4s 6d



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**13 Oct 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Hollis, Butler, E. Hewer, Wilson, Braddock, Westbury, Hutchison, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £5 5s were passed for payment.  
Messrs F. S. Hewer and Wilson were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

- Alsop/McArthur            That a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Wilson for his donation to the Card parties.
- Pemberton/Butler        That Mr Alsop be congratulated for the manner in which he has maintained such a creditable variety of prizes for the card parties as a very nominal cost, also a letter be sent to Mr and Mrs Murray expressing our appreciation for the generous manner in which they have treated us in this matter.
- Braddock/Pemberton    That a Guy Fawkes face dance be held on Wednesday 05 November 1930. After considerable discussion the motion was lost.

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**13 Oct 1930 Mon**        Income: Plunket Society 5s; Cloak room 3d  
                                  Payment: Foresters Lodge £5 5s

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**14 Oct 1930 Tue**        Income: Cards £2 11s  
**21 Oct 1930 Tue**        Income: Cards £2 8s 9d  
**28 Oct 1930 Tue**        Income: Cards £2 2s  
**04 Nov 1930 Tue**        Income: Cards £2 11s 6d  
**07 Nov 1930 Fri**        Bank deposit £12 18s 6d

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**10 Nov 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Butler, E. Hewer, Wilson, Westbury, Hutchison, Hollis, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £13 10s 3d were passed for payment.  
Messrs McArthur and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

- Hutchison/Ferretti        That the season's card parties finish up on Tuesday 02 December 1930.  
F. S. Hewer/Hollis        That the matter of holding a special night to play 500 be brought up again at our first meeting in the New Year.
- Alsop/Westbury            That a special Eucre party be held on Thursday 09 December 1930 to wrap up the present card parties. v Gent to be charged 1s and ladies to be asked to provide the refreshments.

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**10 Nov 1930 Mon**      Income: Taita Football Club £3; Sale of drinks £1 10s; Cloak room 6s  
Payments: J. Stonehouse £1 11s 6d; Hutt County Council rates £10 12s 11d; Hutt River Board rates £1 5s 10d

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**11 Nov 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £3

**18 Nov 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £3

**22 Nov 1930 Sat**      Payment: Imprest account £9 8s 6d

**25 Nov 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 3s

**02 Dec 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 9s 6d; Hutt Valley Producers £1 10s; Church of England £1 17s 7d

**05 Dec 1930 Fri**      Bank deposit £16 16s

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### **08 Dec 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Butler, E. Hewer, Westbury, Braddock, Hutchinson, Wilson, Ferretti, Hollis, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Messrs Hutchison and E. Hewer were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Ferretti/McArthur      That the action of those in charge of card parties in extending the closing date of same be approved.

Braddock/Hutchison      That a dance be held on 22 January 1931. After a considerable amount of discussion the motion was lost.

F. S. Hewer/Alsop      That Mr Martin's resignation be accepted with regret.

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**08 Dec 1930 Mon**      Income: Med. Church £1 17s 6d; Sale of drinks 5s

**09 Dec 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 9s

**16 Dec 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 11s

**23 Dec 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 5s; Mr Jones rent £1 17s 6d; Taita School £1 17s 6d

**30 Dec 1930 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 12s 6d

**03 Jan 1931 Sat**      Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 3d

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**06 Jan 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 13s

Payment: Foresters Lodge £5 5s

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**09 Jan 1931 Fri**      Bank deposit £19 8s

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**12 Jan 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, Bartosh, Westbury, E. Hewer, Wilson, Braddock, Hollis, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton  
Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Mr Hutchison, vice chairman, occupied the chair.  
Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs F. S. Hewer and Butler  
Braddock was elected caretaker for the ensuing month; Bartosh promising to assist.

Braddock/Pemberton That the card parties be closed down after the present \_ until further notice.  
Braddock/Hollis That special card night to play 500 be again brought up at our February meeting.  
Alsop/Ferretti That the sum of £1 be donated to Taita School Committee in aid of school prizes.

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**12 Jan 1931 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £3  
Payment: Thomson Bros £3 4s 9d

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**09 Feb 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Westbury, Butler, E. Hewer, Braddock, Hutchison, Hollis, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Messrs Ferretti and Hollis were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hutchison/Braddock That the matter of special night to play 500 be brought up again at our March meeting.

Hutchison/Braddock That the new seasons card parties commence on Tuesday 03 March 1931, same to be advertised in the Hutt News on 26 February 1931 and run on similar lines as last season.

Hollis/Pemberton That Messrs Alsop and Westbury take charge of card parties, selection of prizes to be left to the discretion of Mr Alsop.

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**12 Feb 1931 Thu** Payment: Cheque book 4s  
**13 Jan 1931 Tue** Income: Cards £2 12s 6d  
**20 Jan 1931 Tue** Income: Cards £3 1s 6d  
**27 Jan 1931 Tue** Income: Cards £3 1s 6d  
**03 Mar 1931 Tue** Income: Cards £3 4s 6d  
**07 Mar 1931 Sat** Bank deposit £11 15s 6d

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**09 Mar 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Hollis, Peck, E. Hewer, Westbury, Wilson, Hutchison, Braddock, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Apologies were received from Messrs Butler and Bartosh.  
Messrs Butler and Westbury were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
Messrs F. S. Hewer and Hollis promised to take charge of 500 card parties.

F. S. Hewer/McArthur That the Methodist Church be charged £1 17s 6d for the use of the hall for their Harvest Festival sale.

Hollis/Ferretti That two 500 card parties be held – Thursday 26 March and 09 April 1931, same to be advertised in Hutt News on Thursday 19 March 1931 admission 1s

Mr Hollis brought up a set of proposed rules for use at 500 card parties, after considerable discussion the rules were amended and approved.

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**10 Mar 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 13s  
                              Payments: Imprest account £9 16s 2d; School Committee £1; Thomson Bros £1 1s

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**17 Mar 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 1s 6d  
**24 Mar 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 1s  
**25 Mar 1931 Wed**      Payment: Bank fee 10s  
**26 Mar 1931 Thu**      Income: Cards (500) £1 8s  
**31 Mar 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 11s  
**02 Apr 1931 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £10  
**07 Apr 1931 Tue**      Income: Med. Church £1 17s 6d; Cards £3

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**08 Apr 1931 Wed**      Bank deposit £21 16s 6d  
                              Payment: Foresters Lodge £5 5s

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**09 Apr 1931 Thu**      Income: Cards 500 £1 1s

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### 13 Apr 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Hollis, Bartosh, Peck, E. Hewer, Westbury, Butler, Wilson, Hutchison, Ferretti, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Messrs F. S. Hewer and Wilson were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
McArthur promised to tend to necessary repairs.

F. S. Hewer/Bartosh      That 500 card parties be changed over to Saturday evenings commencing on Saturday 18 April 1931  
McArthur/Alsop            As an amendment – that the date of commencement be held over until Saturday 02 May – the amendment was lost.

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<b>13 Apr 1931 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 17s 6d
<b>14 Apr 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 13s 6d
<b>18 Apr 1931 Sat</b>	Income: Cards 500 £1 6s
<b>21 Apr 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 10s 6d
<b>28 Apr 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 4s 6d
<b>29 Apr 1931 Thu</b>	Bank deposit £13 13s
<b>01 May 1931 Fri</b>	Payment: Imprest account £10
<b>02 May 1931 Sat</b>	Income: Cards 500 £1 13s
<b>05 May 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 9s

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### 11 May 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Peck, Wilson, E. Hewer, Butler, Hutchison, Hollis, Ferretti, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
An apology was received and accepted from Mr Braddock.  
It was decided to continue the 500 card parties.  
Messrs McArthur and Peck were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
It was resolved to hold the June monthly meeting at 7pm sharp.

F. S. Hewer/Bartosh      That the annual meeting be held on Monday 08 June 1931 at 8pm, same to be run on similar lines as last year, and advertised in the  
Hutt News on Thursday 28 May and 04 June.

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<b>11 May 1931 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 4s 6d; Cash on hand £2 0s 6d
<b>12 May 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 6s
<b>16 May 1931 Sat</b>	Income: Cards 500 £1 16s
<b>19 May 1931 Tue</b>	Income: £3 12s
<b>26 May 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 6s

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**30 May 1931 Sat**      Income: Cards 500 £1 5s  
                                 Payment: Imprest account £9 9s 5d  
**02 Jun 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 3s

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**08 Jun 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting 7pm**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Wilson, E. Hewer, Hutchison, Ferretti, Hollis, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
The Balance Sheet was read, discussed and approved.  
An apology was received from Mr McArthur.

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**08 Jun 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting 8pm**

About 100 residents were present. Mr F. S. Hewer was in the Chair.

Alsop/Peck                      That the minutes of the previous General meeting were read and confirmed.  
F. S. Hewer/F. Ferretti      The Committee's annual report and balance sheet was read and after a short discussion was adopted.

The Chairman then called for nominations for new Committee there being eighteen nominations and only sixteen required a ballot was taken and proved in favour of the following:

F. S. Hewer	C. Alsop	F. Ferretti
J. Butler	S. Peck	F. Gorrie Jnr
F. Westbury	E. Hewer	W. Hollis
D. McArthur	J. Wilson	W. Hutchison
A. Foster	G. Duncan	F. Bartosh
V. Pemberton		

Mrs Alsop and Mr E. Hewer acted as scrutineers.  
Mr A. Burgess was again elected auditor.

There being no further business the hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance held. The Ladies present kindly provided an excellent supper and Miss Collins and Mr W. Kells the music.

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### 08 Jun 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary), F. Bartosh (Barman)

It was decided to hold the monthly meeting on the second Monday in each month at 8pm.  
Messrs Butler and Foster were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

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<b>08 Jun 1931 Mon</b>	Income: Plunket Society £2 7s 6d; Sale of drinks 6s
<b>09 Jun 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 1s 6d; Taita Football Club 5s
<b>12 Jun 1931 Wed</b>	Bank deposit: £29 15s
<b>13 Jun 1931 Sat</b>	Income: Cards 500 £1 11s
<b>16 Jun 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 1s 6d; Rent Reform 5s
<b>23 Jun 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 12s 6d
<b>27 Jun 1931 Sat</b>	Income: Cards 500 £1 10s
<b>29 Jun 1931 Mon</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 6d
<b>30 Jun 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 12s
<b>07 Jul 1931 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £3 9s
<b>10 Jul 1931 Fri</b>	Bank deposit: £16 6s 4d
<b>11 Jul 1931 Sat</b>	Income: Cards 500 £1 2s

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### 13 Jul 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, E. Hewer, Butler, Wilson, Duncan, Hutchison, Foster, Ferretti, Gorrie, Hollis, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £7 7s were passed for payment.

Messrs Ferretti and Hollis were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

A letter was received asking for a quote for one room to hold Evangelist meetings three nights per week.

Hutchison/Peck            That the \_ concerned be offered the supper at a rental of 7s 6d per night or the small room for 5s per night.

The Methodist Church social committee also wrote asking for a price for the main Hall to hold four concerts during the months July to October.

McArthur/Duncan        That the Methodists be offered the use of the hall for a rental of £1 5s per night provided they engage same for at least four nights mentioned. Also any local parties making similar application be treated on the same lines.

Hutchison/Hollis        That an extra light be installed in the supper room, the arrangements of same to be left in the hands of the Chairman.

Hollis/McArthur        That 500 card parties be discontinued in the meantime.

It was decided that as many as possible of the committee men roll up on Wednesday 22 July 1931 at 7pm to scrub card tables etc.

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**13 Jul 1931 Mon**      Income: Rent Church of England 10s  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £5 5s; Audit Fee £2 2s

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**14 Jul 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 18s  
**21 Jul 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 11s  
**28 Jul 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 4s 6d  
**03 Aug 1931 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 11s 4d  
**04 Aug 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3; Med. Church £1 5s  
**05 Aug 1931 Wed**      Payment: All. Assurance Comp. Ltd £9 9s  
**07 Aug 1931 Fri**      Bank deposit: £15 4s 3d

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**10 Aug 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, Bartosh, Duncan, Peck, E. Hewer, Wilson, Hollis, Ferretti, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Mr Hutchison (Vice-Chairman) was in the Chair.  
Accounts to the amount of £10 18s were passed for payment.  
Messrs E. Hewer and Gorrie were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

A letter was received from the Australasian Performing Rights Association \_ our attention to the fact that it is necessary for us to pay an annual fee to the Association for the right to use Copyright music in the Hall. Mr Hutchison promised to interview the Wellington Town Clerk to ascertain what steps the City Council were taken with this Association and report it next meeting.

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**10 Aug 1931 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 15s  
Payment: Feisst £1 9s

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**11 Aug 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 18s 6d  
**18 Aug 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 4s  
**25 Aug 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 6s 6d; Med. Church £1 5s; Church of England £1 17s 6d  
**28 Aug 1931 Fri**      Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 1d  
**01 Sep 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 12s  
**08 Sep 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 1s 6d  
**10 Sep 1931 Thu**      Income: Reform meeting 5s  
**11 Sep 1931 Fri**      Bank deposit £17 3s 6d

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**END OF FIRST HARDCOVER MINUTE BOOK**

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### 14 Sep 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Bartosh, Hollis, Peck, E. Hewer, Butler, Ferretti, Duncan, Gorrie, Hutchison and Alsop.

The Secretary Mr Pemberton's apology for absence through illness was received and accepted with regret and the Chairman was asked to convey to Mr Pemberton the Committee's sincerest sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mr Hutchison was asked and agreed to act as Secretary during Mr Pemberton's absence.

Messrs Peck and Duncan were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Business arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting: Mr Hutchison reported that he had interviewed the Wellington Town Clerk re Australasian Performing Rights Association Ltd and explained the attitude adopted by the City Council and handed in a Copy of Instructions each applicant for the use of the Town Hall was asked to sign, thus relieving the City Council of any responsibility, and was also informed that performers were ignoring the Association until approached by them, and would only pay when the Association produced proof that they held the Copyright. The Committee decided to take no action in the matter.

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**14 Sep 1931 Mon**      Income: Football Club 10s; Labour meeting 10s; Sale of drinks 10s

**15 Sep 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 13s 6d

**16 Sep 1931 Wed**      Income: Med. Concert £1 5s

**22 Sep 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 1s 6d

**23 Sep 1931 Wed**      Payment: Bank fee 10s

**29 Sep 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 18s 6d

**01 Oct 1931 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £9 17s

**06 Oct 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £3 9d

**09 Oct 1931 Fri**      Bank deposit £18 19s

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### 12 Oct 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Hutchison (Chairman), Bartosh, Peck, Butler, Wilson, E. Hewer, Duncan, Foster, Ferretti, Gorrie, Alsop, Westbury

Apologies were received and accepted from F. S. Hewer and McArthur

Accounts for Interest £5 5s was passed for payment.

Messrs Wilson and Westbury were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Peck/Duncan              That a dance be held on Labour Day. The motion was lost.

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**12 Oct 1931 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 10s

**13 Oct 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 15s 6d

**20 Oct 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 17s

**26 Oct 1931 Mon**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £5 5s

**27 Oct 1931 Tue**      Income: Sale of Copper 10s; Cards £2 15s 6d

**03 Nov 1931 Tue**      Income: Plunket Society £1 17s 6d; Cards £3 1s 6d

**06 Nov 1931 Fri**      Bank deposit: £14 7s

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**09 Nov 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Westbury, Butler, E. Hewer, Ferretti, Hollis, Duncan, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Mr Hutchison's apology for absence through sickness was received and accepted with regret the Chairman expressing the Committee's sympathy and sincere wishes for his speedy recovery.

Accounts to the amount of £12 16s 2d were passed for payment.

Messrs McArthur and Hutchison were elected caretakers for the ensuing month, Mr F. S. Hewer volunteering to take the place of Mr Hutchison.

F. S. Hewer/Ferretti      That the present series of card parties finish up on Tuesday 01 December 1931.

Hollis/Ferretti          That 500 card parties be held on 8 & 15 December 1931, admission 1s no supper. Messrs Hollis and Duncan to be in charge of same.

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**09 Nov 1931 Mon**      Income: Wellington B\_ Society Deposit 10s  
Payment: Standard Insurance £1 11s 6d; Hutt River Board Rates £1 3s 9d; Hutt City Council Rates £9 0s 11d

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**10 Nov 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 17s

**11 Nov 1931 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 2d

**17 Nov 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 11s; Rent Reform 5s

**24 Nov 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 7s 6d; Med. Church £1 5s; Rent Reform 10s

**01 Dec 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 17s

**08 Dec 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards 500 £1 2s

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**14 Dec 1931 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, E. Hewer, Wilson, Butler, Westbury, Foster, Ferretti, Hollis, Hutchison, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)

An apology was received and accepted from Mr Duncan.

The Secretary's action regards to painting of Stage Curtains was unanimously approved.

Messrs Foster and Butler were elected Caretakers for the ensuing month.

Mr Bartosh tendered his resignation from the Hall Committee.

F. S. Hewer/Hutchison      That resignation be accepted with regret.

Hollis/McArthur          That in future the Bar be in charge of the monthly caretakers.

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**14 Dec 1931 Mon**      Income: Labour meeting 10s; Sale of drinks £1 0s 10d

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Bank deposit £13 2s 6d

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**15 Dec 1931 Tue**      Income: Cards 500 £1 10s  
**08 Jan 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £2 12s 10d

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**11 Jan 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Duncan, Butler, Hutchison, Foster, Ferretti, Hollis, Ferretti, Hobbs, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £5 5s were passed for payment.  
An apology was received and accepted from Mr E. Hewer.  
Messrs Hollis and Ferretti were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Ferretti/Peck              That new card parties be commenced on Tuesday 02 February 1932 the same to be carried out on similar lines as for previous years.  
Messrs Alsop and Hutchison volunteered to take charge for the first \_.

The matter of painting the Hall was then discussed and it was decided to get a quote for the work, Mr McArthur promising to arrange same.

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**11 Jan 1932 Mon**      Income: Hutt River Board £1 1s; Sale of drinks £2 6s 2d; Taita School Committee £1 17s 6d  
Payment: Foresters Lodge £5 5s

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**12 Jan 1932 Tue**      Payment: Imprest Account £9 18s 8d

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**14 Jan 1932 Thu – Taita Hall – Special Meeting to discuss the painting of the Hall**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Duncan, E. Hewer, Hutchison, Foster, Gorrie, Wilson, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Mr McArthur submitting a Tender from Mr Tustin to paint the Hall and Shed with two coats of best paint for the sum of £25.

F. S. Hewer/Gorrie      That after discussing the matter from all angles that Mr Tustin's tender be accepted. (carried unanimously)  
Mr McArthur being asked to overlook the work.

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**25 Jan 1932 Mon**      Payment: Joseph Bernard Tustin £10  
**02 Feb 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 10s  
**05 Feb 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £11 17s 6d

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**08 Feb 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Duncan, E. Hewer, Hutchison, Foster, Hollis, Gorrie, Butler, Ferretti, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £3 14s 3d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Gorrie and E. Hewer were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hollis/Peck	That the Chairman's action re extra coat of paint to back of Hall and cover boards, also general repairs be approved.
Hutchison/Alsop	That Mr McArthur be authorized to offer the old Benzene shed for sale for the sum of £2.
F. S. Hewer/Alsop	That £1 1s be donated to the Taita Social Committee picnic fund.
Hutchison/Ferretti	That on and after 01 March 1932 the price of admission to card parties be reduced to 1s. (Replaced by carried amendment)
F. S. Hewer/Peck	As an amendment – that the reduction applies to Ladies only, same to take effect 16 February 1932. (Carried)
E. Hewer/Alsop	Further amendment – That the matter of reduction of admission to card parties be held over until next meeting. (Lost)

It was decided to leave the matter of general cleaning of the hall until the March meeting.

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**08 Feb 1932 Mon**      Payments: D. McArthur £2 11s 9d; Thomson Lewis £1 2s 6d; Taita Social Committee £1 1s

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**09 Feb 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 4s  
Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**16 Feb 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 5s 9d  
Payment: J. B. Tustin £18 10s

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**23 Feb 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 10s  
**01 Mar 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 10s 6d

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**08 Mar 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 8s 6d  
Payment: Imprest account £9 10s 8d

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**14 Mar 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Duncan, E. Hewer, Wilson, Foster, Hutchison, Hollis, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs Gorrie and Ferretti.  
Accounts to the amount of £28 10s were passed for payment.  
Messrs Peck and Duncan were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.  
Mr Hutchison was elected M.C. for the Easter Dance.

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**14 Mar 1932 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 3s

**15 Mar 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £3  
**22 Mar 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 16s  
**23 Mar 1932 Wed**      Payment: Bank fee 10s  
**26 Mar 1932 Sat**      Income: Dance £7 7s 6d

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**29 Mar 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 12s  
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**05 Apr 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 8s

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**08 Apr 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £27 14s 5d

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### **11 Apr 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Duncan, Butler, Wilson, Foster, Hutchison, Hollis, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs Peck, Ferretti, Gorrie and E. Hewer.  
Accounts to the amount of £9 13s 8d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Westbury and Wilson were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

The Secretary reported that Mr Southern College and party prepared to give demonstrations of \_\_ and oldtime dances at one of our future dances. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of Messrs F. S. Hewer and Hutchison with power to accept offer if suitable arrangements could be made.

Mr H. Preston applied for a special quote for use of Hall on a future Saturday night. The Secretary was instructed to offer Mr Preston the Hall for the purpose of which he required for the sum of £2 15s.

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**11 Apr 1932 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 18s  
                            Payment: Foresters Lodge £5 5s; Imprest account £8 14s 8d

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**12 Apr 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 17s 6d  
**16 Apr 1932 Sat**      Income: Dance £5 6s 6d  
**19 Apr 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 16s  
**26 Apr 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 9s 6d  
**29 Apr 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £14 5s 6d

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**01 May 1932 Sun**      Income: Cash in hand 11s  
                            Payment: Imprest account £10

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**03 May 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 15s

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**09 May 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Hollis, E. Hewer, Butler, Westbury, Wilson, Hutchison, Foster, Ferretti, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton (Secretary)  
Accounts to the amount of £1 2s 6d were passed for payment.  
Messrs Hutchison and McArthur were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Hollis/McArthur            That the Taita Football Club be offered the use of the small room for their club meetings at a rental of 3s per night subject to the incoming Committee approval.

Hutchison/Ferretti        As an amendment – That the charge be 2s 6d per night (the amendment was lost)  
F. S. Hewer/Ferretti      That the annual meeting be held on Monday 13 June 1932 at 8pm, same to be carried out on similar lines as last year.

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<b>09 May 1932 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 13s
<b>10 May 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 14s
<b>14 May 1932 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £4 18s
<b>16 May 1932 Sun</b>	Payment: Thompson Lewis £1 2s 6d
<b>17 May 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 9s
<b>24 May 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 4s 6d
<b>30 May 1932 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 4d
<b>31 May 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 10s
<b>07 Jun 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 19s 6d
<b>10 Jun 1932 Fri</b>	Bank deposit: £17 13s 11d

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**13 Jun 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, Butler, Wilson, Gorrie, Alsop, Duncan, Peck, E. Hewer, Ferretti, Pemberton  
Owing to the unavoidable absence of Mr Hewer, Mr Hutchison Vice Chairman was in the Chair.  
Apologies were received and accepted from F. S. Hewer and Westbury  
Accounts Passed £2 2s  
Report and Balance Sheet read and approved.

On behalf of the Chairman (Mr F. S. Hewer) Mr Hutchison expressed his appreciation to the outgoing committee for their hearty support during his term of office.

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### 13 Jun 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

About 70 residents were present. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman (Mr F. S. Hewer) the Chair was taken by Mr W. B. Hutchison Vice Chairman. Mr Hutchison apologized for the absence of Mr F. S. Hewer.

Reilly/Walters            The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was read and after a short discussion was adopted.

Nominations were then called for a new Committee there being sixteen vacancies and only the required number of nominations the following were declared elected committeemen for the ensuing year.

F. S. Hewer	S. Peck
W. Hutchison	G. Duncan
D. McArthur	J. Reilly
C. Alsop	I. Wilson
J. Butler	E. Hewer
A. Foster	F. Gorrie Jnr
F. Westbury	F. Kitchener
W. Walters	V. Pemberton

Mr A. Burgess was elected auditor.

There being no further business the hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance was held. The Ladies present kindly provided the refreshments and Miss Collins and Mr Kells the music.

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### 13 Jun 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary).

It was decided to hold the monthly meeting on the second Monday in each month at 8pm. Messrs Foster and Butler were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

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<b>13 Jun 1932 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 10s Payment: A. Burgess £2 2s
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<b>14 Jun 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 13s; HCC Rebate on rates £1 2s 7d
<b>21 Jun 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 8s 6d; Hutt Valley Producers rent 10s
<b>28 Jun 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 8s; Hutt County Council rent £1 1s

**05 Jul 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d  
**06 Jul 1932 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £9 17s 9d  
**08 Jul 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit: £11 17s

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**11 Jul 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Kitchener, Walters, Butler, Wilson, E. Hewer, Peck, Duncan, Westbury, Foster, Reilly, Gorrie, Hutchison, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £4 4s were passed for payment.

Messrs Kitchener and Walters were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

It was decided that as many as possible of the Committee men roll up on Wednesday 20 July at 7pm for a general clean up of the Hall.

An application was received from Mrs Stupples for the use of one of the ante rooms for the purpose of teaching dancing.

Alsop/Gorrie              That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Bertelsen for his generous donation to our card parties.

McArthur/Gorrie        That Mrs Stupples be offered the use of the supper room at 4s 6d or the small ante room at 2s 6d for two hours 3pm to 5pm.

Hutchison/Alsop        That the Plunket Society and the Church of England Social Committees be charged the sum of 7s 6d each for the use of the supper room at their recent function.

Kitchener/Hutchison    That the Committee hold a weekly dancing class commencing on Monday 18 July at 8pm.

Gorrie/Walters         That the charge of admission be 6d per night, same to be revised if necessary after a trial of one month.

E. Hewer/Westbury     That children under the age of fourteen be not admitted to dance class unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Messrs Hutchison, Kitchener, Reilly, Walters, Gorrie, Peck, Duncan, McArthur, Westbury and Alsop \_\_ to run the classes.

F. S. Hewer/Pemberton That Hall rental charges be revised and after thoroughly discussing the matter a new scale of charges was unanimously adopted. The Secretary was instructed to have a number of new schedules printed.

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**11 Jul 1932 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 3s 6d  
                              Payment: Foresters £4 4s

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**12 Jul 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 14s; Church of England rent 7s 6d

**18 Jul 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance class £1

**19 Jul 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 19s

**25 Jul 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 0s 6d

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**26 Jul 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 7s  
Payment: Alliance Assurance £9 9s

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**01 Aug 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 10s 6d

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**02 Aug 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 13s 6d  
Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 10d

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**05 Aug 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £14 15s 6d

**07 Sep 1932 Wed**      Payments: Imprest account £9 12s 8d; Cash £1 2s 8d; Hutt Valley Power Board 10s W. Austin

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**08 Aug 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Reilly, Duncan, Peck, Wilson, E. Hewer, Gorrie, Alsop, Walters, Kitchener, Hutchison, Butler, Westbury and Pemberton

Accounts to the amount of £9 9s were passed for payment.

A letter was received from Mr Fennis \_ electric Geom...

It was resolved that a long night dance be held each fourth \_ night dancing 8pm to 12pm, price of admission Gents 1s, Landie a basket

E. Hewer and Gorrie were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Walters/Duncan          That Miss Collins and Mr Kells be approached to play for the Dance Classes.

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**08 Aug 1932 Mon**      Income: Miss Stupples Rent 7s 6d; Sale of drinks 8s; Dance £1 6s

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**09 Aug 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 12s

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**15 Aug 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 8s 6d

**16 Aug 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 4s 6d

**22 Aug 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 12s

**23 Aug 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s 6d

**29 Aug 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £2 18s; Sale of drinks 17s

**30 Aug 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 18s 6d; Plunket Society Rent 7s 6d

**05 Sep 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 12s

**06 Sep 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s

**09 Sep 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £21 12s

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**12 Sep 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Peck, Duncan, E. Hewer, Wilson, McArthur, Westbury, Hutcheson, Reilly, Gorrie, Butler, Kitchener, Foster, Alsop and Pemberton

Accounts to the amount of £1 12s 8d were passed for payment

An application was received from the Taita Football Club for the use of the Hall to hold a long night Dance on October 24 (Labour Day)

Duncan and Peck were elected Caretakers for the ensuing month.

F. S. Hewer/Peck            That application be granted.  
Gorrie/McArthur            That the Committee's October long night dance be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> in place of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

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<b>12 Sep 1932 Mon</b>	Income: Taita Social Committee £1 17s 6d; Med Church £1 10s; Sale of drink 11s 6d; Dance £1 9s 6d
<b>13 Sep 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 0s 6d
<b>19 Sep 1932 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 14s 6d
<b>20 Sep 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 13s 6d; Taita Football Club rent £1 7s
<b>21 Sep 1932 Wed</b>	Payment: Bank fee 10s
<b>26 Sep 1932 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £2 11s
<b>27 Sep 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 10s
<b>03 Oct 1932 Mon</b>	Income: £1 11s 6d

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<b>04 Oct 1932 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 6s 6d; F. Kitchener rent 10s Payment: Foresters Lodge £4 4s
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<b>05 Oct 1932 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 11s
<b>07 Oct 1932 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £22 5s

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**10 Oct 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Walters, Wilson, E. Hewer, Gorrie, Alsop, Westbury, Duncan, Peck, Butler and Pemberton (Secretary)

Accounts to the amount of £1 1s were passed for payment.

Westbury and Wilson were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

The Secretary was instructed to write the President of Wellington Poultry Association re overdue account.

Alsop/Peck                    That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Westbury for his generous donation of special prizes for our Card Parties.  
F. S. Hewer/Westbury        That final Card party aggregate be run for six weeks only closing down on 13 December 1932.

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**10 Oct 1932 Mon**      Income: Miss Stupples rent 5s; \_ Cubs Pack £1 10s; Sale of drinks 18s; Dance 19s 6d  
Payment: Hutt Printing Co. £1 1s

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**11 Oct 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 6s

**17 Oct 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £2 16s

**18 Oct 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 7s

**25 Oct 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s 6d

**31 Oct 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 11s 6d

**01 Nov 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s; Taita Tennis Club 5s

**07 Nov 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 9s

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**08 Nov 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s 6d; Taita Football Club £2

Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 8d; Hutt Valley Power Board £1 11s 6d

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**11 Nov 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £22 9s

**13 Nov 1932 Sat**      Payments: Thompson Lewis £1 2s 6d; Hutt River Board £1 3s 9d; Hutt County Council £9 7s 10d

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#### **14 Nov 1932 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Duncan, Walters, E. Hewer, Foster, Kitchener, Hutchison, Westbury, Butler, Gorrie, Wilson, Alsop and Pemberton

Accounts to the amount of £13 5s 7d were passed for payment.

McArthur and Hutchison were elected caretakers for the ensuing month

Kitchener/Butler      That the dance classes be closed for this season on 21 November 1932, the last dance to be a long night dance.

Hutchison/Walters      That the final dance take the form of a plain & fancy dress dance – this motion was lost

F. S. Hewer/Hutchison      That a donation of two guineas £2 2s be presented to Miss Collins & Mr Kells as a mark of appreciation for the generous manner in which they have treated the Committee during the Dance Classes

Hutchison/Butler      That subject the mortgagees approval, £50 be paid off the Hall Loan on the next quarterly interest day 08 January 1933.

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**14 Nov 1932 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £2 0s 6d; Dance £1 19s 6d

Payment: Standard Insurance Co. £1 11s 6d

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**15 Nov 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s 6d

**17 Nov 1932 Thu**      Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**21 Nov 1932 Mon**      Income: Dance: £3 9s 6d  
**22 Nov 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 18s 6d  
**29 Nov 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 18s 6d

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**06 Dec 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 15s 6d  
                            Payment: Foresters Lodge £50

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**07 Dec 1932 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 4d  
**09 Dec 1932 Fri**      Bank deposit £14 18s 6d

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### **12 Dec 1932 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, Westbury, Butler, E. Hewer, Foster, Gorrie, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman Mr Hutchison, Vice Chairman was in the chair.

Apologies were received and accepted from Messrs F. S. Hewer and Kitchener.

Butler and Foster were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

On behalf of Mr F. S. Hewer, Mr Hutchison wished the Committeemen the compliments of the season, also thanking them for their loyal support to the Chair during the passing year.

Alsop/Pemberton      That Mr Hewer be thanked for his good wishes and this Committee returns the compliments with an assurance of their best support during the coming year.

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**12 Dec 1932 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 12s 6d  
**13 Dec 1932 Tue**      Income: Cards £2  
**19 Dec 1932 Mon**      Income: Taita Social Committee £1 10s; Mr Gibson Young 15s; Sale of drinks £2 10s  
**05 Jan 1933 Fri**      Bank deposit £8 7s 6d  
**08 Jan 1933 Sun**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £3 19s 4d  
**09 Jan 1933 Mon**      Income: White Star \_ £3; Sale of drinks £1 5s  
**21 Jan 1933 Sat**      Income: White Star \_ £2 10s; Dance £2 16s

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**09 Feb 1933 Thu – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Westbury, Butler, E. Hewer, Wilson, Walters, Kitchener, Foster, Hutchison, Duncan, Alsop & Pemberton (Secretary)  
An apology was received and accepted from Mr Peck.  
A letter was received from the Australasian Performing Rights Association drawing our attention to the fact that we had not yet taken out a Licence to use Copyright Music.  
Kitchener and Walters were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

F. S. Hewer/McArthur That the letter be received and no action be taken – carried unanimously.  
F. S. Hewer/Alsop That £1 10s be donated to the Taita School Committee's school picnic fund.  
Gorrie/E. Hewer Than an oldtime dance be held on Saturday 23 January 1933, price of admission 1s.

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**10 Feb 1933 Fri** Bank deposit £9 11s

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**13 Feb 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Duncan, Westbury, E. Hewer, Wilson, Walters, Foster, Hutchison, Gorrie, Kitchener, Alsop and Pemberton  
An apology was received and accepted from Mr Peck.  
Accounts to the amount of £3 were passed for payment.  
A further letter was received from the Australasian Performing Rights Association. After a short discussion F. S. Hewer moved, seconded McArthur, that the letter be received – carried unanimously.  
McArthur, Hutchison, F. S. Hewer and Walters promised to take charge of card parties for the first and second \_\_.  
It was resolved that in future caretakers for the month take charge of the door at all functions held by the Committee during their term.  
Hewer & Gorrie were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

McArthur/Duncan That the Chairman's action in granting the use of Hall to the School Committee to hold their annual picnic be approved.  
Kitchener/Foster That euchre parties be started on Tuesday 28 February 1933.

Gorrie/Alsop That the price of admission to card parties be 1s, no supper prizes to be given, two firsts to the value of 7s 6d each and two seconds to the value of 3s each.

Alsop/Walters That the committees dance classes be reopened on Monday 27 February 1933, price of admission to be short night 8pm to 10pm and long night 8pm to 12pm. Mr Alsop was elected M.C.

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**13 Feb 1933 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £1 13s  
Payment: Thomson Lewis £3

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**27 Feb 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 13s 6d

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**28 Feb 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 18s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 17s 5d

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**06 Mar 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 13s 6d

**07 Mar 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s; Hutt River Board £1 1s; Taita Cub Club £1 12s 6d

**10 Mar 1933 Fri**      Bank deposit £11 7s 6d

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**13 Mar 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Butler, E. Hewer, Hutchison, Duncan, Gorrie, Alsop, Kitchener, Pemberton

A letter was received from the Australasian Performing Rights Association and was unanimously resolved that no action be taken in regards to same.

Westbury and Wilson were elected caretakers for the ensuing month.

Pemberton/Kitchener      That the sum of 12s 6d be donated to the Taita Branch Cubs Club.

McArthur/Hutchison      That the Cub Club be granted the use of Cups for use at their Cub Rally on 18 March 1933.

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**13 Mar 1933 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £2; Dance £1 16s 6d

**14 Mar 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s\

**20 Mar 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £6 5s 6d

**21 Mar 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s

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**22 Mar 1933 Wed**      Payment: Bank fee 10s

**27 Mar 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 7s

**28 Mar 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 19s

**03 Apr 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 9s 6d

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**04 Apr 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 13s

Payment: Imprest account £9 11s 9d

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**07 Apr 1933 Fri**      Bank deposit £19 15s 6d

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**10 Apr 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Duncan, E. Hewer, Walters, Wilson, Foster, Hutchison, Gorrie, Westbury, Kitchener, Alsop and Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £57 12s 6d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Duncan and Peck

An application was received from the Taita Football Club for the use of the small room to hold their monthly meetings on the same terms as last year. This was granted.

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<b>10 Apr 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Cub Club Rent 5s; Miss Stupples Rent £1 10s; Sale of drinks £2 8s; Dance £1 8s Payments: Thomson Lewis £2 5s; Foresters Lodge £3 2s 6d
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<b>11 Apr 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 18s
<b>17 Apr 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £5 16s
<b>18 Apr 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 13s
<b>24 Apr 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Dance 13s 6d
<b>27 Apr 1933 Thu</b>	Income: Rent Cubs 5s
<b>28 Apr 1933 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £19 15s 1d
<b>01 May 1933 Mon</b>	Payment: Imprest account £10
<b>02 May 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Dance £1 3s
<b>03 May 1933 Wed</b>	Income: Cards £1 1s

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**08 May 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, Westbury, Peck, Duncan, Butler, E. Hewer, Walters, Kitchener, Foster, Gorrie, McArthur, Alsop and Pemberton (Secretary)  
Apology: F. S. Hewer  
Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Caretakers for ensuing month: McArthur & Hutchison  
Annual meeting to be held on Monday 12 Jun at 8pm to be run on similar lines as previous years.  
That in future the use of confetti in the Hall be strictly prohibited.  
McArthur and Kitchener were instructed to repair the broken chains.

Alsop/Pemberton	That a heating point be fitted on the stage.
Hutchison/Duncan	That it be a strict rule that none other than the caretakers or the secretary issue the Hall keys to lessees of the Hall.

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<b>08 May 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Rent Stokes Valley Rifle Club £3; Taita Tennis Club £1 17s 6d; Sale of drinks £3 11s; Rent Rev Reid 10s
<b>09 May 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 7s
<b>15 May 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £5 13s 6d

**16 May 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s  
**22 May 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance 15s  
**23 May 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 5s  
**29 May 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 5s 6d  
**30 May 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s  
**01 Jun 1933 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 4d

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**06 Jun 1933 Tue**      Income: Dance £5 2s 6d  
                                 Payment: C. McLean £1 10s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 2s 2d

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**07 Jun 1933 Wed**      Income: Cards £1 5s  
**08 Jun 1933 Thu**      Bank deposit: £32 1s

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### **12 Jun 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Duncan, Butler, Wilson, Peck, McArthur, Hutchison, E. Hewer, Westbury, Foster, Kitchener, Gorrie, Pemberton, Walters

Apology: Alsop

Accounts passed for payment: £10 13s 8d

Committee's report and balance sheet were read and approved.

The Chairman returned thanks to the Committeemen for their loyal support and cooperation during the past year. Mr Hutchison suitably replied and also congratulated the Executive officers on the manner in which they have carried out their duties. The Chairman and Secretary suitably replied.

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**12 Jun 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 80 residents were present. F. S. Hewer in the Chair. Apology received and accepted from Mr Alsop. The Committee's Report and Balance sheet were read and accepted. The Chairman then called for nominations for a new committee their being 19 nominations and only 16 vacancies. A ballot was taken which proved in favour of the following:

F. S. Hewer	W. Hutchison
C. Alsop	E. Hewer
W. Walters	F. Westbury
F. Kitchener	A. Foster
J. Searle	J. Butler
I. Wilson	D. McArthur
F. Gorrie	S. Peck
V. Pemberton	G. Duncan

Mrs Dyer and Mr Fuge kindly acted as scrutineers.

Mr A. Burgess was elected auditor.

There being no further business the hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance held. The ladies present provided an excellent supper and Miss Collins and Mr W. Kells the music.

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**12 Jun 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee**

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary). It was decided to hold the monthly meeting on the second Monday in each month at 7pm. Caretakers for the ensuing month: Butler and Foster

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<b>12 Jun 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Taita Dance Committee £2; Sale of drinks £2 12s Payments: Thompson Lewis £2 19s 3d; A. Burgess £2 2s; Cash £4 2s 3d
<b>13 Jun 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 19s
<b>19 Jun 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Dance 18s 6d; Sale of drinks 8s 6d
<b>20 Jun 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 8s
<b>26 Jun 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 7s
<b>27 Jun 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 8s 6d
<b>03 Jul 1933 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £6 10s
<b>04 Jul 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 12s Payments: Foresters Lodge £3 10s; Cash £2 12s 6d; Imprest account £9 13s 10d
<b>07 Jul 1933 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £19 3s 6d

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**10 Jul 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Kitchener, Butler, Wilson, Peck, Walters, McArthur, Foster, Searle, Hutchison, Duncan, Gorrie, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £6 2s 6d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Kitchener and Walters

Gorrie/Duncan            That in future light refreshment be provided at the card parties and that price of admission to remain as at present. After a long discussion the motion was put to the meeting and lost.

McArthur/Searle        That Supper be provided on the same lines as last year and 3d per head be added to the price of admission. This motion was also lost.

It was decided that as many of the Committeemen as possible roll up on Weds 19 July at 7pm for a general clean up of the Hall, the Secretary to obtain necessary material for same.

Kitchener/Hutchison    That a quote be obtained for a gas copper.

F. S. Hewer/McArthur    That in future the committee weekly dances be run one short and one long night commencing on 24 July 1933.

The Secretary was asked to interview the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board regards to special lighting etc on the Hall.

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**10 Jul 1933 Mon**        Income: Italian Dance Committee £2 5s; Hutt County Council £1 1s; Sale of drinks £1; Dance 14s 6d

**11 Jul 1933 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 4s

**14 Jul 1933 Fri**        Income: Plunket Society £2

**17 Jul 1933 Mon**        Income: Dance £1 1s

**18 Jul 1933 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 6s

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**24 Jul 1933 Mon**        Income: Dance £6 6s

Payment: Alliance Assurance Co £9 9s

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**25 Jul 1933 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 7s 6d

**31 Jul 1933 Mon**        Income: Dance 11s

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**01 Aug 1933 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 10s

Payment: Imprest account £9 11s 10d

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**07 Aug 1933 Mon**        Income: Dance £4 16s 6d

**08 Aug 1933 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 9s

**09 Aug 1933 Wed**        Payment: Imprest account £9 18s 7d

**10 Aug 1933 Thu**        Bank deposit: £26 12s 6d

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**14 Aug 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Duncan, Westbury, Peck, Butler, Wilson, Walters, Kitchener, Hutchison, Foster, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton, E. Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £9 9s

A letter from the Australasian Performing Rights Association was received.

Caretakers for ensuing month: Gorrie and E. Hewer

Hutchison/Walters      That a gas copper be installed in the kitchen, also provision to be made to fix gas ring.  
It was decided to offer the old copper for sale at £2 5s.

Pemberton/Kitchener    That the committee short night dances be discontinued as from Monday 14 Aug 1933.  
Pemberton/McArthur    That the Taita Rugby Football Club's application for the hall on Labour Day (23 Oct) be granted.

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**14 Aug 1933 Mon**      Income: Taita Tennis Club £1 17s 6d; Sale of drinks £1 13s 6d; Dance 11s

**15 Aug 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s

**21 Aug 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £7 12s 6d

**22 Aug 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 15s

**29 Aug 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s

**01 Sep 1933 Fri**      Payment: Imprest account £9 7s 9d

**02 Sep 1933 Sat**      Income: Scout Com Rent £1 15s

**04 Sep 1933 Mon**      Income: Hockey Club Rent £2 15s; Dance £3 17s

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**05 Sep 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s  
Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**08 Sep 1933 Fri**      Bank deposit £26 6s 6d

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**11 Sep 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Walters, E. Hewer, Butler, Westbury, Kitchener, Hutchison, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £22 18s 2d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Duncan and Peck

Walters/Hutchison      That a anniversary dance be held on Weds 18 Nov 1933 dancing 8pm to 1pm. Admission 2s 6d, Harpers Futurist Orchestra to be approached to provide music.

Hutchison/Searle      That the Plunket Society be charged £1 for the use of the Hall to hold a children's Fancy Dress dance on Saturday afternoon 28 Oct.

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**11 Sep 1933 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £2 18s 6d

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**12 Sep 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s  
Payments: Petone & Hutt Gas Board £10 14s; Electric Power Board £1 8s; F. Kitchener £7 18s

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**18 Sep 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £6 3s

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**19 Sep 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 14s; Taita School Committee £1 15s; Miss Stupples 2s 6d  
Payment: Imprest account £9 9s 1d

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**21 Sep 1933 Thu**      Payment: Bank fee 10s**26 Sep 1933 Tue**      Income: Cubs Pack rent 12s 6d; Cards £1 18s**02 Oct 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £7 6s**03 Oct 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s; Scouts Committee rent £1 15s; Miss Stupples 7s 6d**06 Oct 1933 Fri**      Bank deposit £28 3s

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**09 Oct 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, E. Hewer, Peck, Butler, Wilson, Walters, Westbury, Kitchener, Foster, Duncan, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: F. S. Hewer; W. B. Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £10 19s 4d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Wilson and Westbury

McArthur/E. Hewer      That Mr Hutchison be authorized to procure sufficient paper to decorate the Hall.  
Walters/Gorrie         That Harpers Futurist Orchestra be engaged for the Committee dance on 15 November.  
McArthur/Gorrie        That the November dance be advertised in the Hutt News – two insertions. This motion was lost.

The following committeemen were elected to take charge of the Door on 15 November: Duncan & Peck (8-9pm), Butler & Westbury (9-10pm), Searle & F. S. Hewer (10-11pm)

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**09 Oct 1933 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 18s  
                              Payments: Hutt River Board £1 3s 9d; Hutt County Council £7 8s 10d; D. McArthur £2 6s 9d; Foresters Lodge £3 10s

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**10 Oct 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s  
                              Payment: Imprest account £9 17s 1d

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**16 Oct 1933 Mon**      Income: Dance £5 1s 6d  
**17 Oct 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 15s  
**24 Oct 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 14s; Miss Stupples 7s 6d; Epuni B. Ball Club £1 15s  
**28 Oct 1933 Sat**      Payment: Imprest account £9 11s  
**30 Oct 1933 Mon**      Income: Taita R. F. B. Club £2 5s; Dance £4 1s 6d; Miss Stupples £1 10s; Sale of Copper £2 5s

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**31 Oct 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £2  
                              Payment: Standard Insurance £1 11s 6d

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**07 Nov 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s  
                              Payments: Cash £1 14s 6d (Bread 12s 6d, Electric light £1 2s)

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**09 Nov 1933 Thu**      Bank deposit £28 6s 6d

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**13 Nov 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Westbury, Peck, Butler, E. Hewer, Wilson, Walters, Hutchison, Foster, Kitchener, Duncan, Gorrie, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton.

Accounts passed for payment: £5 13s 6d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

F. S. Hewer/Pemberton That the Committee records its appreciation to Mr Hutchison and his helpers for the manner in which they decorated the hall.

Owing to Mr Duncan's leaving the District be tendered his resignation as a member of the Hall Committee. On behalf of the Committee the Chairman expressed the regret of this action but wished him the best of luck in his new venture, also thanking him for his past services as a committeeman.

Pemberton/Hutchison That Mr S. Diamond be approached to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

Gorrie/Foster That the Secretary be authorized to procure ten dozen cups and saucers.

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**13 Nov 1933 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £3 10s  
                             Payment: W. B. Hutchison £2 7s 6d

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**14 Nov 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 19s; Plunket Society £1

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**15 Nov 1933 Wed**      Income: Dance £24 14s  
                             Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 6d

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**16 Nov 1933 Thu**      Payments: George & Doughty £1 15s; P. S. Taylor £3 7s 4d

**21 Nov 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s

**22 Nov 1933 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £9 7s 1d

**24 Nov 1933 Fri**      Bank deposit £34 13s

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**28 Nov 1933 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s; Taita School Committee £1 15s; Sale of tea 3s  
                             Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**05 Dec 1933 Mon**      Income: Cards £1 17s

**08 Dec 1933 Fri**      Bank deposit £3 14s

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### 11 Dec 1933 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, Butler, Wilson, E. Hewer, Hutchison, Gorrie, Searle, Foster, Diamond, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 7s 3d  
The Chairman welcomed Mr Diamond as a new member of the Committee. Mr Diamond suitably replied.  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Butler and Foster

A further letter was received from the Performing Rights Association. This matter was left in the hands of Mr Hutchison to interview the Wellington Town Clerk to obtain information as to what action the City Council was taking in regards to this Association.

Hutchison/Kitchener That £50 be paid off the Hall Loan.

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<b>11 Dec 1933 Mon</b>	Payment: Thompson Lewis £2 7s 3d
<b>12 Dec 1933 Tue</b>	Income: Anglican Social Committee £1 15s; Stokes Valley School £2; Sale of drinks £2 9s
<b>20 Dec 1933 Wed</b>	Payment: Foresters Lodge £50
<b>22 Dec 1933 Fri</b>	Income: Taita School Committee £1 10s; Sale of drinks £2 4s 6d
<b>05 Jan 1934 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £9 18s 6d

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### 08 Jan 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Peck, Westbury, Butler, E. Hewer, Diamond, Kitchener, Foster, Hutchison, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology received and accepted from Mr Walters.  
Accounts passed for payment: £3 18s 11d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Kitchener and Walters

Alsop/Kitchener That £1 be donated to the Taita School Committee picnic fund  
Gorrie/Diamond That a committee dance be held on Wed 07 Feb, admission 1s 6d  
Hutchison/Gorrie That Sherwoods Orchestra be engaged, Mr Diamond to act as MC

Searle/Gorrie That euchre parties be commenced on Tues 30 Jan \_ to start on Tues 06 Feb, same to be run on similar lines as last year. No substitute player to be allowed, admission to card parties 1s.

C. Hewer and Pemberton clippers

It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs Walters and family in their late bereavement. (Alfred Wallace Walters died 23 Dec 1933 Cottle's Lane)

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<b>08 Jan 1934 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 5s Payment: Foresters Lodge £3 10s
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<b>01 Feb 1934 Thu</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 8d
<b>06 Feb 1934 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 2s; Taita Tennis Club £1 15s
<b>07 Feb 1934 Wed</b>	Income: Dance £6 6s; Taita Football Club £1 4s
<b>09 Feb 1934 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £12 15s

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### **12 Feb 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, E. Hewer, Wilson, Butler, Walters, Westbury, Hutchison, Kitchener, Searle, Diamond, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton

Apology: Mr Foster

Accounts passed for payment: £1 19s 10d

Caretakers for ensuing month: E. Hewer and Gorrie

Hutchison/Gorrie      That McArthur be authorized to procure a large oil mop for the purpose of cleaning the floor.

Pemberton/Hutchison      That separate estimates be procured for the lining of supper room outside wall and end and same with ceiling included. Also for the spacing of lights in supper room and an extra lamp installation.

Diamond/E. Hewer      That a committee dance be held fortnightly. As an amendment (McArthur/Peck) that the committee dances be held monthly for three months, the date of dances to be the second Weds in each month commencing Weds 14 March. The amendment was carried.

Verbal applications were received from the Taita Scouts Committee and the Taita School Committee to each hold four monthly dances the date of which would be Taita School Committee first Weds in each month commencing 07 Mar; Taita Scouts Committee third Weds in each month commencing 21 March.

Alsop/Walters      That both applications be granted.

F. S. Hewer/McArthur      That in future the Secretary be authorized to book one night only to each applicant, further applications to be decided by the Committee.

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<b>12 Feb 1934 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £1 12s 6d
<b>13 Feb 1934 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2 4s
<b>20 Feb 1934 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 18s

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**21 Feb 1934 Wed – Taita Hall – Special Meeting**

To discuss estimates for hall improvements. It was decided to accept Mr McLean's tender of £1 10s to space lights and install one new lamp the work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Owing to the tenders for other work not being to... it was decided to hold same over until March meeting.  
It was also resolved that the action of the Chairman and Mr Kitchener in having the piano tuned be approved.

A letter was received from Messrs Cooper & Sunley explaining that owing to insufficient support they were unable to hold their dance on Sat 17 Feb and asking if the Committee would consider a reduction of rent.

McArthur/Walters That Cooper & Sunley be charged £1 2s 6d. As an amendment (Hutchison/Gorrie) that the charge be £1. The amendment was carried.

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**21 Feb 1934 Wed**      Income: Dance £5 13s 3d  
                              Payments: Thompson Lewis £1 19s 10d; Imprest account £9 14s 7d

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**27 Feb 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s  
**06 Mar 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 16s  
**09 Mar 1934 Fri**      Bank deposit £15 1s 7d

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**12 Mar 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, E. Hewer, Wilson, Butler, Kitchener, Diamond, Westbury, Hutchison, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton

Apologies: Foster and Walters

Accounts passed for payment: £2 5s

Caretakers for ensuing month: Peck and Diamond

An application was received from Miss Stupples for the use of the Hall Stage to hold dance classes. It was unanimously decided that it would not be in the best interests of the Hall to let the stage for the purpose mentioned.

Gorrie/Kitchener That Miss Stupples be offered the small room to hold her classes at a rental of 10s per week. As an amendment (McArthur/Hutchison) that the charge for small room be 5s per week. The amendment was carried.

Tenders were received from Messrs Kitchener and McArthur for the lining of all the walls and ceiling of supper room and the outside walls, windows and doors only. It was decided that the Hall funds would not warrant the complete work being carried out and Mr Kitchener's tender of £12 being the lowest for the lining of side walls and fixing windows the same be accepted, the work to be finished on or before 31 March.

Mr McArthur was instructed to fix leaks on the Hall Roof.

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**12 Mar 1934 Mon**      Income: Mr Cooper rent £1; Taita School Committee £1 15s; Sale of drinks £1 11s  
Payments: Spellerborg 15s; C. McLean £1 10s

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**13 Mar 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 2s

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**14 Mar 1934 Wed**      Income: Dance £5 15s 6d  
Payment: Imprest account £9 15s 5d

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**20 Mar 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s

**21 Mar 1934 Wed**      Payment: Bank fee 10s

**27 Mar 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s; Scouts Committee rent £1 15s

**03 Apr 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 13s; F. Moore rent £2 5s; Miss Stupples 5s

**06 Apr 1934 Fri**      Bank deposit £20 13s 8d

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#### **09 Apr 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Wilson, Diamond, Walters, Westbury, Hutchison, E. Hewer, Kitchener, Gorrie, Alsop, McArthur, Peck, Pemberton

Apologies: Foster and Butler

Accounts passed for payment: £14 16s

Caretakers for ensuing month: Westbury and Wilson

Another letter was received from the Performing Rights Association. It was decided to take no action in this matter.

An application was received from Mr J. Moore to hold a dance on Weds 30 May – granted.

Mr McArthur was authorized to procure another oil mop.

It was decided to hold the monthly meetings at 7pm until further notice.

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**09 Apr 1934 Mon**      Income: Taita School Committee £1 15s; Sale of drinks £1 7s  
Payments: F. Kitchener £12; Foresters Lodge £2 16s; Imprest account £8 18s 9d

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**10 Apr 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s

**11 Apr 1934 Wed**      Income: Dance £2 16s

**17 Apr 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s

**24 Apr 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £2 1s; F. Moore rent £2 5s

**27 Apr 1934 Fri**      Bank deposit £13 2s

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**01 May 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 11s  
Payment: Imprest account £10

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**08 May 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 1s; Taita School Committee £1 15s; Taita Scouts rent £1 15s  
**09 May 1934 Wed**      Income: Dance £2 13s 9d; Taita Cricket Club 10s; Sale of drinks £2 10s

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**14 May 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, Westbury, Peck, Butler, Walters, Foster, E. Hewer, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton, Diamond, Wilson  
Apologies: F. S. Hewer, Gorrie, Kitchener, McArthur  
Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: 19s 4d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

Applications were received to hold dances on various dates from Stokes Valley Rifle Club, Taita Branch Plunket Society, Taita Scouts Committee and Messrs J. Harper and J. Moore and were granted.

Alsop/Walters              That the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday 11 June at 8pm, same to run on similar lines as last year.  
Searle/E. Hewer            That a notice prohibiting alcohol in the Hall be painted and placed in the porch.

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**14 May 1934 Mon**      Payment: Thompson Lews 19s 4d  
**15 May 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s  
**22 May 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s; Taita Scouts rent £1 15s; Mr Pearce donation 3s  
**28 May 1934 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 16s 9d  
**29 May 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 17s  
**05 Jun 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 15s; School Committee rent £1 15s; F. Moore rent £2 5s; Sale of drinks £2

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**11 Jun 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Diamond, Wilson, Peck, Hutchison, Westbury, Walters, Searle, Gorrie, Butler, Alsop  
Accounts passed for payment: £3 7s 4d

It was resolved that Mr Foster be thanked for his services as a committeeman, also express sympathy in his recent accident.

St John Ambulance Brigade wrote asking for a reduction of rent.  
McArthur/Walters            That the Committee cannot see its way to make any reduction

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### 11 Jun 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

Over 100 residents being present. F. S. Hewer occupied the chair. The Committee's report was read, received and adopted. Mr F. Westbury Snr expressed appreciation for the manner in which the Hall affairs had been carried out.

The Chairman then called for nominations for a new committee – there being 20 nominations and only 16 vacancies a ballot was taken which proved in favour of the following:

F. S. Hewer	J. Diamond
W. B. Hutchison	I. Wilson
C. Alsop	F. Westbury Jnr
D. McArthur	W. Walters
J. Butler	F. Kitchener
J. Searle	F. Eales Jnr
F. Gorrie	W. Kells
S. Peck	V. Pemberton

Messrs F. Eales, L. Braddock and J. Tustin kindly acted as scrutineers.

Mr A. Burgess was elected auditor.

F. S. Hewer thanked the old committeemen for their services during the past year.

There being no further business the hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance was held. The Ladies present provided an excellent supper and the music played by local talent.

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### 11 Jun 1934 – Taita Hall – New Committee

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), V. Pemberton (Secretary), C. Alsop (Treasurer). It was decided to hold the monthly meetings on the second Monday in each month at 7pm until further notice.

Caretakers for ensuing month: Butler and Kells.

To be in charge of card parties: Pemberton and Walters

It was decided that as many as possible of the Committeemen roll up on Sunday June 18 at 9am to clean under the stage.

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<b>11 Jun 1934 Mon</b>	Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 18s 4d; Mr McArthur £1 9s
<b>12 Jun 1934 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 13s; Miss Stupples rent £2
<b>16 Jun 1934 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £30 7s 9d
<b>19 Jun 1934 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 10s; Stokes Valley Rifle Club £3
<b>26 Jun 1934 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 8s; Scouts rent £1 15s
<b>03 Jul 1934 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 11s; Mr J. Searle donation 5s 3d; Miss Stupples rent £1 10s
<b>04 Jul 1934 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 19s 8d
<b>06 Jul 1934 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £9 19s 3d

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**09 Jul 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Diamond, Butler, Wilson, Kells, Westbury, Hutcheson, Eales, Gorrie, Searle, Peck, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Kitchener and Walters  
Accounts passed for payment: £3 19s 2d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Kitchener and Walters

F. S. Hewer welcomed the new members to the committee. Messrs Kells and Eales suitably replied.

An application was received from Miss Stupples for a reduction of rent in regards to the recent concert. It was decided that under the circumstances the Committee could not see its way to grant the request.

Hutchison/Diamond      That the rent of the hall for Dances and Concerts be reduced by 10s and the supper room and small room by 2s 6d. As an amendment (McArthur/Pemberton) that the rent charged to local bodies for concerts and dances be reduced by 2s 6d only, the rent of small rooms to stand as at present. After a lengthy discussion the amendment was put to the meeting and lost. The motion was then put to the meeting and was also lost.

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**09 Jul 1934 Mon**      Payments: Foresters Lodge £2 16s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 3s 2d  
Income: Hockey Club rent £2 5s; Sale of drinks £1 4s

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**10 Jul 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s**17 Jul 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s; Mr Fullford rent £2 5s**24 Jul 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s; Scout Committee rent £1 15s; Plunket Society rent £2 5s**25 Jul 1934 Wed**      Income: F. Moore rent £2 5s; Ambulance Society rent £2 5s

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**31 Jul 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards 18s  
Payment: Alliance Assurance Com £9 9s

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**07 Aug 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 1s; Taita Tennis Club £1 15s  
**10 Aug 1934 Fri**      Bank deposit £21 14s

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**13 Aug 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Wilson, Diamond, Kells, Butler, Peck, Walters, Gorrie, Hutchison, Searle, Kitchener, Eales, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton

Accounts passed for payment: £12 15s 6d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Gorrie and Eales

The Lower Hutt Hockey Club wrote thanking the Committee for the courtesy they received at their recent dance.

An application was received from the Taita Branch Women's Institute for the use of the Hall and conveniences on the second Wednesday in each month from 2pm to 4pm.

McArthur/Diamond      That the Women's Institute be offered the use of the Hall for their meetings on either the second Tuesday or Friday, at a rental of 5s per meeting, all refreshments to be taken in the supper room.

Hutchison/Peck      That the Plunket Society be charged 10s for the use of the Hall to hold a children's Fancy Dress dance on Saturday 01 September.

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**13 Aug 1934 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 8s  
Payments: J. B. Tustin £1 1s 6d; A. Burgess £2 2s

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**14 Aug 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s

**15 Aug 1934 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 7d

**21 Aug 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s

**28 Aug 1934 Tue**      Income: Scouts Committee rent £1 15s; School Committee rent £1 15s; Cards £1 4s

**04 Sep 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s; F. Moore rent £2 15s; School Committee rent £1 10s; Women's Institute 5s

**07 Sep 1934 Fri**      Bank deposit £14 9s

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**10 Sep 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, Wilson, Diamond, Westbury, Eales, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Hutchison, Kells, Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £3 18s 8d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Peck and Searle

An application was received from the Taita Cricket Club to hold fortnightly meetings in the small room at a reduced rate.  
Alsop/Gorrie That the Cricket Club be offered the use of the small room at a rental of 2s 6d per night for the coming season.

F. S. Hewer/McArthur That the card parties be carried on for another aggregate.

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**10 Sep 1934 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 10s  
                              Payments: Mr McArthur £2 3s 3d; Thomson Lewis £1 15s 5d

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**11 Sep 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s  
**18 Sep 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s; F. Moore rent £2 5s  
**19 Sep 1934 Wed**      Payment: Bank fee 10s  
**25 Sep 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s  
**01 Oct 1934 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 10s 6d  
**02 Oct 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s

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**08 Oct 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, Wilson, Diamond, Walters, McArthur, Searle, Kells, Westbury, Gorrie, Butler, Kitchener, Peck, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology from the Chairman F. S. Hewer  
Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 2s 11d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Westbury and Diamond

Kitchener/Peck            That the card parties close down at the end of the present aggregate (06 Nov 1934)  
Butler/Kitchener        That the monthly meetings be held at 8pm until further notice.

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**08 Oct 1934 Mon**      Income: Miss Stupples rent £3 5s; Mr Peck rent £2 10s; Women's Institute 5s; F. Kitchener rent £1 15s; Sale of drinks £2 11s  
                              Payments: Foresters Lodge £2 16s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 6s 11d

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**09 Oct 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s  
Bank deposit £19 6s  
Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**10 Oct 1934 Wed**      Income: F. Moore rent £2 5s; Taita Cricket Club 17s 6d; Scouts Committee rent £1 15s  
**16 Oct 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s; Mr Westbury donation 7s 6d  
**17 Oct 1934 Wed**      Anglican Social Committee £1 15s  
**23 Oct 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s  
**30 Oct 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s  
**06 Nov 1934 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s

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**10 Nov 1934 Sat**      Income: Scouts Committee rent £2 5s  
Bank deposit £14

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**12 Nov 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, Butler, Kells, Diamond, Hutchison, Eales, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: McArthur  
Accounts passed for payment: £14 1s 8d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

Westbury/Diamond      That the Taita School Committee be granted the use of the supper room for weekly card parties at a rental of 5s per night.

The Secretary was instructed to write asking the Foresters Lodge if they would accept a further instalment of £50 off the Hall Loan.

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**12 Nov 1934 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £2 1s  
Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 2s 1d; Thomson Lewis £2 16s 3d; Standard Insurance Co £1 11s 6d  
Hutt River Board £1 3s 7d; Hutt County Council £7 8s 3d

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**27 Nov 1934 Tue**      Income: Football Club rent £2 5s  
**29 Nov 1934 Thu**      Income: Miss Stupples rent £1 10s and £2 10s  
**04 Dec 1934 Tue**      Income: School Committee rent £1  
**06 Dec 1934 Thu**      Income: Plunket Society rent 10s; Women's Institute 10s  
**07 Dec 1934 Fri**      Bank deposit £12 11s

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**10 Dec 1934 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, Kells, Butler, Diamond, Walters, Gorrie, Hutchison, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: McArthur  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Butler and Kells

Westbury/Walters        That an instalment of £50 off the Hall loan be passed for payment.

An application was received from the Taita Ratepayers Association to hold monthly meetings in the small room at a reduced rate.  
Gorrie/Diamond        That the Ratepayers Assoc be granted use of small room at a rate of 2s 6d per meeting.

The Chairman extended to the Committee Seasons Greetings and on behalf of the Committee Mr Hutchinson suitably replied.

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**10 Dec 1934 Mon**        Income: Sale of drinks £1 2s  
                                 Payment: Foresters Lodge £50

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**12 Jan 1935 Sat**        Payment: Imprest account £9 18s 9d

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**14 Jan 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, Westbury, Butler, McArthur, Kitchener, Wilson, Searle, Eales, Gorrie, Pemberton  
Apologies: Hewer and Peck  
Hutcheson occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 16s  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Kitchener and Walters

Gorrie/Searle        That euchre parties be started on Tuesday 29 Jan same to be run on same lines as last season. Diamond and Eales to be in charge.,

McArthur/Westbury    That £1 be donated to the Taita School committee in aid of the School picnic fund. On behalf of the School Committee Mr Hutchison suitably thanked the Committee.

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**14 Jan 1935 Mon**        Income: School Committee rent £1 10s and £1; Sale of drinks £3 4s 6d  
                                 Payment: Foresters Lodge £2 16s

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**29 Jan 1935 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 2s  
**05 Feb 1935 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 7s; Mr Westbury donation 10s

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**11 Feb 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, Peck, Diamond, Butler, Wilson, Kitchener, Searle, Kells, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Hewer and Gorrie  
Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 7s 10d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Gorrie and Eales

A letter was received from the Performing Rights Association reminding us that we had not replied to their previous correspondence and asking for the matter to be attended to at once. After a short discussion it was unanimously resolved that no action be taken by the Committee.

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<b>11 Feb 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Ratepayers Association rent 10s; Women's Institute 5s Payment: Thomson Lewis £2 7s 10d
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<b>12 Feb 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1
<b>19 Feb 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 6s
<b>26 Feb 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1
<b>05 Mar 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 3s; Women's Institute 5s; Football Club 18s
<b>08 Mar 1935 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £10 14s

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**11 Mar 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Peck, Walters, Butler, Diamond, Westbury, Hutchison, Searle, Kitchener, Gorrie, McArthur, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Wilson and Kells  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Peck and Searle

An application was received from the Taita Branch Women's Institute for the use of the Hall stage for about two hours each Monday morning. It was decided to grant permission for limited period free of charge.

Kitchener/McArthur      That a weekly dance class be started on 01 April and run until 13 May, dancing 8pm to 10pm, price of admission 6d per person. Miss Sherwood to be engaged to play the piano at a fee of 7s 6d per night and Mr Alsop to be MC.

The Secretary was instructed to secure quotes for the thorough overhaul of the piano and in the event of quotes coming to hand before the March meeting the matter be left in the hands of the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary with power to act.

Mr Butler volunteered to act as clipper for card parties in place of Mr Eales.

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<b>11 Mar 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 4s
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**12 Mar 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s  
**14 Mar 1935 Thu**      Payment: Imprest account £9 5s 1d  
**19 Mar 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 4s  
**21 Mar 1935 Thu**      Payment: Bank fee 10s

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**26 Mar 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 2s  
                                Payment: Imprest account £3 2s 3d

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**01 Apr 1935 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 19s  
**02 Apr 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s; Women's Institute 5s; Plunket Society £1 15s  
**04 Apr 1935 Thu**      Income: Mr Hutchison £1 15s  
**05 Apr 1935 Fri**      Income: Bank deposit £15 17s 6d

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### **08 Apr 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, Diamond, Wilson, Hutchison, Kitchener, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton\  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Diamond and Westbury

Tenders were received from Messrs Nimon & Sons, Mr Chivers, Mr Baker and Mr Pelleyeigh for the thorough overhaul of the piano.  
McArthur/Peck            That Mr Baker's quote of £6 10s be accepted.

A member of the Woburn Badminton Club interviewed the Committee with a view to leasing the Hall on three nights fortnightly over a period of five months. After the matter had been thoroughly discussed from every angle MrArthur/Kitchener moved that the Committee does not consider it would be in the best interests of the Hall to consider the application. Carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the monthly meeting at 7pm during the winter months.

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**08 Apr 1935 Mon**      Income: Tennis Club £1 15s; Sale of drinks 11s 6d; Dance £2 3s  
                                Payment: Foresters Lodge £2 2s

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**09 Apr 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s  
**15 Apr 1935 Mon**      Income: Dance £2 2s 6d  
**16 Apr 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 4s  
**23 Apr 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 4s  
**29 Apr 1935 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 17s 6d; Cricket Club rent £2 5s and £1 5s; Sale of drinks £2  
**30 Apr 1935 Tue**      Bank deposit £17 15s 6d

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**01 May 1935 Wed**      Income: Cards £1 5s  
                                Payment: Imprest account £10

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**07 May 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1  
**08 May 1935 Wed**      Income: Dance £1 11s 6d

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**13 May 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, Wilson, Diamond, Walters, Gorrie, Hutchison, Searle, Kitchener, Kells, Alsop, Pemberton

Apology: Westbury

Accounts passed for payment: £8 10s 7d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

McArthur/Peck            That the Chairman's action re fencing posts be approved.

Mr Diamond was elected MC for the dance class nights.

McArthur/Butler        That the Dance classes be continued until the Annual Meeting.

Hewer/Kitchener        That the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday 10 June at 8pm, same to be run on similar lines as previous years. Miss Sherwood to be engaged to play the piano, advertising to be done through the Hutt News.

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**13 May 1935 Mon**      Income: Women's Institute 5s; Mrs Stupples £3; Ratepayers Association 10s; Sale of drinks 9s; Dance £1 11s 6d  
Payment: A. W. Baker £6 10s

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**14 May 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 13s  
**20 May 1935 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 4s 6d  
**21 May 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 2s  
**27 May 1935 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 7s 6d  
**28 May 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 11s  
**29 May 1935 Wed**      Income: Scouts Committee £1 15s  
**03 Jun 1935 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 9s 6d  
**04 Jun 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s  
**05 Jun 1935 Wed**      Income: Dance £1 9s 6d

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**10 Jun 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Diamond, Hutchison, Westbury, Walters, Gorrie, Searle, Kitchener, Kells, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: Wilson  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 10s 4d

Hutchison/McArthur      That Mr Baker's offer to attend piano twice yearly for the sum of £1 1s be accepted.  
Diamond/Gorrie          That Plunket Society be offered the supper room on a Saturday afternoon, dated to be fixed, for 5s.

Gorrie/Walters          That Miss Stupples be offered the use of the small room for dance classes at a rental of 1s per day subject to her using it three days per week.

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**10 Jun 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

Over 100 residents being present. Mr F. S. Hewer occupied the chair. The Committee's report and balance sheet were read, received and adopted. Mr Westbury Snr congratulated the Committee on the manner in which the Hall affairs had been conducted. Nominations were then called for a new Committee their being one nomination in excess of the number required a ballot was taken which proved in favour of the following:

F. S. Hewer	F. Gorrie
C. Alsop	D. McArthur
F. Westbury	S. Diamond
F. Kitchener	W. Fullford
W. Kells	I. Wilson
J. Searle	W. B. Hutchison
S. Peck	J. Butler
W. Walters	V. Pemberton

Mrs Cravon and Messrs Bentley and Hewney kindly acted as scrutineers.

Mr Burgess was elected auditor for the ensuing year.

Mr F. S. Hewer thanked the late Committee for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.,

There being no further business the hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance was held, the Ladies present providing an excellent supper.

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**10 Jun 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee**

The following were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), V. Pemberton (Secretary), C. Alsop (Treasurer)  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Butler and Kells

F. S. Hewer/Searle      That the Women's Institute be granted permission to install footlights to the stage for their concert subject to the approval of the Hutt Valley Power Board.

Gorrie/Kitchener      That dance classes be continued for another month.

The monthly meetings were fixed for the second Monday in each month at 7pm for the winter months.

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<b>10 Jun 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 15s Payment: Thomson Lewis £2 7s 3d; Hutt Valley Power Board £1 1s 3d; A. Burgess £2 2s
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<b>11 Jun 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 7s; Women's Institute 5s
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<b>17 Jun 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 10s
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<b>18 Jun 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 11s
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<b>20 Jun 1935 Thu</b>	Income: Women's Institute £1 10s
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<b>24 Jun 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 0s 6d
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<b>25 Jun 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 11s
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<b>01 Jul 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Hutt City Council £1; Dance £1 3s
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<b>02 Jul 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 14s Payment: Imprest account £9 9s
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<b>05 Jul 1935 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £34 14s
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**08 Jul 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Diamond, Butler, Kitchener, Fullford, Westbury, Searle, Gorrie, Walters, Kitchener, Alsop, Pemberton

Apologies: McArthur and Kells

Accounts passed for payment: £3 7s 6d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Kitchener and Walters

Pemberton/Hutchison That a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr and Mrs Westbury on the occasion of their Golden Wedding, also that they be offered the use of the Hall free of charge to hold their Celebration.

The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr F. Eales Jnr in his recent bereavement. (Dau: Beverley Jean Eales aged 1yr)

Diamond/Hutchison That the dance classes be run fortnightly commencing 15 July. (Motion lost) As an amendment (Gorrie/Walters) that the weekly classes be run as usual until the August meeting – the amendment was carried.

Hewer/Hutchison That a trainer post be procured for the Hall fence.

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**08 Jul 1935 Mon** Income: Scout Committee £1 15s and 10s; Dance – no return  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £2 2s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 5s 8d

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**09 Jul 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 11s  
**13 Jul 1935 Sat** Income: Plunket Society £1 15s  
**15 Jul 1935 Mon** Income: Dance 18s 3d  
**16 Jul 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 8s  
**22 Jul 1935 Mon** Income: Dance 10s  
**23 Jul 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 12s  
**25 Jul 1935 Thu** Payment: Cheque book 4s  
**29 Jul 1935 Mon** Income: Dance – no return

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**30 Jul 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s  
Payment: Alliance Assurance £9 9s

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**01 Aug 1935 Thu**      Income: Miss Stupples £1 10s  
**05 Aug 1935 Mon**      Income: Dance – no return  
**06 Aug 1935 Tue**      Income: Scout Committee £1 15s; Cards £1 9s

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**07 Aug 1935 Wed**      Income: Women's Institute 10s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 18s 9d

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**08 Aug 1935 Thu**      Income: Hockey Club £2 5s  
Payment: Hutt Valley Power Board £1 8s 4d

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**09 Aug 1935 Fri**      Bank deposit £18 18s 3d

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**12 Aug 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Peck, McArthur, Butler, Wilson, Diamond, Fullford, Kells, Hutchison, Kitchener, Walters, Gorrie, Searle, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton. Mr Mabey, one of the Hall Trustees was also present.

Accounts passed for payment: £10 17s

Caretakers for ensuing month: Westbury and Gorrie

Hewer/[unreadable]      That the action of Hutchison and Kitchener in closing down the dance classes owing to insufficient support be approved.

Kitchener/Gorrie      That the Taita Kiwi Cubs be granted the use of the supper room free of charge for their Birthday celebrations. On behalf of the Cubs Mr Hutchison suitably replied.

Hewer/Diamond      That Mr Lewis be informed that the committee are not prepared to have his horse in the Hall Paddock.

Mr Mabey offered to see that all wandering stock is kept out of the paddock and to keep the grass cut. This offer was accepted.

Mr Westbury Snr wrote thanking the Committee for the use of the Hall for his recent Golden Wedding Celebrations.

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**12 Aug 1935 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 9s 6d  
**13 Aug 1935 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute £1 15s; Cards £1 11s  
**16 Aug 1935 Fri**      Income: Tennis Club 10s  
**20 Aug 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s  
**27 Aug 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s  
**03 Sep 1935 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute 5s; Cards £1 9s; Black Cat Dance Committee £2 5s; Scout Committee £2 5s



**06 Sep 1935 Fri** Bank deposit £14 8s 6d

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**09 Sep 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Butler, Wilson, Diamond, Fullford, Peck, Kells, Westbury, Kitchener, Hutchison, Gorrie, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £1 9s 9d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Searle and Peck

An application was received from Mr N. Croft to hold dances in the Hall on every Saturday night until further notice.  
Gorrie/Alsop That permission be granted subject to the dances being run on lines satisfactory to the Committee.

Hewer/Kitchener That the Secretary's action re Miss Stupples \_ be approved.

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**09 Sep 1935 Mon** Income: Labour Party 10s; Black Cat Dance Committee £2 5s; Women's Institute £1 10s; Sale of drinks 17s  
Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 9s 9d

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**10 Sep 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 5s  
**11 Sep 1935 Wed** Income: Scout Committee £1 15s  
**14 Sep 1935 Sat** Income: Black Cat Dance Committee £2 5s; Women's Institute 10s  
**17 Sep 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 16s  
**19 Sep 1935 Thu** Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**24 Sep 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 8s  
**28 Sep 1935 Sat** Income: Miss Stupples £2 13s  
**30 Sep 1935 Mon** Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 3d  
**01 Oct 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 12s; Women's Institute 5s  
**03 Oct 1935 Thu** Income: Mrs Appleton 10s  
**08 Oct 1935 Tue** Income: Cards £1 10s  
**09 Oct 1935 Wed** Income: Mr Kitchener £2 5s  
**11 Oct 1935 Fri** Bank deposit £22 16s

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**14 Oct 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Butler, Fullford, Diamond, Wilson, Peck, Hutchison, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: Searle  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 10s 5d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Diamond and Fullford

Hewer/McArthur            That the matter of Mr Croft's rent be held over until the November meeting.  
Diamond/McArthur        That the monthly meetings be held at 8pm until further notice.  
Gorrie/Diamond            That the euchre parties be closed down on Tuesday 10 December, the last aggregate to be run six weeks only.

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**14 Oct 1935 Mon**        Income: Taita School Committee £1 10s; Tennis Club 5s; Scout Committee £1 15s; Sale of drinks £1 17s  
                                  Payments: Foresters Lodge £2 2s; Thomson Lewis £1 15s 5d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 13s

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**15 Oct 1935 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 11s  
**18 Oct 1935 Fri**        Income: Mr Peck £2 5s; Mr Croft £1  
**22 Oct 1935 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 9s  
**24 Oct 1935 Thu**        Income: Mr Bothamly 10s  
**28 Oct 1935 Mon**        Income: Scout Committee £2 5s  
**29 Oct 1935 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 6s  
**05 Nov 1935 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 5s; Women's Institute 5s  
**08 Nov 1935 Fri**        Bank deposit £11 12s

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**11 Nov 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Kitchener, Butler, Wilson, Kells, Diamond, Westbury, Fullford, Hutchison, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 14s 11d.  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

A letter was received from the Hutt County Council notifying us that it is necessary to Licence the Hall annually, and asking for a detailed plan of the Building. This matter was left to Mr Kitchener and the Secretary to fix.

The Secretary was instructed to have a new bottom put in the small tea urn and Mr Kitchener to attend to general repairs.

McArthur/Butler            That a notice be placed in the Kitchen stating that the Tea urns must not be used for the purpose of making coffee.

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<b>11 Nov 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £1 15s Payment: Imprest account £9 16s 6d
<b>12 Nov 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 6s
<b>13 Nov 1935 Wed</b>	Income: Labour Party £2 Payment: Standard Insurance £1 11s 6d; Hutt Valley Power Board £1 3s 5d
<b>16 Nov 1935 Sat</b>	Income: Mr Monk £1
<b>18 Nov 1935 Mon</b>	Income: Women's Institute 5s
<b>19 Nov 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 3s
<b>20 Nov 1935 Wed</b>	Income: Scout Committee £2 5s
<b>26 Nov 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 4s
<b>28 Nov 1935 Thu</b>	Income: Miss Stupples £1 10s
<b>03 Dec 1935 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 2s; Women's Institute 5s
<b>04 Dec 1935 Wed</b>	Income: Women's Institute 12s 6d
<b>07 Dec 1935 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £19 18s 6d

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#### **09 Dec 1935 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Peck, Butler, Diamond, Fullford, Wilson, Kitchener, Hutchison, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton

Apology: Kells

Accounts passed for payment: £10 5s 4d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Butler and Kells

An application was received from the Taita Women's Institute to hold a children's Xmas party in the Hall on Saturday afternoon 22 Dec 1935.

Hutchinson/Alsop      That the application be granted and a charge of 10s be made for the use of the Hall and the Hall Committee to donate the sum of 10s to the funds of Women's Institute subject to the Hall being left in a clean condition and no charge is made for admissions to this function.

Gorrie/Kitchener      That the aggregate prizes be returned to 7s 6d ladies and gents.

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**09 Dec 1935 Mon**      Income: Miss Stupples £1 10s; Sale of drinks 10s 6d; Scout Committee 5s  
Payments: Hutt County Council £7 14s 6d; Hutt River Board 19s 6d; Mr Kitchener £1 11s 4d

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**10 Dec 1935 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s  
**12 Dec 1935 Thu**      Income: Mr Peck £1 15s  
**18 Dec 1935 Wed**      Income: Taita School Committee £1 10s; Sale of drinks £3 7s 6d

**10 Jan 1936 Fri**      Bank deposit £10 5s

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**13 Jan 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Kells, Peck, Butler, Diamond, Fullford, Walters, Searle, Kitchener, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: Gorrie  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 2s  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Kitchener and Walters

McArthur/Kitchener      That the sum of £1 be donated to the Taita School Social Committee. On behalf of the School Committee Mr Pemberton thanked the Committee.

It was decided to hold the matter of card parties over until the February meeting.  
Mr McArthur was instructed to attend to general repairs.

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**13 Jan 1936 Mon**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £2 2s  
**15 Jan 1936 Wed**      Payments: Hutt County Council £1; Taita School Committee £1  
**04 Feb 1936 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute 5s

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**10 Feb 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, Peck, Butler, Wilson, Kitchener, Fullford, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Hewer, Diamond and McArthur  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 10s 8d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Gorrie and Westbury

Gorrie/Kitchener      That weekly euchre parties be commenced on Tuesday 25 February at 8pm, price of admission to be 1s, prizes to be to the value of firsts 6s, seconds 3s, aggregate each 10s ladies/gents. The first prizes to be increased when attendance warrants it.

Diamond, Butler and Pemberton were elected to act as clippers.

Gorrie/Alsop      That the Taita Scouts and Cubs be granted the use of the supper room on Monday evenings of each week for two hours at a rental of 6s per calendar month.

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**10 Feb 1936 Mon**      Payment: Thomson Lewis £5 10s 8d  
**24 Feb 1936 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 10s 2d  
**25 Feb 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 4s; Mr Westbury donation 6s  
**03 Mar 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 1s; Women's Institute 5s  
**07 Mar 1936 Sat**      Income: Cards £1 2s; Women's Institute 1s 6d

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**09 Mar 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, Westbury, Wilson, Kells, Fullford, Diamond, Walters, Searle, Pemberton

Apologies: Hewer and Butler

Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.

Caretakers for ensuing month: Searle and Peck

Hutchison/McArthur      That the Women's Institute be granted the use of the small room for their monthly meetings at a rental of 1s 6d per meeting.

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**10 Mar 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 4s

**11 Mar 1936 Wed**      Payment: Imprest account £3 2s 7d

**18 Mar 1936 Wed**      Income: Plunket Society £1 15s

**19 Mar 1936 Thu**      Payment: Bank fee 5s

**24 Mar 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s

**25 Mar 1936 Wed**      Income: Cricket Club 5s

**31 Mar 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s; Cricket Club £1 10s; Football Club £1 2s 6d

**01 Apr 1936 Wed**      Income: Scout Committee £1 15s

**07 Apr 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s

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**14 Apr 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 14s; Cricket Club £2 5s; Scout Committee 10s; Kno\_ Scouts 12s; Sale of drinks £1 14s  
Payments: D. McArthur 18s 6d; Foresters Lodge £2 2s (not presented)

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**15 Apr 1936 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, Peck, Butler, Westbury, Diamond, Fullford, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton

Apologies: Hewer, Wilson, McArthur, Kells

Accounts passed for payment: £3 0s 6d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Diamond and Fullford

An application was received from Mr Beattie for the use of the small room to hold Gospel Meetings.

Diamond/Butler            That Mr Beattie be offered this room on Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights at a rental of 1s 6d per meeting subject to the main Hall not being in use on the nights mentioned.

A letter was received from the Taita Branch Women's Institute complaining that the Hall had not been prepared for them for their April meeting.

Searle/Peck                That the letter of reply as read by the Secretary be forwarded to the Women's Institute.

Searle/Pemberton        That in the event of 31 or more players being present at the card parties the first prizes be increased to 7s 6d each on those occasions.

Hutchison/Searle         That the Committee's books be closed on 30 April for annual audit.

It was decided that on and after 11 May the monthly meeting be held at 7pm until further notice.

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<b>16 Apr 1936 Thu</b>	Bank deposit £22 17s
<b>21 Apr 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 6s
<b>28 Apr 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 12s; Women's Institute 6s 6d
<b>29 Apr 1936 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £3 4s 6d
<b>01 May 1936 Fri</b>	Payment: Imprest account £10
<b>02 May 1936 Sat</b>	Income: Scouts Committee £1 15s; Gospel Hall 4s 6d
<b>05 May 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 2s; Women's Institute 1s 6d

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**11 May 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Wilson, Kells, Diamond, Butler, Westbury, Hutchison, Fullford, Searle, Kitchener, Gorrie, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: Walters  
Caretakers for ensuing month: McArthur and Hutchison

Hewer/Kitchener That the sum of £1 1s be donated to the Kiwi Scouts Committee.  
Hewer/Searle That the Arts and Crafts branch of the Taita Women's Institute be granted the use of the small room on the fourth Wednesday afternoon in each month at a rental of 1s 6d per meeting.

Gorrie/Hewer That the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday 08 June at 8pm, same to run on similar lines as last year.

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<b>11 May 1936 Mon</b>	Income: Miss Stupples £1 12s; Sale of drinks 5s 6d
<b>12 May 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 11s
<b>14 May 1936 Thu</b>	Payments: Cheque book 4s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 18s 9d
<b>19 May 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 1s
<b>26 May 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 7s; Scouts Committee £1 15s; Women's Institute 6s 6d
<b>02 Jun 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Women's Institute 1s 6d; Cards £1 1s

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**08 Jun 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer, Peck, Diamond, Butler, Wilson, Kells, Westbury, Fullford, Searle, Gorrie, Alsop, Kitchener, Pemberton  
Apologies: McArthur and Walters  
Accounts passed for payment: £4 12s 9d

Report and Balance Sheet were read and approved.

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**08 Jun 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 50 residents were present. Mr F. S. Hewer occupied the chair. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was read, received and adopted. Nominations were then called for a new committee, there being two nominations in excess to the number required a Ballot was taken which proved in favour of the following:

F. S. Hewer	V. Draper
C. Alsop	W. Hutchison
D. McArthur	W. Kells
W. Walters	J. Butler
P. Walters	F. Gorrie
S. Diamond	J. Searle
A. F. Westbury	I. Wilson
F. Kitchener	V. Pemberton

Mrs Tustin and Mrs Pemberton kindly acted as scrutineers.  
Mr A. Burgess was elected auditor for the ensuing year.

There being no further business the Hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance was held, the ladies present providing an excellent supper. Messrs Kells, Kitchener and Jones generously supplied music for the dance.

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**08 Jun 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee**

The following persons were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. E. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary). It was decided to hold the monthly meeting on the second Monday in each month at 7pm until further notice.  
Caretakers for the ensuing month: Butler and Kells

Alsop/Westbury      That the Taita Women's Institute be granted the use of the Hall on Wednesday afternoon 10 June for the sum of 5s.  
Pemberton/Diamond      That letters of appreciation be sent to Messrs Peck and Fullford for services rendered as committeemen.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase ten dozen cups, six dozen teaspoons, six knives and two face towels.

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<b>08 Jun 1936 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 5s Payments: A. Burgess £2 2s 9d; P. Player £2 10s
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<b>09 Jun 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 3s
<b>10 Jun 1936 Wed</b>	Income: Women's Institute 5s
<b>11 Jun 1936 Thu</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 8d
<b>16 Jun 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 16s
<b>23 Jun 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 18s
<b>30 Jun 1936 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 2s 6d; Women's Institute 6s 6d



**07 Jul 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 1s  
**08 Jul 1936 Wed**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £2 2s  
**11 Jul 1936 Sat**      Bank deposit: £18 0s 6d

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**13 Jul 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Butler, Wilson, Kells, W. Walters, Diamond, Hutchison, Gorrie, Kitchener, Searle, Draper, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton

Accounts passed for payment: £12 4s

Caretakers for ensuing month: Kitchener and W. Walters

The Secretary was instructed to renew the Hall Licence.

Alsop/Diamond      That a series of weekly short night dances be held commencing on Monday 30 July, dancing 8pm to 10pm, admission 6d, Mrs Westbury promised to act as pianist and Mr Kells MC.

Pemberton/Hewer      That the matter of continuing with the euchre parties be left to the discretion of the Committeemen present on the last night of the present aggregate.

It was decided that as many as possible of the Committee will turn up on Sunday morning 19 July at 9.30am for a general clean up of the Hall.

Hewer/McArthur      That the Secretary's action in refusing the application for the loan of the Hall piano be endorsed.  
Hewer/Alsop      That the Women's Institute be charged 3s to cover the cost of lighting for their rehearsal.

Gorrie/Searle      That in future a lighting charge of 5s be made for all rehearsals etc – motion lost. As an amendment (Draper/W. Walters) that the sum of 1s per hour be charged for lights to all using the Hall for rehearsals or in the preparations of the Hall when lights are used. After a thorough discussion the amendment was put to the meeting and declared carried.

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**13 Jul 1936 Mon**      Income: Scout Committee £3 10s; Sale of drinks 5s 6d  
Payment: Alliance Assurance Com Ltd £9 9s; Open Warehouse £2 15s

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**14 Jul 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s  
**21 Jul 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s; Mr Westbury donation 4s 6d  
**27 Jul 1936 Mon**      Income: Dance 8s 6d  
**28 Jul 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s; Women's Institute £1 19s 6d

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**04 Aug 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 14s 6d

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**07 Aug 1936 Fri**      Bank deposit £12 1s

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**10 Aug 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, Wilson, Kells, Searle, Gorrie, Draper, Kitchener, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton

Apologies: Hewer and Diamond

Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.

Accounts passed for payment: £1 0s 2d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Gorrie and Westbury

Gorrie/Hutchison      That in the event of less than 30 being present at the Monday dances same be discontinued – motion lost. As an amendment (Searle/Westbury) that the number to be present be 25. The amendment was put to the meeting and declared carried.

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**10 Aug 1936 Mon**      Income: Dance 12s 6d  
Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 0s 2d

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**11 Aug 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s

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**18 Aug 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s; Mr Westbury donation 4s 6d; Women's Institute 6s 6d  
Payment: Hutt County Council £1

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**25 Aug 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s

**01 Sep 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s; Mr Westbury donation 3s

**08 Sep 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s; Scout Committee £3 10s; School Committee £1 10s; Sale of drinks 14s 9d

**11 Sep 1936 Fri**      Bank deposit £13 15s 3d

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### 14 Sep 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, P. Walters, W. Walters, Butler, Draper, Searle, Gorrie, Hutchison, Kitchener, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Kells and Westbury  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Searle and P. Walters

An application was received from the Taita Women's Institute to erect a cupboard on the Hall Stage.  
Hewer/Draper That the request be granted.

It was decided to hold the matter of running an annual dance over until the October meeting.

Gorrie/Searle That the monthly meetings be held at 8pm until further notice.

Hewer/Gorrie That the Taita Methodist Church Sunday School Superintendent be offered the use of the hall to hold their anniversary services for a rental of 10s 6d subject to them being responsible for the preparation and the cleaning of the Hall on that occasion.

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14 Sep 1936 Mon	Income: Sale of drinks 12s; Scout Committee £1 6s
15 Sep 1936 Tue	Income: Cards £1 7s
22 Sep 1936 Tue	Income: Cards £1 5s
23 Sep 1936 Wed	Payment: Bank fee 5s
25 Sep 1936 Fri	Payment: Imprest account £9 16s 11d
29 Sep 1936 Tue	Income: Cards £1 3s
06 Oct 1936 Tue	Income: Cards £1 3s; Women's Institute 6s 6d
10 Oct 1936 Sat	Bank deposit £7 2s 6d

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### 12 Oct 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Butler, Diamond, Wilson, Westbury, Draper, Kells, Kitchener, Hutchison, Gorrie, Searle, P. Walters, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: W. Walters and McArthur  
Accounts passed for payment: £4 3s 2d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Diamond and Draper

A letter was received from the Australasian Performing Rights Association drawing our attention to the fact that we had not yet paid a yearly subscription to their association. After a brief discussion (Hewer/Hutchison) that no action be taken in the matter – the motion being carried unanimously.

Hewer/Kitchener That the Scouts Committee be granted permission to place a Cupboard in the supper room.  
Gorrie/Alsop That no annual dance be held this year.

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**12 Oct 1936 Mon**      Income: Mr Kitchener rent £2 5s; Sale of drinks £1 5s  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £2 2s; Thomson Lewis £2 1s 2d

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**13 Oct 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s; Mr Hewer donation 6s  
**20 Oct 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s; Mr Gorrie Snr donation 6s  
**27 Oct 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s; Women's Institute 5s  
**03 Nov 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s  
**06 Nov 1936 Fri**      Bank deposit £9 16s

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**09 Nov 1936 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, Westbury, Butler, Wilson, Gorrie, Kitchener, Diamond, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Hewer, McArthur, P. Walters, Draper  
Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £1 11s 6d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

It was decided to close the euchre parties on Tuesday 15 December, the last three nights to be run without aggregate.

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**09 Nov 1936 Mon**      Income: Scout committee £4; Sale of drinks 7s  
**10 Nov 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s  
**11 Nov 1936 Wed**      Payments: Imprest account £9 19s 3d; Standard Insurance £1 11s 6d  
**17 Nov 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s  
**24 Nov 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s; Women's Institute 6s 6d; Singing Circle 5s; Mr S. Peck £2 5s  
**26 Nov 1936 Thu**      Income: Miss Stupples £1 12s  
**01 Dec 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s  
**08 Dec 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s  
**11 Dec 1936 Fri**      Bank deposit £15 15s 6d

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**14 Dec 1936 Mon**      Income: Ratepayers Association £1 10s  
Payment: Hutt County Council £10 3s 11d; Hutt River Board 19s 5d

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**15 Dec 1936 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s

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**11 Jan 1937 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 3s 6d  
Payment: Foresters Lodge £2 2s

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**02 Feb 1937 Tue** Bank deposit £4 3s 6d  
Payment: Cheque Draper unpaid £1 3s 6d

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**04 Feb 1937 Thu** Bank deposit Cheque Draper unpaid £1 3s 6d

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**08 Feb 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, W. Walters, Butler, Kells, Kitchener, P. Walters, Searle, Gorrie, Westbury, Alsop, Pemberton

Owing to the December and January meetings lapsing for want of a quorum the minutes of the November meeting were read and confirmed.  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Westbury and Gorrie

A letter was received from Mr Diamond tendering his resignation from the Hall Committee owing to pressure of business.  
Hewer/Kitchener That the resignation be accepted with regret and a letter be sent to Mr Diamond thanking him for his past services.

The Taita madrigal circle wrote asking for the use of Hall for practice each Monday from 2.30 to 4pm.  
Gorrie/W. Walters That the application be granted and a charge of 5s per calendar month be made for use of same. Also should the Drama Society need the Hall for their practice a like charge should be made.

A letter was received from Taita Branch Women's Institute notifying us that at one of their recent functions the Hall Door had been unavoidably damaged and enquiry to what extent they would held responsible.

Pemberton/McArthur That under the most exceptional circumstances the Hall Committee does not feel inclined to make any charge but would leave it the Women's Institute generosity to assist in the payment of repairs.

Alsop/Pemberton That the Plunket Society be granted the use of the Hall for a long night dance on Wednesday 10 March from 8.30pm to 12.30pm for the sum of £2, the Hall to make a donation of 5s to the Society's Funds.

Hewer/Alsop That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Hutchison, McArthur, Butler, Kells, Kitchener and W. Walters for services rendered during the months of November, December and January.

Kitchener/Gorrie That euchre parties be commenced on Tuesday 16 February. After considerable discussion (Alsop/Westbury) that the present form of the card parties be run on similar lines as last season the aggregate to start on 23 February. Messrs W. Walters and Pemberton to take charge for the first aggregate.

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**16 Feb 1937 Tue** Income: Cards 19s; Women's Institute 11s  
**22 Feb 1937 Mon** Payment: Imprest account £9 11s 8d  
**23 Feb 1937 Tue** Income: Cards 15s

**02 Mar 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 2s

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**08 Mar 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Westbury, Butler, Wilson, Draper, Hutchison, Searle, Kitchener, Alsop, Pemberton

Apologies: Gorrie and Kells

Caretakers for ensuing month: P. Walters and Searle

A letter was received from the Taita Women's Institute asking if the Hall Committee would consider a joint monthly for their meetings etc instead of various circles each paying separately.

Hutchison/McArthur      That the Secretary write informing the Institute that we have no objection to their proposal providing the charges and rates remain as at present, also should the Arts and Crafts circle need a room they be charged the sum of 5s per calendar month for the use of same for one afternoon weekly.

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**08 Mar 1937 Mon**      Income: Women's Institute 1s 6d; Scout Committee £1 15s; Singing Circle 5s

**09 Mar 1937 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute donation 10s; Women's Institute rent 6s 6d; Cards £1 7s

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**16 Mar 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s

Payment: Imprest account £3 2s 6d

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**19 Mar 1937 Fri**      Payment: Bank fee 5s

**23 Mar 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s

**30 Mar 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 13s; Plunket Society £2; Farmers Union 7s 6d

**06 Apr 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s

**10 Apr 1937 Sat**      Bank deposit £15 16s 6d

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**12 Apr 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, Kitchener, Wilson, Kells, Draper, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Westbury, W. Walters, Butler, Hewer  
Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 2s  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Draper and Wilson

Hutchison/Kitchener That the Committee's Books be closed on April 30 for the annual audit.

A letter was received from the Hutt Valley Electric Power Board asking for a reduction of the schedule price for their recent picture entertainment.  
Kitchener/Pemberton That no reduction be made.

A letter was received from the Taita Women's Institute asking if the Committee would consider reducing the charges paid by the Drama and Madrigal circles from 5s per month each circle to 5s per month for the combined circles.  
[Unreadable]/Draper That no action be taken.

Mr Kitchener was instructed to repair the card tables and forms.

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<b>12 Apr 1937 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 8s 6d; Taita Cricket Club £1 5s Payment: Foresters Lodge £2 2s
<b>13 Apr 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 13s
<b>20 Apr 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 15s; Methodist Church 15s
<b>27 Apr 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 19s; Women's Institute 6s 6d
<b>28 Apr 1937 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £8 2s
<b>01 May 1937 Sat</b>	Payment: Imprest account £10
<b>04 May 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £2

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**10 May 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, Kitchener, Westbury, Butler, Draper, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Kells, McArthur, Wilson and Hewer  
Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £4 11s  
Caretakers for ensuing month: McArthur and Hutchison

A letter was received from the Women's Institute complaining that the Hall is not always in a clean condition for their meetings.  
Hutchison/Alsop That the Secretary write informing the Women's Institute that the matter is receiving our attention.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Monday 14 June at 8pm, same to be advertised in the Evening Post and run on similar lines as previous years.

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<b>10 May 1937 Mon</b>	Income: Taita Cricket Club £1 15s; Householders M... 12s 6d Payment: F. Kitchener £4 11s
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<b>11 May 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 10s
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<b>18 May 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 16s
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<b>25 May 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 7s
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<b>01 Jun 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 9s; Women's Institute 6s 6s
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<b>08 Jun 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 10s
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**14 Jun 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, Butler, Wilson, Westbury, Searle, P. Walters, Kitchener, Alsop, Draper, Kells  
Apologies: F. S. Hewer, W. Walters and Gorrie  
Mr Hutchison occupied the chair. The report and balance sheet was read and approved.

The Chairman on behalf of Mr Hewer expressed his appreciation for manner in which the committeemen had cooperated with him during the year.

Pemberton/Alsop That a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Kells who was unable to seek re-election, for the interest he had at all times taken in the Hall affairs, also for his services as a committeeman. Mr Kells suitably replied.

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**14 Jun 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 50 residents were present. Mr W. B. Hutchison occupied the chair. Mr Hutchison apologized for the unavoidable absence of Mr Hewer who was unable to be present owing to sickness, also expressing a sincere wish for his speedy and complete recovery. The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was read, received and adopted. Mr F. Westbury congratulated the Committee on the manner in which the Hall Business had been carried out. Nominations were then called for a new committee. Their being only sufficient nominations to fill the vacancies the following were declared elected:

F. S. Hewer	F. Westbury
W. B. Hutchison	V. A. Draper
C. Alsop	P. Walters
D. McArthur	W. J. Smith
J. Searle	S. Peck
F. Kitchener	V. Peck
I. Wilson	H. Kitchener
J. Butler	V. Pemberton

Mr A. Burgess was elected auditor.

Hutchison/Pemberton That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs F. Gorrie, W. Kells and W. Walters who through various reasons were unable to seek re-election, for the capable and willing manner in which they carried out their duties during their long time of office as committeemen.

There being no further business the Hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance was held, the ladies present providing an excellent supper and Messrs H. Kitchener & W. Kells kindly playing the music for same.

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**14 Jun 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee**

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary). Butler and Pemberton volunteered to take charge of card parties. It was decided to hold the monthly meeting on the second Monday in each month at 7pm until further notice. Caretakers for ensuing month: Butler and Westbury.

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**14 Jun 1937 Mon**      Payment: Cheque book 4s

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**15 Jun 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 8s 10d

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**22 Jun 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s**29 Jun 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 4s**06 Jul 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards 19s

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**07 Jul 1937 Wed**      Income: Women's Institute 11s 6d; Singing circle 15s; Drama circle 15s; Frontiersmen £3, Electric Power Board £1 10s  
Sale of drinks 3s

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**09 Jul 1937 Fri**      Bank deposit £23 18s 6d

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**12 Jul 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, Westbury, Butler, S. Peck, V. Peck, Wilson, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Searle, Smith, Draper, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Hewer and McArthur  
Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 4s  
Caretakers for ensuing month: F. and H. Kitchener

Mr Hutchison extended a hearty welcome to the newly elected committee.  
Mr F. Kitchener was instructed to lay a concrete track not less than three feet wide from the road footpath to the committee room door.  
The Secretary was instructed to have the fences cut and the track to the kitchen door cleaned.  
Mr H. Kitchener promised to attend to the necessary frosting of the Dressing room windows.

Searle/S. Peck      That the Women's Institute be charged 4s per meeting for use of the supper room, kitchen and conveniences for their arts and crafts class.

F. Kitchener/Alsop      That the Methodist Church Social committee be charged the sum of £1 10s for a full day and evening and one Saturday in September for the purpose of holding a Bazaar.

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**13 Jul 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards 18s  
Payments: A. Burgess £2 2s; Hutt County Council £1

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**20 Jul 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s; Mr Cox donation 2s 6d; Farmer's Union 2s 6d  
**27 Jul 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards 17s; Mr Balls donation 1s; Women's Institute 6s 6d; Women's Institute heating 2s

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**03 Aug 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 17s 8d

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**05 Aug 1937 Thu**      Payments: Allied Assurance £8 10s 1d; Foresters Lodge £2 2s

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**09 Aug 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, S. Peck, V. Peck, Wilson, Hutchison, Searle, Westbury, Alsop, Butler, McArthur, Draper, Pemberton  
Apology: Smith  
Accounts passed for payment: £13 12s 7d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: D. and V. Peck

Kitchener/Hutchison      That Mr Mabey be asked to keep his horse out of the Hall property.

Hewer/Kitchener          That the Stokes Valley Women's Institute Drama Circle be offered the use of the Hall Stage on Wednesday afternoons at a rental of 5s per practice.

Alsop/Westbury          That the Women's Institute Arts and Crafts Circle be charged 1s per hour for the use of the supper room for their meetings and should they need the use of the kitchen and conveniences the original charge of 4s be adhered to.

Hewer/Pemberton         That the Methodist Sunday School Social Committee be charged £1 10s for the use of the Hall for their recent Social and the Hall Committee donate the sum of 10s to the Methodist Church funds.

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**09 Aug 1937 Mon**         Income: Miss Stupples £1 17s 6d  
Payment: F. Kitchener £4 5s

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**10 Aug 1937 Tue**         Income: Med Church £1 10s; Cards £1 11s**17 Aug 1937 Tue**         Income: Cards £1 11s**26 Aug 1937 Fri**          Income: Cards £1 6s**31 Aug 1937 Tue**         Income: Cards £1 12s**07 Sep 1937 Tue**         Income: Cards £1 11s; Women's Institute £1 17s 9d**10 Sep 1937 Fri**          Bank deposit £17 14s 9d

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**13 Sep 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, Butler, Hutchison, Smith, Searle, Alsop, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Draper, Westbury, S. Peck, V. Peck, Pemberton

Apology: Wilson

Caretakers for ensuing month: Searle and Walters

It was decided that as many of the committeemen meet at the Hall on Wednesday 15 September at 7pm for a general clean up of the hall.

It was decided to run a Art Union in aid of the Hall funds, prizes to first £5, second £3 and the third £2, same to be drawn on 16 December. Mr Hutchinson promised to have books of tickets printed as soon as possible.

Kitchener/Butler            That in future the monthly meeting be held at 8pm.

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<b>13 Sep 1937 Mon</b>	Income: Scouts Committee 2s 6d; Tennis Club 2s 6d
<b>14 Sep 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 6s
<b>15 Sep 1937 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 10s 8d
<b>20 Sep 1937 Mon</b>	Income: National Party 10s
<b>21 Sep 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 12s
<b>23 Sep 1937 Thu</b>	Payment: Bank fee 5s
<b>28 Sep 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 5s; Med Church £1 10s; Miss Stupples 4s 6d; Mrs Bonthorne 1s
<b>04 Oct 1937 Mon</b>	Income: Cards £1 10s; Mr Kitchener £2 5s
<b>06 Oct 1937 Thu</b>	Income: Farmers Union £3
<b>09 Oct 1937 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £13 8s 6d

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**11 Oct 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchison, McArthur, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Butler, Wilson, Draper, Westbury, Searle, Walters, Smith, Alsop, Pemberton

Apology: Hewer

Mr Hutchison occupied the chair.

Accounts passed for payment: £2 2s

Caretakers for ensuing month: Wilson and Draper

A letter was received from the Taita Women's Institute offering to help the Hall Committee in any function we care to carry out.

Pemberton/Alsop That a letter of thanks be sent to the Women's Institute and an invitation for a number of their committee to meet a sub-committee from the Hall Committee at a date suitable to both parties. F. S. Hewer, Hutchison, Draper, H. Kitchener and Pemberton were elected to meet the ladies.

Kitchener/Alsop That the Secretary write to the Hutt County Council asking them to clean away the grass and place metal on about two chain of the road adjoining the Hall.

Hutchison/Kitchener That as a mark of appreciation for his many years of service to the Hall Mr Hewer be offered the use of same free of cost on the occasion of his daughter's wedding. (Lucy Margaret Hewer to Arthur Page married at Lower Hutt Methodist Church – reception at Hall)

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**11 Oct 1937 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 16s 6d  
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**12 Oct 1937 Tue**      Income: Farmers Union 2s 6d; Cards £1 5s

**18 Oct 1937 Mon**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £2 2s

**19 Oct 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s

**22 Oct 1937 Fri**        Income: Mr Kilmister £1 15s

**26 Oct 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s

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**02 Nov 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s; Miss Stupples 6s; Women's Institute £4 2s 3d  
Payment: Imprest account £9 18s 2s

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**05 Nov 1937 Fri**      Bank deposit £13 9s 3d

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**08 Nov 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), S. Peck, V. Peck, Butler, Wilson, Walters, Hutchison, Westbury, Searle, F. Kitchener, Pemberton  
Apologies: Alsop, McArthur and H. Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £14 18s 6d  
Caretakers for the ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

The sub-committee approved to meet the Women's Institute reported that it had been decided to run a dance on 01 December in conjunction with the Women's Institute.

Walters/Westbury      That the report be approved.

It was decided to charge the Methodist Sunday School Committee the sum of 10s for their anniversary service 28 November and 15s for the following Saturday afternoon and evening. The Anglican Church and the Women's Institute to be each charged 10s for the use of the hall on Saturday 27 November and 11 December.

Hutchison/S. Peck      That the card parties finish on Tuesday 14 December, the last three nights to be run without aggregate, light refreshment to be provided on the final night.

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**08 Nov 1937 Mon**      Income: Labour Party 5s; Sale of drinks 5s; Householders 10s  
Payments: Lighting Hutt Valley Power Board £1 2s 6d; Insurance on Furniture £1 8s 4d; Hutt City Council Rates £11 11s 8d

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**09 Nov 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s  
**15 Nov 1937 Mon**      Income: School Committee £1 10s  
**16 Nov 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s  
**23 Nov 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s; Miss Stupples £1 16s  
**27 Nov 1937 Sat**      Income: Anglican Church 10s  
**30 Nov 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s; Labour party 2s 6d  
**07 Dec 1937 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s; Sale of drinks 3s  
**11 Dec 1937 Sat**      Bank deposit £13 9s

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**13 Dec 1937 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Hutchison, Butler, Draper, Smith, S. Peck, V. Peck, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: McArthur, Searle and Westbury  
Accounts passed for payment: £1 1s  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Butler and Westbury

Hewer/Hutcheson      That this committee place on record its sincere appreciation of the Taita Branch Women's Institute's cooperation and support at our recent \_ and place a copy of same together with a full statement of receipt and expenditure to be sent to Women's Institute – carried unanimously.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman wished the Committee the compliments of the season also thanking them for their support and cooperation during the past year.

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<b>13 Dec 1937 Mon</b>	Payment: Thomson Lewis £1 1s
<b>14 Dec 1937 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 13s; Dance profits £9 7s 10d
<b>16 Dec 1937 Thu</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £2 12s 6d; Profit on raffle £10 3s 6d
<b>17 Dec 1937 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £24

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**10 Jan 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Butler, S. Peck, Draper, Wilson, Westbury, Hutchison, Searle, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Smith and V. Peck  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 1s  
Caretakers for ensuing month: F. and H. Kitchener

A letter was received from the Methodist Sunday School Committee thanking the Hall Committee for their consideration during the recent anniversary functions.

Hutchison/Searle      That the Foresters be asked if they would accept £50 off the Hall mortgage.  
Alsop/F. Kitchener    That the sum of £1 be donated to the Taita School Committee Picnic Fund

Searle/F. Kitchener    That weekly euchre parties be held again during the coming months, same to commence on Tuesday 15 February at 8pm. Aggregate to start 22 February.

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<b>10 Jan 1938 Mon</b>	Income: Labour Party £1 15s; Med Sunday School £1 6s; Taita School Committee £1 10s; Profit on raffle 13s Payments: Foresters Lodge £2 2s; Thomson Lewis £2 19s; Taita School Committee £1
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**12 Jan 1938 Wed**      Income: Labour Party 2s 6d  
**02 Feb 1938 Wed**      Income: Labour Party 2s 6d; Women's Institute £1 5s 6d  
**11 Feb 1938 Fri**        Bank deposit £5 3s 10d  
**12 Feb 1938 Sat**        Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 4d  
**15 Feb 1938 Tue**        Income: Women's Institute 5s; Cards 19s  
**22 Feb 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 7s  
**01 Mar 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 6s  
**08 Mar 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 7s  
**09 Mar 1938 Wed**        Income: Taita Ratepayers Association £1 2s 6d; Labour Party 2s 6d

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**14 Mar 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, S. Peck, V. Peck, Draper, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Hutchison, Searle, Smith, Alsop, Pemberton  
 Apologies: Butler and Westbury  
 Caretakers for ensuing month: Searle and Walters

Hutchison/H. Kitchener    That the action of those committeemen present at the February meeting (which lapsed for want of a quorum) namely that this committee does not consider it convenient to let the kitchen etc in conjunction with the room be endorsed – carried unanimously.

Hutchison/S. Peck        That the sum of £50 be paid off the Hall mortgage sometime before the end of March.

An application was received from the Taita Women's Institute for the use of the supper room for the last Thursday in each month for their Arts and Crafts meeting.

F. Kitchener/Draper      That the Women's Institute be offered the use of same at a rental of 4s per meeting if in use from 11am to 4pm or 2s from 2pm to 4pm.

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**15 Mar 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 11s  
**22 Mar 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 8s  
**23 Mar 1938 Wed**        Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**29 Mar 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 9s

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**05 Apr 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 6s; Women's Institute 8s 6d; Hutt Kennel Club 10s; National Part £2 14s 6d; Cricket Club 12s 6d  
 Labour Party 2s 6d

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**06 Apr 1938 Wed**        Payment: Foresters Lodge £50 and £2 2s  
**08 Apr 1938 Fri**        Bank deposit £17 19s  
**09 Apr 1938 Wed**        Income: Sale of drinks 5s



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**11 Apr 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, S. Peck, V. Peck, Wilson, Draper, Hutchison, Searle, Westbury, Smith, Pemberton  
Apologies: Alsop, H. Kitchener, Butler  
Accounts passed for payment: £1 0s 6d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Draper and Wilson

Hewer/Kitchener            That the Committee books be closed on 30 April for annual audit.  
Searle/Peck                That in future the monthly meeting be held at 7pm.

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**12 Apr 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 6s  
**19 Apr 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 13s  
**23 Apr 1938 Sat**        Income: Mr Ferretti 5s; Mr Pilcher £1 15s; Labour Party 12s 6d  
**26 Apr 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 8s  
**27 Apr 1938 Wed**        Income: Cricket Club £1 15s  
**28 Apr 1938 Thu**        Payment: Imprest account £3 16s 6d; A. Feist £2 7s 6d; Cheque book 4s  
**29 Apr 1938 Fri**        Bank deposit £9 2s  
**01 May 1938 Sun**        Payment: Imprest account £10

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**02 May 1938 Mon**        Income: Cards £1 11s; Women's Institute 8s 6d  
                                  Payment: A. Baker 15s

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**05 May 1938 Thu**        Income: Women's Institute 2s

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### 09 May 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Wilson, J. Peck, V. Peck, Westbury, Searle, Butler, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apology: McArthur  
Mr Hutchison opened the meeting.  
Caretakers for the ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

A letter was received from the Taita Branch Labour Party asking us to reconsider our decision in regards to letting the kitchen in conjunction with the small committee room or as an alternative a quote for the use of the supper room kitchen and conveniences on two nights monthly.

Alsop/Westbury            That the Taita Branch of the Labour Party be offered the use of the supper room etc for a term on the specified nights (every second Thursday) at a rental of 9s per night, same to be subject to Main Hall Bookings, also that the committee regrets that we are unable to reconsider our decision in regards to the small room and kitchen.

Mr F. Kitchener promised to attend to repairing of chairs at his earliest consideration.

Hewer/S. Peck            That a weekly learners dance class be held each Monday commencing on 23 May dancing 8pm to 10pm, admission 6d. Mr Alsop promised to act as MC and Mr H. Kitchener pianist.

Hewer/Hutchison        That the annual meeting be held on Monday 13 June at 8pm, same to be run on similar lines as previous years.

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<b>09 May 1938 Mon</b>	Income: Labour Party 15s; Sale of drinks 2s 6d
<b>10 May 1938 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 7s
<b>17 May 1938 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 5s; Labour Party 2s 6d; Golf Club 5s
<b>23 May 1938 Mon</b>	Income: Dance 12s 6d
<b>24 May 1938 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 13s
<b>30 May 1938 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 9s 6d
<b>31 May 1938 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 13s; Women's Institute 6s 6d and 5s
<b>02 Jun 1938 Thu</b>	Income: Women's Institute 2s
<b>06 Jun 1938 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 8s
<b>07 Jun 1938 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 8s; Labour Party 9s
<b>11 Jun 1938 Sat</b>	Bank deposit £15 5s

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### 13 Jun 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, S. Peck, V. Peck, Westbury, Draper, Wilson, Walters, Searle, Hutchison, Alsop, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Pemberton

Accounts passed for payment: £3 9s 8d

Peck/Draper            That the action of the Chairman and Secretary in having the footpath cleaned and metalled be endorsed.

The annual report and balance sheet was read and received.

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### 13 Jun 1938 – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

F. S. Hewer occupied the chair.

The Annual Report and Balance sheet read, received and adopted.

Nominations were then called for a new committee there being four nominations in excess of the required number a Ballot was taken and proved in favour of the following:

F. S. Hewer	S. Peck
C. Alsop	W. Smith
P. Walters	V. Peck
J. Butler	J. Searle
F. Kitchener	D. McArthur
H. Kitchener	F. Westbury
W. B. Hutchison	V. Draper
F. Sage	V. Pemberton

Mrs Sage and Mrs Draper kindly acted as scrutineers.

Mr A. Burgess was elected auditor.

There being no further business the Hall was cleared and a very enjoyable dance was held. The Ladies present providing an excellent supper and Messrs H. Kitchener, J. Andrews and W. Walters kindly supplied the music.

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**13 Jun 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting**

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Messrs F. W. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), V. Pemberton (Secretary). The monthly meeting was fixed for the second Monday in each month at 7pm during the Winter months.

It was decided to have the Tanks cleaned out and the front of the Hall cleared and metalled.

Sage and Pemberton promised to take charge of euchre parties.

Caretakers for the ensuing month: Butler and Westbury.

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**13 Jun 1938 Mon**      Income: Cricket Club £1; Farmers Union 2s 6d  
Payments: Thomson Lewis £1 7s 8d; A. Burgess £2 2s; Horlor Motors £1 13s

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**14 Jun 1938 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute £1 15s and 7s; Cards £1 12s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 16s 4d

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**20 Jun 1938 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 6s  
**21 Jun 1938 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 13s  
**27 Jun 1938 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 13s  
**28 Jun 1938 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 10s  
**30 Jun 1938 Thu**      Income: Labour Party 9s; Women's Institute 6s 6d  
**04 Jul 1938 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 17s  
**05 Jul 1938 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 12s  
**07 Jul 1938 Thu**      Income: Women's Institute 2s

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**11 Jul 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, S. Peck, V. Peck, Butler, Hutchison, Walters, McArthur, Smith, Sage, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: H. Kitchener, Searle, Westbury  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 17s 3d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: F. & H. Kitchener

Hewer/Hutchison        That a new 600-gallon tank be purchased to replace the leaking kitchen tank.

Hewer/Pemberton       That owing to the fact that the Women's Institute recent Social proved to be a financial loss this committee donate the sum of 10s to their funds.

Hutchison/Alsop        That the National Party be charged 10s for the loan of the Hall chairs.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase one new 21-inch broom, two Qt 8" door mats, one electric Heater and sundries for the kitchen.

Walters/Smith         That providing suitable arrangements could be made a long night dance be held on Wednesday 27 July, admission to be Gents 2s, ladies 1s 6d, dancing 8pm to 12pm.

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**11 Jul 1938 Mon**        Income: Sale of drinks 2s  
Payment: Foresters Lodge £1 8s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 9s 3d

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**12 Jul 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 6s  
**13 Jul 1938 Wed**        Income: Dance £1 7s 6d  
**16 Jul 1938 Sat**         Income: C. Hewer 10s  
**18 Jul 1938 Mon**        Payment: Edmeades & Macaskill £2 15s  
**19 Jul 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 6s  
**20 Jul 1938 Wed**        Income: Dance £1 16s 6d  
**26 Jul 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1 2s  
**27 Jul 1938 Wed**        Income: Dance £8 14s  
**30 Jul 1938 Sat**        Income: Mr McNab £1 15s

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**02 Aug 1938 Tue**        Income: Cards £1  
Payment: Imprest account £9 13s

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**03 Aug 1938 Wed**        Income: Dance £1 10s  
**06 Aug 1938 Sat**        Bank deposit £21 3s

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**08 Aug 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), S. Peck, Butler, Draper, H. Kitchener, V. Peck, Hutchison, Westbury, F. Kitchener, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: McArthur and Searle  
Accounts passed for payment: £15 7s 1d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: S. & V. Peck

Hewer/F. Kitchener That a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Ward Pearse (County Council) for the improvements he had carried out to the road in the front of the Hall.

H. Kitchener/Draper That a long night dance be held on Wednesday 31 August, same to run on similar lines as last dance.

It was decided to hold the monthly meeting at 8pm until further notice.

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**08 Aug 1938 Mon** Income: National Party £2 5s; Women's Institute 13s 6d; Hutt County Council £1 1s; Sale of drinks 16s  
Payments: Alliance Assurance £8 10s 1d; Hutt County Council £1; Electric Power Board £1 7s 3d; P. S. Taylor & Son £1 15s 7d

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**09 Aug 1938 Tue** Income: Cards 11s

**10 Aug 1938 Wed** Income: Dance £1 17s

**16 Aug 1938 Tue** Income: Cards 18s

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**17 Aug 1938 Wed** Income: Dance £1 17s 6d

Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 6d

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**23 Aug 1938 Tue** Income: Cards £1

**24 Aug 1938 Wed** Income: Dance £2 8s

**30 Aug 1938 Tue** Income: Cards 17s

**31 Aug 1938 Wed** Income: Dance £11 17s 6d

**03 Sep 1938 Sat** Bank deposit £23 1s

**06 Sep 1938 Tue** Income: Donation Card Partys £1 3s; Women's Institute 10s; Labour Party £1 3s

**07 Sep 1938 Wed** Income: Dance £2 9s

**09 Sep 1938 Fri** Bank deposit £23 16s 6d

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**12 Sep 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, S. Peck, Butler, Draper, F. Kitchener, V. Peck, Hutchison, Sage, Walters, Searle, Westbury, H. Kitchener, Smith, Alsop, Pemberton

Accounts passed for payment: £22 3s 10d

Caretakers for the ensuing month: Searle and Walters

Hutchison/Kitchener That on and after 21 September the Committee Dance Class be held on each Wednesday night irrespective of bookings.

The Methodist Church Social Committee wrote asking for the use of the Hall for a concert on 28 September. After considerable discussion the secretary was instructed to write informing them that considering two other applicants had been refused a Wednesday night engagement and in view of the fact that we were holding a dance class every Wednesday we were unable to grant their request.

Mr McArthur was instructed to fix cistein tank and windows.

Alsop/Searle That a long night dance be held on Wednesday 19 October, same to be run on similar lines as last long night dance.

Searle/Alsop That the matter of closing down the card parties be left to the discretion of the committee men present on the last night of the present aggregate.

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**12 Sep 1938 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £1 17s 6d; Tennis Club 2s 6d  
Payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 19s 9d; J. B. Young £2 0s 10d; D. McArthur £7 0s 6d; Hutt County Council £12 2s 9d

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**13 Sep 1938 Tue** Income: Cards £1 6s  
**14 Sep 1938 Wed** Payment: Imprest account £9 18s 3d  
**15 Sep 1938 Thu** Income: Dance £1 16s  
**21 Sep 1938 Wed** Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**25 Sep 1938 Sun** Income: Cards £1 4s; Donation Cards 3s  
**27 Sep 1938 Tue** Income: Women's Institute £1 19s; Cards £1 6s  
**28 Sep 1938 Wed** Income: Dance £1 14s  
**04 Oct 1938 Tue** Income: Cards £1 7s; Women's Institute 10s  
**05 Oct 1938 Wed** Income: Dance £1 6s 6d

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**10 Oct 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, S. Peck, H. Kitchener, V. Peck, Westbury, Hutchison, Sage, Walters, Searle, Smith, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £3 4s 8d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Draper and Sage

Hutchison/Alsop            That H. Kitchener procure a supply of six light fuses.

Searle/Sage                That the weekly Class dances be closed on 16 November, this function to take the form of a long night dance, same to be run on similar lines as previous long night dance.

It was decided to charge the Taita Labour Party 5s for the use of the supper room on Wednesday afternoon 14 October, the Anglican Church 10s for the Main Hall on Saturday 19 November and the Methodist Church £1 10s for the Hall on Saturday 8 October afternoon and evening the Hall committee to donate 10s to the Methodist Social funds.

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**10 Oct 1938 Mon**            Income: Women's Institute 2s; Labour Party 9s; F. Kitchener £2; Taita School Committee £1 10s; Sale of drinks £3 15s  
Payment: Electric Power Board £1 0s 8d; Foresters Lodge £1 8s

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**11 Oct 1938 Tue**            Income: Donation cards 3s; Cards £1 1s  
Bank deposit £22 7s 6d

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**12 Oct 1938 Wed**            Income: Dance £1 15s  
**18 Oct 1938 Tue**            Income: Cards £1 7s

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**19 Oct 1938 Wed**            Income: Dance £9 17s 6d  
Payment: Imprest account £9 16s 7d

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**25 Oct 1938 Tue**            Income: Cards 19s  
**26 Oct 1938 Wed**            Income: Dance £1 14s  
**01 Nov 1938 Tue**            Income: Cards £1 6s  
**02 Nov 1938 Wed**            Income: Dance £1 4s 6d  
**04 Nov 1938 Fri**            Income: Cheque book 4s  
**08 Nov 1938 Tue**            Income: Cards £1 4s; Dance £1 12s 6d  
**09 Nov 1938 Wed**            Income: Labour Party £2 4s 6d  
**12 Nov 1938 Sat**            Bank deposit £29 3s 6d

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**14 Nov 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, McArthur, S. Peck, Butler, Draper, V. Peck, H. Kitchener, Sage, Hutchison, Searle, Smith, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £13 10s 8d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

It was decided to charge the Singing Circle 3s 6d extra for the use of the supper room and kitchen on Monday 21 November in conjunction with their usual Monday choir practice.

Searle/Hewer            That a vote of thanks to Mr Pemberton and helpers for their work in connection with the card parties.

Draper and Page volunteered to take the Door on the occasion of our final dance 16 November.  
It was decided to provide light refreshments for the euchre players on the closing down night 22 November.  
H. Kitchener promised to report on the cost of footlights on the stage.

Peck/Smith            That a hearty vote of thanks to Messrs Alsop, Kitchener, Andrews and all who were anyway responsible for the management of our recent dance classes.

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**14 Nov 1938 Mon**      Income: Women's Institute £1 0s 6d; Methodist Church £3; Women's Institute 12s 6d; Taita Football Club £1 2s 6d  
Labour Party £1 17s 6d; Progressive Association 12s 6d; Sale of drinks £1 9s and £2 0s 6d

Payments: Hutt River Board 16s; Thomson Lewis £6 18s 8d; Standard Insurance £1 8s 4d; Electric Power Board £1 2s  
J. B. Young £4 1s 8d

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**15 Nov 1938 Tue**      Income: Cards 19s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 10s 3d

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**16 Nov 1938 Wed**      Income: Dance £8 17s  
**22 Nov 1938 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s; Donation cards 2s  
**09 Dec 1938 Sat**      Bank deposit £18 5s

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**12 Dec 1938 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, Butler, Sage, Westbury, Hutchison, Searle, Smith, H. Kitchener, Alsop, Pemberton  
Caretakers for the ensuing month: Butler and Westbury

The Chairman thanked the Committee for their cooperation during the year, also wishing them seasons greetings. Mr Smith suitably replied.

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<b>12 Dec 1938 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £1 2s
<b>20 Dec 1938 Tue</b>	Income: Women's Institute 2s
<b>06 Jan 1939 Fri</b>	Income: Labour Party 5s; Farmers Union £3; Taita School Committee £1 10s; Sale of drinks £2 13s 6d
<b>09 Jan 1939 Mon</b>	Payment: Foresters Lodge £1 8s
<b>20 Jan 1939 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £8 12s 6d

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**13 Feb 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, S. Peck, V. Peck, Butler, Draper, F. Kitchener, Hutchison, Searle, Westbury, Sage, Alsop, Pemberton  
 Apology: H. Kitchener  
 Accounts passed for payment: £3 9s 6d.  
 Caretakers for ensuing month: S. & V. Peck

A letter was received from the Taita School Committee inviting the Hall Committee to send delegates to a meeting to be held on 13 February for the purpose of forming a committee to go into the matter of holding a function in honour of Mr F. Vaughan who is retiring after 19 years of services as Headmaster of the Taita School. F. Kitchener and Westbury were elected delegates with power to offer the Hall free of charge if needed.

Mr F. Kitchener was instructed to repair the kitchen door and fix bolts to all the main doors, also to repair card tables and general repairs.

Kitchener/Searle That card parties be commenced on Tuesday 21 February – first night not to be counted in the aggregate. Mr Hewer promised to procure one dozen packs of cards and V. Pemberton to clip.

Alsop/Hewer That the sum of £1 be donated to the Taita School Social Committee in aid of their school picnic.  
 Hewer/Pemberton That Mr Draper be granted leave of absence for three months.

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<b>13 Feb 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Women's Institute £2; Anglican Church 10s Payment: Thomson Lewis £3 9s 6d
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<b>14 Feb 1939 Tue</b>	Payment: Imprest account £9 13s 3d
<b>21 Feb 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 12s; Donation cards 6s
<b>28 Feb 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 16s; Donation cards 5s
<b>07 Mar 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1

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**13 Mar 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, Westbury, Hutchison, Searle, Sage, Smith, H. Kitchener, Alsop, Pemberton  
Accounts passed for payment: £9 11s 6d  
Caretakers for the ensuing month: Searle and Walters

F. Kitchener/Sage      That a weekly short night dance be held on Monday nights providing suitable music can be arranged, same to commence on Monday 17 April dancing 8pm to 10pm, admission 6d. Mr Alsop promised to MC the first month.

Miss Stupples was granted the use of the small room for each Tuesday evening from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at a rental of 2s per night.

Searle/Hutchison      That the new card tables are not to leave the Hall.

Owing to the next monthly meeting falling on Easter Monday it was decided to hold same on Tuesday 11 April at 7pm sharp.  
The Secretary was instructed to have the fence by the supper room cut and path cleaned up.

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<b>13 Mar 1939 Mon</b>	Income: National Party £2 2s; Women's Institute 1s 6d; Labour Party 5s; Miss Stupples £5 2s
<b>14 Mar 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1; Donation cards 4s 6d
<b>15 Mar 1939 Wed</b>	Payment: F. Kitchener £9 11s 6d
<b>21 Mar 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 5s
<b>23 Mar 1939 Thu</b>	Payment: Bank fee 5s
<b>28 Mar 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 12s
<b>04 Apr 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 3s
<b>05 Apr 1939 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £12 19s 6d
<b>11 Apr 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d and 12s 6d; Hutt County Council £1 1s; Cards £1
<b>17 Apr 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 12s; Sale of drinks 13s
<b>18 Apr 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 3s; Women's Institute 6s 6d; Sale of drinks 18s
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<b>24 Apr 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 16s; Sale of drinks 13s Payment: Foresters Lodge £1 8s
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<b>26 Apr 1939 Wed</b>	Payment: Imprest account £3 0s 9d
<b>27 Apr 1939 Thu</b>	Bank deposit £15 6s
<b>29 Apr 1939 Sat</b>	Income: Dance £1 2s 6d
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<b>01 May 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £1 Payment: Imprest account £10

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**02 May 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 6s; Donation cards 3s

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**08 May 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison, McArthur, S. Peck, Butler, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Searle, Sage, Smith, Alsop, Pemberton  
Apologies: Hewer, V. Peck and Westbury  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Hutchison and McArthur

The minutes of the March meeting were read and confirmed. The April meeting having lapsed for want of a quorum.

A letter was received from the Taita Women's Institute asking if the Committee would be prepared to assist in the cleaning up of the Taita Reserve Pemberton/F. Kitchener That the Committee is in sympathy with the movement but consider it is a matter for the Domain Board to attend to.

Hutchison/Kitchener      That the Annual General Meeting be held on Monday 12 June, same to be run on lines similar to previous annual meetings.  
Alsop/Searle              That Mr Sage take over the duties of M.C.

Kitchener/Alsop          That a long night dance be held on Wednesday 17 May, admission ladies 1s 6d, gents 2s, a five bank orchestra to be engaged, dancing 8pm to 12pm catering as usual.

Mr McArthur was instructed to build a cupboard in the Committee Room.

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<b>08 May 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Taita Cricket Club £2 5s and 12s 6d; V. Pemberton rent 12s 6d; Dance £2
<b>09 May 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 16s
<b>16 May 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1
<b>17 May 1939 Wed</b>	Income: Dance £7 15s 6d
<b>22 May 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 9s 6d
<b>23 May 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 18s; Donation cards 6s
<b>29 May 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 11s
<b>30 May 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 18s; Donation cards 2s

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<b>06 Jun 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 2s Payment: Imprest account £9 17s 2d
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<b>07 Jun 1939 Wed</b>	Income: Dance £1 3s 6d
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### 12 Jun 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), McArthur, S. Peck, Butler, Westbury, Hutchison, H. Kitchener, V. Peck, Searle, Alsop, Sage  
Apologies: Smith, F. Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £8

Searle/Sage	That a vote of appreciation to Mr Pemberton for clipping at card parties.
Hewer/Hutchison	That a vote of thanks and appreciation to Mr Alsop for the capable manner in which he has presented the Books for Audit.
Hutchison/Sage	That the report and balance sheet as read be approved.
Sage/Peck	That a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr Alsop for his services during the year.
Hewer/Alsop	That a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Pemberton for his services during his term of 14 years as Secretary.
Kitchener/Alsop	That a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Hewer for the capable manner in which he has at all times carried out his duties.

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### 12 Jun 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

About 50 members being present. Mr F. S. Hewer occupied the chair. The Secretary read the annual report and balance sheet.

E. S. Hewer/Alsop	That report and balance sheet be received.
F. S. Hewer/S. Peck	That report and balance sheet be adopted.

The following were nominated for the new committee – Messrs Hewer Snr, Butler, Westbury, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, S. Peck, V. Peck, Massey, Searle, Sage, Draper, Hutchison, Greig, Tustin, Smith, Servo, Alsop and Hewer Jnr.

Messrs V. Pemberton and D. McArthur acted as scrutineers.

Mr Cerve with Mr Greig and Mr Massey dead heat for least votes. Mr Greig withdrew in favour of Mr Massey going on the committee.

F. S. Hewer/McArthur	That Mr Burgess be elected Auditor for the ensuing year.
F. S. Hewer/V. Peck	That a hearty vote of thanks to Mr V. Pemberton for his services as Secretary for 14 years. Messrs Hutchison and Alsop also spoke of Mr Pemberton's untiring service – the motion was carried by hearty acclamation.

At the conclusion of the meeting a very enjoyable dance was held, the ladies supplied the supper and Mr H. Kitchener and orchestra the music.

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**12 Jun 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee**

The following officers were elected: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. A. Alsop (Treasurer)  
Nominations for Secretary: Butler/Alsop for E. S. Hewer; Hutchison/Searle for F. G. Tustin

A ballot was taken and found in favour of E. S. Hewer by eight votes to five. Mr Pemberton acted as scrutineer.

Hutchison/Sage That meetings be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in month at 7 o'clock. Amendment (Butler/Alsop) that meetings be held 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays at 7.30pm –  
Amendment carried.

Mr Alsop's offer to clip the cards on Tuesday nights was accepted.  
A Special Meeting on Monday 19 June was called to discuss Table tennis arrangements with Mr Tustin.

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<b>12 Jun 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Women's Institute £1 19s 3d; Mrs Goss £1 15s; Methodist Church 5s; Farmers Union 2s 6d Payments: Imprest account £9 16s 3d; J. B. Young £2 0s 10d
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<b>13 Jun 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 12s; Donation cards 9s; Women's Institute 5s
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<b>16 Jun 1939 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £31 0s 4d
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<b>17 Jun 1939 Sat</b>	Income: Labour Party 5s
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**19 Jun 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), Alsop, Searle, Sage, V. Peck, S. Peck, Tustin, Massey, Butler, Hutchison, H. Kitchener, E. S. Hewer

Mr Tustin brought forward a suggestion that the table tennis club hire the main hall one night a week for six months for about £2. After a long discussion the committee found it was impossible to let the hall at such a low rental the matter was dropped.

Hutchison/Alsop That Secretary, Treasurer and any one of the three Trustees operated the Bank Account.

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<b>19 Jun 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 8s 6d; Sale of drinks 9s
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<b>20 Jun 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 4s 6d
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<b>26 Jun 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 7s 6d; Sale of drinks 15s
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<b>27 Jun 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 4s
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<b>03 Jul 1939 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £1 3s; Sale of drinks 4s 8d
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<b>04 Jul 1939 Tue</b>	Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d; Cards £1 3s
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**10 Jul 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), Alsop, Searle, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, Hutchison, S. Peck, V. Peck, Tustin, Massey, Butler, Westbury, Draper, Smith, E. Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £12 0s 8d

Caretakers for ensuing month: F. & H. Kitchener

F. Kitchener/V. Draper That the Women's Institute be charged 1s per two hours use. Amendment (F. Westbury/J. Butler) that Institute be charged 1s 6d per two hours – amendment carried.

C. Alsop/S. Peck That Hutt Band receive Hall at local rates for Dance for local Queen.

F. Kitchener/J. Butler That Secretary procure three dozen large plates

W. Hutchison/F. Westbury That Sub-committee be elected to meet School Committee to make arrangements for a presentation Social to Mr Pemberton.

J. Butler/V. Draper That Sub-committee be Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, F. Kitchener and J. Butler.

F. Westbury/V. Draper That Sub-committee has power to act with free use of Hall and sum of £5 5s be donated towards presentation fund. Amendment (W. Hutchison/F. Kitchener) that sum of £10 10s be donated – the amendment was lost and the above motion carried.

J. Searle/S. Peck That a long dance be held on Wednesday 19 July.

W. Smith/J. Searle That Secretary write to Messrs Walters, McArthur and Pemberton thanking them for services during last year.

J. Butler/F. Westbury That one key be left at Mr Smiths for Women's Institute and Supper room be left unlocked.

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**10 Jul 1939 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 4s  
                              Payments: D. McArthur £2 5s 6d; A. Burgess £2 2s; Thomson Lewis £5 12s 4d

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**11 Jul 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 7s  
                              Payment: Imprest account £10

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**14 Jul 1939 Fri**      Income: Mrs Wilson £1 15s  
                              Payments: Foresters Lodge £1 8s; Cheque book 4s

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**18 Jul 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s  
**19 Jul 1939 Wed**      Income: Dance £6 1s 6d  
**22 Jul 1939 Sat**      Income: Golf Club 10s; Women's Institute 10s  
**24 Jul 1939 Mon**      Income: Dance 12s

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**25 Jul 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 16s 1d

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**29 Jul 1939 Sat**      Income: Hutt band £1 15s  
**31 Jul 1939 Mon**      Income: Dance 4s 6d  
**01 Aug 1939 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d; Cards £1 2s  
**04 Aug 1939 Fri**      Payment: Alliance Assurance £8 10s 1d  
**07 Aug 1939 Mon**      Income: Dance 19s  
**08 Aug 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s  
**09 Aug 1939 Wed**      Bank deposit £29 12s 8d

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**14 Aug 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, Butler, Hutchison, Tustin, Sage, V. Peck, Draper, Searle, Massey, Alsop, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, E. S. Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £13 10s 9d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: S. & V. Peck

J. Searle/J. Butler      That short night dances be discontinued until first Monday in September.

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**14 Aug 1939 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 3s 6d; Labour Party 5s; Dance 15s 6d  
Payments: Donation to V. Pemberton Fund £5 5s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 17s 8d; J. B. Young £1 15s

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**15 Aug 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 9s  
**22 Aug 1939 Tue**      Income: F. Ferretti £1 12s; Cards £1 4s  
**23 Aug 1939 Wed**      Income: Women's Institute 5s  
**24 Aug 1939 Thu**      Income: Hutt Band £1 15s  
**29 Aug 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 5s; Donation cards 3s  
**01 Sep 1939 Fri**      Income: Hutt Band £1 15s  
**02 Sep 1939 Sat**      Income: Women's Institute 8s 9d  
**04 Sep 1939 Mon**      Income: Dance 15s 6d  
**05 Sep 1939 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 3s  
**08 Sep 1939 Fri**      Bank deposit £10 3s 9d



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**11 Sep 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), J. Butler, V. Peck, H. Massey, G. Tustin, F. Kitchener, W. Hutchison, F. Sage, J. Searle, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £1 8s 11d.  
Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Searle and H. Massey

F. Kitchener/C. Alsop That the Hall Committee take no further action in regard to letting the Hall for screening motion pictures.  
J. Searle/F. Kitchener That Women's Institute be charged £1 10s for concert plus 1s per hour for rehearsals.

W. Hutchison/F. Kitchener That owing to the heavy booking for dances the Hall Committee are unable to run a dance in aid of the North Queen but donate one guinea to Band fund.

F. Sage/C. Alsop That weekly dances be discontinued till next winter.

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**11 Sep 1939 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £1; Lighting charge 12s 5d; Dance 14s; Tennis Club 2s 6d  
Payments: Imprest account £9 8s 6d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 8s 11d; Hutt Dance Committee £1 1s

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**12 Sep 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 7s  
**13 Sep 1939 Wed** Income: Hutt Band £1 15s  
**19 Sep 1939 Tue** Income: Cards 15s; Donation cards 12s  
**21 Sep 1939 Thu** Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**22 Sep 1939 Fri** Income: Hutt County Council Licencing 5s; F. Kitchener £2 5s  
**26 Sep 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 6s  
**27 Sep 1939 Wed** Income: Hutt Band £1 15s  
**03 Oct 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 5s; Women's Institute £1 19s 6d  
**05 Oct 1939 Thu** Bank deposit £18 8s 11d  
**07 Oct 1939 Sat** Income: Farmers Inst. £2 5s

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**09 Oct 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, J. Butler, S. Peck, V. Draper, H. Massey, H. Kitchener, V. Peck, F. Westbury, F. Sage, G. Tustin, F. Smith, W. Hutchison, J. Searle, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £6 0s 11d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: V. Draper and F. Sage

W. Hutchison/C. Alsop That Farmers Union received Hall at local rates.  
F. Sage/S. Peck That a hearty vote of thanks to musicians for services last year.  
H. Massey/G. Tustin That the best of the chairs be repaired.  
V. Draper/J. Searle That F. Kitchener prepare plans and price for seating the sides and back of Hall and report next meeting.

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**09 Oct 1939 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks £3 6s  
Payments: Nat. Elc. Co. £1 18s 8d; A. W. Barker £1 5s; Hutt Valley Power Board £1 9s 3d; Foresters Lodge £1 8s

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**10 Oct 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 5s; Donation cards 3s 6d  
**11 Oct 1939 Wed** Income: Hutt Band £1 15s  
**17 Oct 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 5s  
**18 Oct 1939 Wed** Income: F. Ferretti £1 15s

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**24 Oct 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 3s; Donation cards 2s 6d  
Payment: Imprest account £9 7s 3d

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**25 Oct 1939 Wed** Income: Hutt Band £1 15s  
**26 Oct 1939 Thu** Income: Taita Football Club 17s 6d  
**31 Oct 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 8s  
**07 Nov 1939 Tue** Income: Cards £1 3s; Donation cards 4s 6d; Women's Institute 6s 6d  
**10 Nov 1939 Fri** Bank deposit £18 14s 6d  
**12 Nov 1939 Sun** Income: Taita Football Club £2 5s

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**13 Nov 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), J. Butler, V. Draper, S. Peck, V. Peck, G. Tustin, W. Hutchison, H. Massey, H. Kitchener, F. Sage, F. Westbury, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £18 0s 1d

Caretakers for ensuing month: W. Hutchison and G. Tustin

The Chairman moved a vote of Sympathy and Condolence for the relatives of the late A. Searle, all members stood in silence. (Alfred Searle)

Alsop/Hutchison            That Taita Football Club be donated £1 5s towards their fund in aid of Mr Marshall.

Tustin/Alsop                That Mrs Brown be charged 12s 6d for use of supper room.

Alsop/Draper                That cards finish at end of the aggregate.

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**13 Nov 1939 Mon**            Income: Sale of drinks £2 2s; Women's Institute 10s  
Payments: Standard Insurance Co. £1 8s 4d; Hutt County Council £13 0s 10d; Thomson Lewis £2 15s; Taita Football Club £1 5s

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**14 Nov 1939 Tue**            Income: Cards £1; Donation cards 3s

**21 Nov 1939 Tue**            Income: Cards £1 2s; Hutt Valley Producers 10s

**28 Nov 1939 Tue**            Income: Cards 18s

**30 Nov 1939 Thu**            Income: V. Bertelsen 2s 6d

**04 Dec 1939 Mon**            Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d

**05 Dec 1939 Tue**            Income: Cards £1 8s

**07 Dec 1939 Thu**            Income: Miss Stupples £5

**08 Dec 1939 Wed**            Bank deposit £15 7s

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**11 Dec 1939 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), S. Peck, V. Peck, W. Hutchison, W. Smith, F. Kitchener, C. Alsop, F. Westbury, E. S. Hewer

Apology: J. Butler

Accounts passed for payment: £2 12s 2d

Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Butler and F. Westbury

Hutchison/V. Peck            That Women's Institute be granted the use of Hall Wednesday 13 December from 4-4.30

Hutchison/Alsop             That there be no Committee meeting held in January and F. and H. Kitchener take over caretakers duties on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon in January

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman thanked the members for their cooperation in the past year and wished them the seasons greetings. Mr Hutchison suitably replied. The Chairman kindly provided supper in cheese and biscuits together with some good beer.

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**17 Dec 1939 Sun**      Payments: Thompson Bros £2 1s 10d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 10s 4d  
**18 Dec 1939 Mon**      Income: Taita School £1 10s and £1 10s  
**19 Dec 1939 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute 15s  
**27 Dec 1939 Wed**      Income: Miss Futter £1  
**04 Jan 1940 Thu**      Income: H. Kitchener £3 10s; Sale of drinks 2s 7d  
**06 Jan 1940 Sat**      Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d  
**07 Jan 1940 Sun**      Income: Women's Institute 15s  
**08 Jan 1940 Mon**      Income: Mrs Brown 12s 6d  
**12 Jan 1940 Fri**      Income: Miss Stupples £2 2s; Sale of drinks £3 10s  
**23 Jan 1940 Fri**      Payment: Foresters Lodge £1 8s

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### **12 Feb 1930 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), S. Peck, V. Peck, J. Butler, J. Searle, F. Westbury, W. Smith, H. Kitchener, F. Kitchener, F. Sage, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer

Apology: H. Massey

Accounts passed for payment: £1 8s

Caretakers for ensuing month: S. and V. Peck

Hutchison/Alsop	That Miss Stupples has the use of Stage on Saturday mornings providing it is not wanted by anyone else.
Butler/F. Kitchener	That Women's Institute be requested to remove all unused articles off the stage.
F. Hewer Snr/J. Searle	That card parties commence on 27 February, aggregate start on 05 March.
F. Hewer Snr/S. Peck	That Taita School Committee be donated £1 towards picnic fund.

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**12 Feb 1940 Mon**      Payment: Imprest account £9 18s 1d  
**23 Feb 1940 Fri**      Bank deposit £15 13s 7d  
**24 Feb 1940 Sat**      Income: Miss Stupples 3s 6d  
**27 Feb 1940 Tue**      Income: Donation cards 4s; Cards 12s  
**05 Mar 1940 Tue**      Income: Cards £1 8s

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**11 Mar 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, S. Peck, J. Butler, V. Draper, H. Kitchener, F. Westbury, V. Peck, W. Hutchison, J. Searle, C. Alsop, F. Sage, W. Smith, E. S. Hewer  
Apology: H. Massey  
Caretakers for the ensuing month: W. Smith and J. Searle

Searle/Hutchison      That Miss Stupples has use of Stage for one hour extra one night a week for rehearsals only prior to concert at 1s per hour.

The Chairman of School Committee, Mr W. Hutchison, thanked the Hall Committee for the free use of Hall for holding the School Picnic owing to wet weather.

Hewer/Hutchison      That Farmers Union be granted use of tea urn.

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<b>11 Mar 1940 Mon</b>	Income: Miss Stupples 7s; Golf Club 5s
<b>12 Mar 1940 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 1s
<b>15 Mar 1940 Fri</b>	Payment: Bank fee 5s
<b>19 Mar 1940 Tue</b>	Income: Hutt Valley Producers 10s; Cards £1 3s
<b>26 Mar 1940 Tue</b>	Income: Cards 16s; Women's Institute 8s
<b>02 Apr 1940 Tue</b>	Income: Cards £1 8s
<b>05 Apr 1940 Fri</b>	Bank deposit £2 19s 6d

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**08 Apr 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), V. Draper, F. Sage, V. Peck, W. Hutchison, J. Searle, C. Alsop, F. Westbury, E. S. Hewer, F. Kitchener  
Apologies: H. Massey, W. Smith, S. Peck, H. Kitchener  
Caretakers for ensuing month: F. Sage and V. Draper

Searle/F. Kitchener      That Women's Institute letter re loss of a roll of white paper be received.  
Searle/Westbury      That Women's Institute be charged 10s to cover light and gas for Hall on occasion of Send off to Soldiers on 20 March.  
Hutchison/Sage      That Committee approve of nomination of F. S. Hewer as Trustee by J. C. Mabey & F. Westbury Trustees and he be duly elected.  
Sage/Hutchison      That interest of £1 8s be passed for payment.  
Hutchison/Alsop      That Hall books close on 30 April.  
Hutchison/V. Peck      That two empty fire extinguisher be purchased at 10s each and W. Smith arrange for refilling same.  
F. Hewer/Draper      That a dance committee of F. Sage, V. Peck, H. Kitchener and E. S. Hewer arrange to control learners dances.

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<b>08 Apr 1940 Mon</b>	Income: Sale of drinks 12s
	Payment: Foresters Lodge £1 8s

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09 Apr 1940 Tue Income: Cards £1 8s  
12 Apr 1940 Fri Payment: Thompson Lewis £2 12s 8d  
16 Apr 1940 Tue Income: Cards £1 6s  
23 Apr 1940 Tue Income: Cards £1 4s

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29 Apr 1940 Mon Income: Women's Institute 16s 6d; Taita Cricket Club £2 10s  
Payment: Imprest account £3 0s 10d

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30 Apr 1940 Tue Bank deposit £13 2s 11d

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01 May 1940 Wed Income: Cards £1 5s; Dance £1 3s 9d  
Payment: Imprest account £10

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07 May 1940 Tue Income: Cards £1 3s  
08 May 1940 Wed Income: Dance £1 7s

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### 13 May 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Westbury, G. Tustin, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, F. Sage, J. Searle, W. Hutchison, S. Peck, C. Alsop, V. Peck, E. S. Hewer  
Caretakers for ensuing month: W. Hutchison and G. Tustin.

Hutchison/Sage That the Common Seal of the Society be affixed to Bank Signature form.  
Searle/Hutchison That annual general meeting be held on Monday 10 June and Ladies be invited to bring a basket, also advertise in Hutt News.  
F. Kitchener/Sage That Secretary purchase 2-4 lb loaves of bread, 2lb butter, 1lb ham, 1 Dominion sausage, ½lb tea.  
F. Kitchener/Sage That six packs cards be procured

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14 May 1940 Tue Income: Cards £1  
15 May 1940 Wed Income: Dance £1 4s 6d; Epuni Cricket Club 12s 6d  
21 May 1940 Tue Income: Cards £1 2s  
22 May 1940 Wed Income: Dance 13s 6d  
28 May 1940 Tue Income: Cards 14s; Donation cards 1s  
29 May 1940 Wed Income: Dance £1 5s 6d  
04 Jun 1940 Tue Income: Cards 13s; Donation cards 5s; Football Club 12s 6d  
05 Jun 1940 Wed Income: Dance £1 2s 6d

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07 Jun 1940 Fri Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d  
Payment: Cheque book 4s

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### **10 Jun 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), F. Westbury, J. Butler, V. Draper, W. Hutchison, F. Sage, J. Searle, G. Tustin, C. Alsop, H. Massey, W. Smith, S. Peck, V. Peck, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, E. S. Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £3 10s 9d

Hutchison/V. Draper That Women's Institute be granted use of the Hall free on 8 June for the purpose of raising funds for the Sick and Wounded fund.  
Hutchison/Westbury That report and balance sheet be approved.

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### **10 Jun 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 50 members being present. Mr F. S. Hewer occupied the chair.

At the opening of the meeting the Chairman referred to the passing of the late A. Gadsby one of the original Trustees of the Hall and all members stood in silence in respect to his Memory. (Arthur Gadsby)

F. Ferretti/F. Kitchener That report and balance sheet be received.  
F. Hewer/F. Sage That report and balance sheet be adopted.

The Chairman gave a very hearty welcome carried by acclamation to Mr and Mrs Pemberton visitors from Levin.  
Before the Election of the New Committee Mr and Mrs Pemberton were elected Scrutineers.

Nominations for the Committee were as follows: F. Hewer, C. E. Alsop, J. Searle, W. Hutchison, F. Sage, E. Hewer, H. Kitchener, F. Kitchener, V. Draper, J. Butler, F. Westbury, W. Smith, A. Hewer, F. Ferretti, S. Peck, V. Peck, H. Colson.

With the exception of H. Colson all the above are elected for the ensuing year.  
F. Hewer/C. Alsop That Mr Burgess be re-elected as Auditor.

The Chairman thanked residents for their attendance and a enjoyable dance was held, ladies supplying a dainty supper and Mr H. Kitchener and Orchestra the music.

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### **10 Jun 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee**

Election of officers as follows: F. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), C. Alsop (Treasurer), E. Hewer (Secretary)  
Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Butler and F. Westbury

F. Kitchener/F. Sage That Committee meetings be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month at 7pm.

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**10 Jun 1940 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks 8s

Payments: A. Burgess £2 2s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 8s 9d; Imprest account £9 19s 4d

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**11 Jun 1940 Tue**      Income: Cards 15s; Donation cards 2s

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**18 Jun 1940 Tue**      Income: Cards 13s; Donation cards 7s  
Bank deposit £14 19s 3d

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**24 Jun 1940 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £1 10s

**25 Jun 1940 Tue**      Income: Cards 15s; Donation cards 1s

**02 Jul 1940 Tue**      Income: Cards 12s; Donation cards 6s; Women's Institute 6s 6d

**03 Jul 1940 Wed**      Income: Dance 12s; Sale of drinks 2s 6d

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**08 Jul 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, J. Butler, S. Peck, V. Peck, A. Hewer, J. Searle, F. Ferretti, C. Alsop, W. Hutchison, F. Westbury, F. Sage, E. S. Hewer.

Apology: W. Smith

Caretakers for ensuing month: H. and J. Kitchener

F. Kitchener/C. Alsop    That Methodist Sunday School have supper room on 7 December at 5s

F. Ferretti/H. Kitchener    That on this occasion only Miss Stupples be charged half rate namely 15s for her concert in aid of Sick & Wounded fund on 24 June.

W. Hutchison/F. Ferretti    That the annual Licence for Hall be renewed.

Searle/Hutchison          That cards be discontinued from 9 July.

The resignation of F. Sage from Dance Committee was received with regret.

F. Kitchener/F. Ferretti    That A. Hewer replace F. Sage on Dance Committee

Various members arranged for annual spring Clean of Hall on 15 July.

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**08 Jul 1940 Mon**      Income: Hutt Valley Producers 15s  
Payment: Hutt County Council £1

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**09 Jul 1940 Tue**      Income: Cards 9s; Donation cards 3s 6d

**10 Jul 1940 Wed**      Income: Dance 12s

**12 Jul 1940 Fri**      Payments: Foresters Lodge £1 8s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 1s 8d

**17 Jul 1940 Wed**      Income: Dance 12s

**03 Aug 1940 Sat**      Income: Miss Stupples 15s; Women's Institute 6s 6d

**09 Aug 1940 Fri**      Bank deposit £6 17s

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### **12 Aug 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchison, F. Ferretti, F. Westbury, S. Peck, V. Peck, C. Alsop, V. Draper, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, J. Butler, A. Hewer, J. Searle, E. S. Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £10 19s 9d

Caretakers for ensuing month: S. & V. Peck

Ferretti/F. Kitchener That Women's Institute be charged 5s for use of supper room on 10 July 10am till 4pm.

F. Kitchener/V. Draper That Methodist Sunday School have use of Hall at the Special Reduced rate of £1 10s for a fair and concert on 28 September. No nails to be driven into floor etc.

Reported that Cards closed down on 9 July and Class Dances on 17 July.

Hutchison/F. Ferretti That Mr F. Kitchener proceed with new seating arrangements on both sides and end of Hall.

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**12 Aug 1940 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks 5s  
                             Payment: Alliance Assurance £8 10s 1d

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**26 Aug 1940 Mon**      Income: Taita Football Club £4 12s 6d  
**31 Aug 1940 Sat**      Income: Mrs J. Gorrie 10s  
**03 Sep 1940 Tue**      Bank deposit £7 13s 6d  
**05 Sep 1940 Thu**      Income: Farmers Union £2 5s; Women's Institute 11s 6d  
**07 Sep 1940 Sat**      Income: Mrs E. Hewer 12s 6d

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**09 Sep 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), J. Butler, A. Hewer, J. Searle, F. Westbury, C. Alsop, S. Peck, V. Peck, W. Hutchison, V. Draper, F. Kitchener, H. Kitchener, E. S. Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £2 14s 6d

Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Searle and A. Hewer

Hutchison/Alsop That Committee meetings start at 8 o'clock.  
Hutchison/Hewer That 12 dozen cups and saucers be procured.  
S. Peck/V. Draper That a dance 8 till 12pm be held on 2 October.  
H. Kitchener/F. Kitchener That charges for Dance be 2s 6d and 2s.  
Alsop/F. Hewer That H. Kitchener be M.C.  
F. Kitchener/Westbury That Dance be advertised in Hutt News.

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**09 Sep 1940 Mon** Income: Sale of drinks 5s  
Payment: Thompson Bros £2 14s 6d

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**13 Sep 1940 Thu** Payment: MacDuffs Ltd £7 16s  
**19 Sep 1940 Wed** Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**22 Sep 1940 Sun** Income: Taita Football Club 12s 6d  
**28 Sep 1940 Sat** Income: Taita Methodist Church £1 10s

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**02 Oct 1940 Wed** Income: F. Kitchener £2 5s; Women's Institute 8s; Dance £5 18s; Sale of drinks 5s; Mrs Cowdin £2 5s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 19s 8d

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**14 Oct 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison (Chairman), A. Hewer, S. Peck, F. Westbury, J. Butler, V. Draper, V. Peck, H. Kitchener, F. Sage, F. Kitchener, F. Ferretti, E. S. Hewer

Apologies: F. S. Hewer, C. Alsop, W. Smith, J. Searle

Accounts passed for payment: £27 10s

Caretakers for ensuing month: F. Sage and V. Draper

F. Kitchener/F. Ferretti That Secretary purchase O. Ceda Mop Oil

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**14 Oct 1940 Mon** Income: Hutt Valley Producers £1; Sale of drinks £1 14s  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £1 8s; Hutt County Council £10 14s 4d; F. Kitchener £11 7s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £4 0s 8d

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**18 Oct 1940 Fri** Bank deposit £20 1s 6d  
**05 Nov 1940 Tue** Income: Women's Institute £2 3s 6d

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**11 Nov 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison (Acting Chairman), F. Ferretti, S. Peck, J. Butler, F. Westbury, V. Draper, V. Peck, A. Hewer, F. Sage, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer  
Apology: F. S. Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £1 8s 4d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: W. Hutchison and F. Ferretti

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**11 Nov 1940 Mon** Payment: Standard Insurance £1 8s 4d  
**03 Dec 1940 Tue** Income: Women's Institute 11s 6d  
**04 Dec 1940 Wed** Income: Sale of drinks £1 10s  
**05 Dec 1940 Thu** Bank deposit £2 3s 6d

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**09 Dec 1940 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. Hutchison, S. Peck, J. Butler, A. Hewer, V. Draper, V. Peck, F. Kitchener, F. Ferretti, C. Alsop, F. Westbury, E. S. Hewer  
Apologies: F. S. Hewer and H. Kitchener  
Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Butler and F. Westbury

Hutchison/F. Kitchener That a reduction of 20% be granted on Scale Charges for Patriotic purposes only.  
The following amendment (A. Hewer/E. Hewer) that 10% reduction be sufficient. Amendment lost by 7 votes to 4.

Hutchison/Draper That Secretary enquire at Gas Co re change of Gas Meter to 1s in slot  
Hutchison/Alsop That no meeting be held in January and Messrs F. & H. Kitchener take over duties as caretakers on second Monday

Speaking on behalf of the Chairman Mr Hutchison thanked all members for their useful cooperation during the past year and wished the Committee men the best Seasons Greetings.

Alsop/S. Peck That the Secretary convey their best thanks of this meeting to the Chairman for services during the year.

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**09 Dec 1940 Mon** Income: Taita School £1 10s  
**11 Dec 1940 Wed** Income: Golden West Packing Co. 10s  
**21 Dec 1940 Sat** Income: Mr McNabb £2 5s

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**10 Jan 1941 Fri** Income: Mrs Brown £1 4s  
Payment: Foresters Lodge £1 8s

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**12 Jan 1941 Sun**      Income: Miss Stupples £4 10s  
**24 Jan 1941 Fri**      Income: Hutt County Council 7s 6d  
**04 Feb 1941 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d  
**05 Feb 1941 Wed**      Income: Sale of drinks £3 1s 8d  
**07 Feb 1941 Fri**      Bank deposit £7 10s 6d

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**10 Feb 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, S. Peck, F. Westbury, H. Kitchener, J. Butler, V. Peck, J. Searle, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer  
Apologies: F. Ferretti and A. Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 2s 9d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: S. & V. Peck

Westbury/Hutchison      That Gas Meter be changed to 1s in slot type.  
J. Hewer/Alsop            That Messrs J. Butler, F. Westbury, F. & H. Kitchener be thanked for their services during the last two months.  
Alsop/F. Kitchener      That a donation of £1 be made to Taita School funds.

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**10 Feb 1941 Mon**      Income: Taita School £1 10s  
                                Payment: Thompson Lewis £2 18s 9d

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**15 Feb 1941 Sat**      Income: Mrs Adams 12s 6d  
**06 Mar 1941 Thu**      Bank deposit £9 15s 8d

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**10 Mar 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), S. Peck, H. Kitchener, J. Butler, V. Draper, V. Peck, F. Sage, A. Hewer, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop, F. Kitchener, J. Searle, F. Ferretti, F. Westbury, E. S. Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 8s 7d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: Searle and A. Hewer

Alsop/Hutchinson      That Taita Home Guard be granted the use of Supper room on March 11 for a meeting to enroll members only.

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**10 Mar 1941 Mon**      Income: Hutt AI\_ Club £4 10s; Sale of drinks 10s  
                                Payment: Thompson Bros £2 8s 7d

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**12 Mar 1941 Wed**      Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**14 Mar 1941 Fri**      Income: Taita Methodist Church 5s

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**18 Mar 1941 Tue**      Income: Taita Golf Club 5s  
Bank deposit £5 12s 6d

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**05 Apr 1941 Sat**      Income: English Church 5s

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**07 Apr 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Westbury, F. Sage, S. Peck, J. Butler, V. Peck, A. Hewer, J. Searle, F. Ferretti, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer  
Apologies: V. Draper and W. Smith  
Caretakers for ensuing month: F. Sage and V. Draper

Searle/Ferretti            That Home Guard be charged 10s per night to cover lighting and replacement cost for Hall  
Hutchison/Butler        That Hutt County be approached re tar sealing Mabey Road from Main Road to Western Hall Boundary  
Alsop/Ferretti            That Hall books close on 30 April.  
Sage/Ferretti             That F. Sage, V. Peck, A. Hewer and Secretary be elected as Dance Committee and start learners' dances on 21 April.

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**18 Apr 1941 Fri**      Income: Epuni Cricket Club 12s 6d  
Payments: Foresters Lodge £1 8s; Gas and Electric Power Board 16s 3d

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**21 Apr 1941 Mon**      Income: Taita Women's Institute 5s; Dance 9s 3d  
**28 Apr 1941 Mon**      Income: F. S. Hewer £1 10s; Dance 16s 6d; Sale of drinks 14s  
**29 Apr 1941 Tue**      Bank deposit £5 2s 3d  
**05 May 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £2 6s  
**06 May 1941 Tue**      Income: Women's Institute 18s

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**12 May 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), F. Kitchener, S. Peck, V. Draper, V. Peck, J. Butler, F. Ferretti, J. Searle, W. Hutchison, F. Sage, A. Hewer, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £2 5s

Caretakers for ensuing month: W. Hutchison and F. Ferretti

Hutchison/Ferretti That English Church Committee have use of Hall on 7 June at the rate of 15s afternoon and 15s for evening.

The Secretary was instructed to send account to Mrs R. Brown for use of Hall on 25 June.

Hutchison/V. Peck That Annual General Meeting be held on 9 June with dance afterwards. Advertise in Hutt News week previous.

Committee meeting on 9 June to start at 7 o'clock.

V. Peck reported on Learners' Dances which are very successful and are now being run from 8pm till 11pm at the charge of 1s.

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**12 May 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £2 14s  
                                 Payments: Gas Meter £1 5s; Hutt Valley Power Board £1; Piano tuning 10s; Imprest account £5

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**15 May 1941 Thu**      Bank deposit £20 10s  
**16 May 1941 Fri**      Income: Return Meter Dep. Gas Co. 10s  
**19 May 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £3 0s 6d  
**22 May 1941 Thu**      Income: Hutt County £1 1s  
**26 May 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £3 4s  
**02 Jun 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £2 19s; Sale of drinks £3

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### 09 Jun 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: W. Hutchison (Chairman), S. Peck, J. Butler, F. Westbury, A. Hewer, V. Peck, F. Sage, J. Searle, F. Ferretti, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer  
Apologies: F. Hewer and V. Draper  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 2s

Alsop/Sage                      That letter from Women's Institute be held over till 14 July.  
Ferretti/Sage                    That the annual report and balance sheet be presented to the annual meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Hutchison on behalf of the Chairman thanked the members of the Committee for their loyal support and cooperation during the past year. Mr Alsop replied for the Committee.

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### 09 Jun 1941 Mon – Annual General Meeting

About 120 residents of Taita being present. Mr Hutchison occupied the chair. Mr Hutchison apologized for the unavoidable absence of Mr F. S. Hewer.

D. McArthur/F. Sage      That report and balance sheet be received and adopted.

The Chairman gave a hearty welcome to Mr and Mrs V. Pemberton visitors from Levin – carried by acclamation. Mr Pemberton replied.

W. Hutchison/S. Peck      That Messrs V. Pemberton and B. McArthur act as scrutineers.

The following were nominated for the New Committee: F. Hewer, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop, W. Smith, F. Westbury, F. Sage, C. Bertelsen, J. Butler, V. Peck, G. Gorrie, A. Hewer, E. Hewer, J. Searle, F. Kitchener, A. McArthur, J. Morrison, A. Patterson, F. Ferretti, S. Peck, V. Draper.

Messrs A. Patterson, F. Ferretti, S. Peck and V. Draper were unsuccessful in the election the remainder being duly elected.

Hutchison/Ferretti          That Mr A. Burgess be auditor for the ensuing year.

At the conclusion of the meeting a very enjoyable dance was held, the ladies providing the supper and Mr C. Bertelsen the music.

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**09 Jun 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting**

The following were elected: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), W. B. Hutchison (Vice-Chairman), E. S. Hewer (Secretary), C. E. Alsop (Treasurer)  
Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Butler and F. Westbury

Butler/A. Hewer            That meetings be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in month at 7.15 sharp.

Permission was given to Home Guard to hold motion pictures in Hall provided an Insurance cover for the night was in Secretary's hands before commencing.  
Mr Hutchison welcomed the new members Messrs C. Bertelsen, G. Gorrie, J. Morrison and A. McArthur.

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<b>09 Jun 1941 Mon</b>	Income: Miss Stupples 18s
<b>10 Jun 1941 Tue</b>	Income: Women's Institute 6s 6d

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<b>16 Jun 1941 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £2 7s
	Payment: Imprest account £9 17s 6d

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<b>18 Jun 1941 Wed</b>	Bank deposit £20 10s 6d
<b>23 Jun 1941 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £3 9s
<b>26 Jun 1941 Thu</b>	Income: Women's Institute £2 1s 6d
<b>30 Jun 1941 Mon</b>	Income: Dance £2 13s 6d
<b>07 Jul 1941 Mon</b>	Income: Taita School £1 10s; Mrs Brown £2; Dance £3 2s 6d

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<b>11 Jul 1941 Fri</b>	Income: Sale of drinks £5 17s 6d; English Church 15s
	Bank deposit £23 7s 6d

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**14 Jul 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: A. F. Westbury (acting Chairman), G. Gorrie, J. Butler, A. Hewer, C. Bertelsen, V. Peck, F. Sage, J. Morrison, A. McArthur, C. Alsop, E. S. Hewer, F. Kitchener

Apologies: F. S. Hewer and J. Searle

Accounts passed for payment: £6 7s 10d

Caretakers for ensuing month: F. Kitchener and A. McArthur

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| E. Hewer/F. Sage     | That no tea towels be supplied with Hall.   |
| Alsop/V. Peck        | That Women's Institute be charged 1s 3d per hour for rehearsal on 4 August.   |
| A. Hewer/Butler      | That Soft Drinks be charged 5d in future.   |
| Alsop/E. Hewer       | That the meeting night be left over till next meeting.  |
| Alsop/A. Hewer       | That Hutt Kennel Club be charged 10s for use of small room for Day Conference.  |
| A. Hewer/McArthur    | That a working bee be held on Wednesday 23 July for cleaning and redecorating Hall.   |
| A. Hewer/E. Hewer    | That a notice be erected in Hall entrance that any person leaving Hall during Learners Dances pays again on re-entering. Amendment (Alsop/Kitchener) that Hutt Police be invited to Hall one Monday night. Amendment carried by six votes to three. |
| A. F. Westbury/Alsop | That Secretary write to Messrs F. Ferretti, S. Peck, H. Kitchener, V. Draper a letter of thanks for their services in past years.   |

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**14 Jul 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £2 8s  
Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 1s 8d; Thompson Lewis £2 18s 2d; Foresters Lodge £1 8s  
Hutt County Council Licence Fee £1; Audit fee £2 2s

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**18 Jul 1941 Fri**      Payment: C. Cook 40s  
**21 Jul 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £3 8s 6d  
**28 Jul 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 13s  
**04 Aug 1941 Mon**      Income: Dance £1 10s

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**11 Aug 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. B. Hutchison (Chairman), A. F. Westbury, J. Butler, A. Hewer, J. Morrison, W. Smith, J. Searle, F. Kitchener, A. McArthur, C. Alsop, F. Sage, G. Gorrie, E. S. Hewer.

Apology: F. S. Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £15 2s 7d

Caretakers for ensuing month: V. Peck and J. Morrison

Hutchison/Searle That Secretary notify Taita Women's Institute that the black curtains may remain in Hall at their own risk  
Hutchison/Sage That Hall Committee meet on first Monday in month at 7.15pm  
Butler/Kitchener That Mr D. McArthur examine and report on spouting repairs.

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**11 Aug 1941 Mon** Income: Farmers Dance £2 5s; Kennel Club 5s; Sale of drinks £5 12s; Dance £1 13s 9d  
Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 0s 11d; Thompson Lewis £5 11s 8d; Alliance Insurance Co. £8 10s 1d

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**18 Aug 1941 Mon** Income: Drinks £1 7s 6d; Dance £1 13s

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**25 Aug 1941 Mon** Income: Dance £1 15s  
Payment: Imprest account £9 19s 8d

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**26 Aug 1941 Tue** Bank deposit £17 16s 6d

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**01 Sep 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, J. Butler, C. Bertelsen, V. Peck, A. Hewer, J. Morrison, W. Hutchison, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, C. Alsop and E. S. Hewer

Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Searle and A. Hewer

Hutchison/Gorrie That tender from Mr McArthur for spouting repairs be accepted.  
Gorrie/V. Peck That a notice prohibiting the Jitterbug be displayed in Hall.

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**08 Sep 1941 Mon** Income: Dance £3 5s; Sale of drinks 11s  
**09 Sep 1941 Tue** Income: Home Guard Dance £1 15s  
**17 Sep 1941 Wed** Payment: Bank fee 5s  
**20 Sep 1941 Sat** Income: Taita Methodist Church 15s  
**21 Sep 1941 Sun** Income: Mr Goss £2 5s; Home Guard rent £6 10s  
**03 Oct 1941 Fri** Bank deposit £6 9s 3d  
**04 Oct 1941 Sat** Income: J. Bentley £2 5s

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**06 Oct 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: A. F. Westbury (acting Chairman), F. Kitchener, J. Butler, G. Gorrie, A. McArthur, C. Bertelsen, V. Peck, A. Hewer, F. Sage, J. Morrison, J. Searle, C. Alsop and E. S. Hewer  
Apology: F. S. Hewer.  
Accounts passed for payment: £24 15s 3d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: F. Sage and G. Gorrie

Searle/Alsop            That Women's Institute have use of Supper room free on 15 October for making children's clothes for bombed areas in England.  
Searle/A. F. Westbury    That F. Kitchener make inquiries re bucket pumps for Hall (for firefighting – stirrup pump)  
A. Hewer/Westbury    That Committee meetings now start at 8pm.

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**06 Oct 1941 Mon**        Income: Hutt Valley Producers £1 7s 6d; Sale of drinks £1 7s; South Africans Dance £2 5s  
Payments: D. McArthur £9 15s; Hutt River Board rates 14s 7d; Thompson Lewis £2 11s 6d; Hutt City Council Rates £11 14s 2d

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**10 Oct 1941 Fri**        Bank deposit £22 5s 6d  
Payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 13s; Foresters Lodge £1 8s

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**14 Oct 1941 Tue**        Income: Taita Home Guard £1 15s; Women's Institute £2 9s 6d

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**03 Nov 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), A. F. Westbury, G. Gorrie, J. Butler, V. Peck, C. Bertelsen, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop and E. S. Hewer  
Apologies: W. Smith and F. Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £4 9s 4d  
Caretakers for ensuing month: W. Hutchison and C. Bertelsen

Hutchiner/A. Hewer    That letter from singing circle be received.  
Alsop/Hutchison        That Secretary accept and store bucket pumps if left by E. P. S. for Hall.  
E. Hewer/G. Gorrie    That Mr McArthur repair roof ready for painting.

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**03 Nov 1941 Mon**        Income: J. Bentley 7s 6d; Sale of drinks 14s  
Payment: Standard Insurance £1 8s 4d; Thompson Lewis £3 1s

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**13 Nov 1941 Thu**        Income: Hutt City Council £4

**17 Nov 1941 Mon**        Income: Taita Home Guard £1 15s

**21 Nov 1941 Fri**        Bank deposit £5 6s

**28 Nov 1941 Fri**        Income: Taita School £1 10s; Sale of drinks £2 16s; Taita Cricket Club 5s

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**01 Dec 1941 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, A. McArthur, J. Butler, A. Hewer, C. Bertelsen, A. F. Westbury, V. Peck, W. Smith, J. Searle, W. Hutchison, C. Alsop and E. S. Hewer

Caretakers for ensuing month: J. Butler and A. F. Westbury

Hutchison/A. McArthur That tender from Mr W. B. Kincaid for £20 painting Hall Roof be accepted.  
F. Hewer/Hutchison That Secretary send letter of thanks to J. Morrison for past services and safe return for [from] War.  
Bertelsen/Gorrie That Home Guard have permission to build Cupboard in Small Room.  
Bertelsen/McArthur That Hall donate £1 1s towards above cupboard.

Hutchison/A. Hewer That next Hall meeting be first Monday in February and Messrs F. Kitchener and A. McArthur take on caretakers first Monday in January.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman thanked members for their help and cooperation during the year and wished all the compliments of the season. On behalf of the Committee Messrs Gorrie and Hutchison thanked the Chairman.

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<b>09 Dec 1941 Tue</b>	Bank deposit £10 6s
<b>17 Dec 1941 Wed</b>	Income: Stokes Valley School £2 5s
<b>29 Dec 1941 Mon</b>	Income: Singing Circle 7s 6d
<b>06 Jan 1942 Tue</b>	Payment: W. B. Kincaid £20

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## 12 Jan 1942 Mon – Taita Hall – Special Meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), A. F. Westbury, S. Peck, A. McArthur, G. Gorrie, F. Searle, F. Kitchener, W. Hutchinson, F. Sage, C. Bertelsen, A. Hewer and Secretary.

All members stood in silence in respect of the memory of our late Treasurer Mr C. Alsop.

F. Hewer/Hutchinson That Secretary send a letter of Condolence to Mrs Alsop and family and also it be recorded in Minute Book of the great service he rendered to the District being elected the first informal Committee Meeting on 07 June 1922 and assisted the Hall for 20 years.

The Chairman explained that members of the Reserve Bank had met the Secretary and Chairman re Hiring of the Hall for a period of six months or longer.

Kitchener/Hutchinson That the Hall be let to Reserve Bank for a period of six months with option of renewal of further periods as arranged at the rate of £7 10s per week and have permission to start work immediately.

Gorrie/Sage That Chairman have full power to act for the Committee.

E. Hewer/Kitchener That next meeting of Hall Committee be held in Taita School.

*Letter to the Secretary of the Reserve Bank, Wellington dated 13 January 1942 signed by E. S. Hewer, Secretary*

Dear Sir, On behalf of the Taita Hall Committee, I beg to confirm the tentative arrangements agreed upon at a conference with representatives of the Reserve Bank, and the Chairman of the Taita Hall Committee.

[1] The Committee agrees to rent to the Reserve Bank for six months from 17 January 1942, the Taita Hall for the sum of £7 10s per week, payable in advance in six equal monthly payments of £32 10s.

[2] The Bank may, at the expiration of the above period, renew the lease for such period and terms as may be mutually agreed upon.

[3] Except in so far as it may be necessary to restore the building to its present use as a Social Hall, all additions and alterations shall become the property of the Committee, and the Bank agrees to pay the cost of any restoration.

[4] The Bank shall accept responsibility for damage incurred through its occupation and will pay all insurance as from 17 January 1942, and keep the Committee covered from loss by fire.

[5] The Bank shall safely store and return in its present condition all furniture and effects.

The Committee has appointed Mr F. S. Hewer as its representative who is authorized to make the necessary arrangements.

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**12 Jan 1942 Mon**      Income: Taita School £1 10s; Golden West 10s  
**15 Jan 1942 Thu**      Income: D. Futter 5s  
**20 Jan 1942 Tue**      Income: Reserve Bank £32 10s; J. Bentley £2 5s; Women's Institute 18s; Hutt City Council £6

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**02 Feb 1942 Mon – Taita School – Committee Meeting**

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), V. Peck, J. Butler, A. Hewer, C. Bertelsen, W. Hutchison. J. Searle, A. McArthur, E. S. Hewer  
 Apology: F. Kitchener

Hutchison/V. Peck      That leave of absence be granted to Mr W. Smith  
 Hutchinson/Westbury    That Committee approve of letter sent to Reserve Bank.  
 F. Hewer/Hutchinson    That Mr F. H. Butler be appointed as Treasurer and operate bank account.

A vote of thanks to School Committee for free use of School was passed with acclamation.

Hutchison/Searle      That Hall Books close on 30 April and no meeting be held until called by Secretary.  
 A. Westbury/Butler      That £1 be donated towards school concert.

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**02 Feb 1942 Mon**      Income: Sale of drinks £6 3s 10d  
                                  Payment: Foresters Lodge £1 8s; D. McArthur £2 4s; Mr V. Peck £1 5s

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**05 Feb 1942 Thu**      Bank deposit £52 14s 4d

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**19 Feb 1942 Thu**      Income: Reserve Bank £32 10s  
                                  Payment: Thompson Lewis £1 4s 8d

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**10 Mar 1942 Tue**      Bank deposit £32 10s

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**19 Mar 1942 Thu**      Income: Reserve Bank £32 10s  
                                  Payment: Bank fee 5s

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**20 Mar 1942 Fri**      Bank deposit £32 10s

**23 Mar 1942 Mon**      **Release of Mortgage £103 16s** W. P. Coles prin... Int £1 8s; D £2 8s; Reserve Bank (Electric Light) £1 5s

**17 Apr 1942 Fri**      Income: Reserve Bank £32 10s

**29 Apr 1942 Wed**      Income: Sale of shed £3

**30 Apr 1942 Thu**      Bank deposit £35 10s and Balance Imprest account £1 19s 5d

Final balance £315 4s 10d

**End of Cashbook**

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### Bank Deposit Entries from the Ledger Book

**30 Apr 1942 Thu** Bank Deposit £35 10s and £1 19s 5d Imprest Account  
**22 May 1942 Fri** Bank Deposit £32 10s

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### 08 Jun 1942 Mon – Taita School – Committee Meeting

Present: F. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchison, V. Peck, J. Searle, A. F. Westbury, A. Hewer, A. McArthur, J. Butler, C. Bertelsen, E. S. Hewer  
Apology: F. Sage  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 14s

Searle/Hutchison That Committee approve of Report and Balance Sheet

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### 08 Jun 1942 Mon – Taita School – Annual General Meeting

Twelve residents being present. F. S. Hewer occupied the Chair. Apology from F. Sage.

The Chairman moved that it be placed on record in minute book of the sterling service rendered by the late C. Alsop (Treasurer). He has been a member of the Committee since the first meeting was convened on 07 June 1922. Members stood in respect to the memory of our late Committeeman C. Alsop.

F. Hewer/W. Hutchison That the report and balance sheet be adopted.  
Mrs J. Searle/Mrs F. Sage That the present Committee be reappointed for a further 12 months and under the same executive.  
Searle/Butler That Mr Burgess be reappointed as auditor.  
E. Hewer/Searle That School Committee be thanked for use of School for General Meeting.

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### 08 Jun 1942 Mon – Taita School – Reappointed Committee Meeting

Hutchinson/Searle That the Reserve Bank have lease of Hall for another 12 months as from 16 July 1942 at the same terms and conditions as at present existing and to come up for review at the Annual General Meeting in June 1943.

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**10 Jul 1942 Fri** Bank Deposit £32 10s  
**06 Aug 1942 Thu** Bank Deposit £34 5s  
**14 Sep 1942 Mon** Bank Deposit £32 10s  
**02 Oct 1942 Fri** Bank Deposit £32 10s  
**13 Nov 1942 Fri** Bank Deposit £32 10s  
**02 Dec 1942 Wed** Bank Deposit £32 10s  
**21 Jan 1943 Thu** Bank Deposit £33  
**15 Feb 1943 Mon** Bank Deposit £32 10s  
**11 Mar 1943 Thu** Bank Deposit £32 10s

13 Apr 1943 Tue      Bank Deposit £32 10s  
14 May 1943 Fri      Bank Deposit £32 10s  
10 Jun 1943 Thu      Bank Deposit £32 10s

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**14 Jun 1943 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: W. Hutchison (acting Chairman), J. Butler, F. Kitchener, F. Sage, A. McArthur, C. Bertelsen, J. Searle, A. Hewer, F. Westbury, E. Hewer

W. Hutchison/F. Sage    That Mr F. S. Hewer's apology be accepted.  
A. Hewer/J. Butler      That balance sheet be received and approved.

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### 14 Jun 1943 – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

Before business commenced the acting Chairman W. F. Hutchinson spoke on the passing of our Late Trustee, Mr F. Westbury, one of the First Trustees elected for the Hall. All members stood in silence in respect to his memory.

11 persons being present for the meeting.

Hutchinson/Bertelsen That the present committee be reappointed for a further 12 months under the same executive.  
Hutchinson/McArthur That Mr F. W. Kitchener be appointed Trustee in place of the late F. Westbury.  
A. Hewer/Bertelsen That Mr A. Burgess be reappointed as auditor.

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### 14 Jun 1943 – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting

Hutchinson/A. Hewer That Reserve Bank have a renewal of lease of Hall for a further 12 months as from 16 July 1943

Searle/Sage That if the Committee is in order that a sum of £200 be invested in short term loan in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Liberty Loan. Amendment (Kitchener/E. Hewer) that £100 be invested – the amendment was carried unanimously.

E. Hewer/J. Butler That £350 be placed on fixed deposit in Bank NZ.  
Hutchison/Kitchener That if Society is not in order to invest £100 in War Loan £450 be placed in fixed deposit.  
Kitchener/Searle That Secretary pay all accounts during the coming year.

Secretary to call tenders for painting the Hall and call a meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in December 1943.

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<b>09 Jul 1943 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>06 Aug 1943 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>03 Sep 1943 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>17 Sep 1943 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £17 13s 7d
<b>01 Oct 1943 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>06 Nov 1943 Sat</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>18 Dec 1943 Sat</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>15 Jan 1944 Sat</b>	Bank Deposit £33 14s 3d
<b>28 Feb 1944 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>03 Mar 1944 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>13 Apr 1944 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>28 Apr 1944 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>02 Jun 1944 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s

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**08 Jun 1944 Thu – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

22 residents were present. Mr F. S. Hewer presided and C. Bertelsen was asked to act as Secretary.

The annual report and balance sheet were adopted. It was reported that the committee had been unsuccessful in obtaining labour for the painting of the hall.

The Chairman reported that the Reserve Bank would not require the hall from July 16; after two and a half years of tenure and it would therefore be possible to reinstate the building for the use of the residents.

As nominations were not received for a full committee of 16 members the following 14 members were elected with power to add to their number.

F. S. Hewer	G. Gorrie
J. Butler	F. Sage
F. Kitchener	H. Bennett (Henry Garner Bennett 1908-1991)
W. Hutchinson	F. Westbury
J. Searle	A. Knight
A. McArthur	B. Matthews
D. Keil	C. E. Bertelsen

Mr A. Burgess was reappointed auditor.

Gorrie/Sage                      It was resolved that letters of thanks be sent to Messrs A. E. and E. S. Hewer, who had left the district, for their valued services.

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## 08 Jun 1944 Thu – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting

Officers elected: F. Hewer (Chairman), W. Hutchinson (Treasurer), C. Bertelsen (Secretary)  
Accounts passed for payment: £19 13s 9d

Sage/Gorrie                That one trustee, treasurer and secretary operate bank account, the seal to be affixed on to the authority.  
Hutchinson/Kitchener    That meetings be held monthly on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm

The Chairman read a statement from the secretary of the Reserve Bank setting out the conditions which had been agreed upon for the reinstatement of the hall. General satisfaction was expressed by members with the agreement reached.

Sage/McArthur            That the Chairman's actions in the matter be fully approved.

Sage and Kitchener were asked to prepare tentative plans for reinstatement of the building and the committee was asked to consider these on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

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<b>20 Jun 1944 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £1 5s
<b>27 Jun 1944 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £32 10s
<b>28 Jun 1944 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £6 2s 6d

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## 04 Jul 1944 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, A. McArthur, Keil, Searle, Sage, Kitchener, Gorrie, Butler and Secretary.  
Apologies: D. McArthur, Mathews, Knight, Bennett

The Secretary was instructed to offer the free use of the Hall to Taita Women's Institute until certain alterations are completed.

Hewer/Westbury         D. McArthur was appointed a member of the committee.  
Sage/Kitchener         H. Anstis was appointed a member of the committee.

A letter was received from Messrs Young, Courtney, Bennett & Virtue enclosing information concerning deferred maintenance expenditure allowance. It was decided that some deduction for painting and repairs should be applied for as it had not been possible to effect this necessary work.

Evening Post 11 Jan 1928 Legal: Messrs Young, White and Courtney have admitted into Partnership Mr Jack Robinson Effingham Bennett, Solicitor, and Mr David Wilson Virtue, L.L.M., Barrister and Solicitor, who have been members of their staff for a number of years. The practice will in future be carried on at the same address, Nos 100-102 Customhouse quay, Wellington, under the style of "Young, White, and Courtney," as heretofore.

Sage/Gorrie                That the Chairman make application for an allowance of approximately £200 for the year ended April 30, 1944.

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**01 Aug 1944 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: All members except Mr Hutchinson

Accounts passed for payment: £9 2s 1d insurance premiums

A deputation from Taita Scout Committee was given audience re use of building by the Scouts.

Mathews/Sage            That the Scouts be granted use of the long room on east side as a temporary measure.

The Reserve Bank advised through the Chairman their inability to obtain timber to replace the stage.

Sage/Bertelsen        That the Chairman arrange with Mr Mitchell to carry out necessary electrical work.

Mathews/Gorrie        A sub-committee of Kitchener, Sage, D. McArthur and the Chairman was appointed to effect alterations to building and repairs to furniture.

The Chairman reported that an allowance of £170 had been secured for deferred maintenance and that this amount had been deposited.

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**05 Sep 1944 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), A. McArthur, W. Hutchinson, J. Butler, J. Searle, G. Gorrie, A. Knight, D. Keil, F. Kitchener, B. Mathews and Secretary.

A letter was received from Taita Scout committee expressing thanks for use of room.

The Chairman presented a proposal to increase the insurance cover on the Hall to £2500 the policy to allow the showing of animated pictures in the building. The opinion was expressed by members that the present cover of £1200 was now inadequate.

Kitchener/Mathews    That the building be insured with the Alliance Insurance Company for the proposed sum.

Mathews/A. McArthur    An account for £7 14s 11d additional premium was passed for payment.

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### 05 Dec 1944 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), H. Anstis, J. Butler, F. Kitchener, J. Searle, D. Keil, F. Sage, G. Gorrie, F. Westbury, B. Mathews and Secretary.  
Apologies: D. McArthur, A Knight, H. Bennett  
Accounts passed for payment: £356 4s 9d

The Treasurer reported that as the sum of £350 of the Society's funds was on fixed deposit they payment this account would overdraw the bank account.

Mathews/Sage            That the Chairman arrange for an overdraft.

The Chairman reported that building alterations were now well advanced but that it would not be possible to have the electrical work carried out until early in the New Year. Also that he had arranged with the Reserve Bank to replace the gas copper, sand the floor, and replace a number of chairs.

It was decided that the building committee arrange for the painting of the Hall.

The Taita Football Club was allowed use of a room for a meeting.

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### 13 Feb 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting

Mr Hewer presided over an attendance of 14 members, apologies being received from Searle and Bennett.

Knight/McArthur        Accounts totalling £301 19s 5d were passed for payment this amount including £250 progress payment to Mr Sage.

Correspondence:        A letter was received from Mr Bennett tendering his resignation from the committee.  
The Taita Women's Institute and Taita Cricket Club re charges for use of rooms.  
Letters from two Dance Orchestras re engagements for dances.

It was decided to hold these matters over until the next meeting.

Interest on War Loan £1 5s was received.

The Secretary was instructed to forward to Reserve Bank the accounts for the renewal of stage and gas copper.

Mathew/Gorrie            That D. McArthur carry out necessary repairs to spouting.

Two tenders of £96 10s and £110 respectively were received for painting outside walls, the matter being held over until the building committee could have the interior decorating carried out as it was hoped to have all alterations completed by the date of next meeting.

Members were asked to formulate their views on hire charges for next meeting.

**16 Feb 1945 Fri**      Bank Deposit £1 5s

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**06 Mar 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Mr Hewer presided over an attendance of 14 members, apologies being received from H. Bennett and D. McArthur.

Kitchener/Mathews      An account of £55 14s 3d for plumbing work and material was passed for payment.

A letter was received from Commissioner of Taxes stating that the income of the Society was deemed to be tax free and that £170 deferred maintenance would be refunded. The Secretary was instructed to apply for the refund and thank the department for the information.

A letter from Taita Women's Institute was received applying for hire of Hall. The Secretary was instructed to suggest a meeting between three members of each committee to discuss the requirements of the Institute. The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were delegated to act.

Mr Bennett was granted leave of absence from the committee until he felt able to re-attend.

A letter from Mrs Stevenson asked for the use of forms and trestles the use of which was granted free.

The Taita School committee were granted use of tables, forms and 60 cups and saucers and 12 plates for the School sports day.

The Taita Football Club were granted use of a room for a meeting on March 12.

A discussion took place on the use of the side room by the Scout Group and it was felt by members that the committee could not allow the further use of the room once the re-decorating was carried out. Much regret was expressed that further provision could not be made and on a unanimous vote the secretary was instructed to notify the Scout Group of the decisions.

The Building Committee were authorized to make provision for tables, as deemed necessary and to have the approaches to the Hall and rooms put into good order. Also to make a further payment to Mr Sage when statement was submitted.

The action of the Building Committee in having the entire interior of the building redecorated at a cost of £180 12s was approved.

A tender of £92 14s was received from Mr T. Skipage for outside painting which it was decided to accept also.

A special meeting was called for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss arrangements for reopening the Hall.

Several applications for hire of Hall were held over until the next meeting.

The Chairman reported having arranged for an overdraft with the Bank of NZ and submitted the necessary document which two trustees and the secretary were authorized to execute, the seal to be affixed.

A discussion took place on proposed hire charges, a scale of which was prepared the secretary being asked to tabulate same for presentation to the next meeting.

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**20 Mar 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Gorrie, Searle, Knight, Kitchener, Anstis, Hutchinson, Sage, A. McArthur, D. McArthur, F. Westbury, J. Butler.  
An apology was received from Secretary.

As the work on the building was considered not near enough to completion it was decided to leave the matter of the opening date until the next meeting.  
A price of £22 10s tendered by Schoblars for supply and fitting stage curtain was accepted.  
The Taita Cricket Club were given permission to use the Reception Hall and Kitchen on April 7<sup>th</sup> at a charge of £2 2s  
The Chairman was asked to purchase brooms and such necessities.

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**22 Mar 1945 Thu**      Bank Deposit 15s

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**03 Apr 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, J. Searle, A. Knight, F. Kitchener, H. Anstis, F. Sage, D. Keil, D. McArthur, A. McArthur, B. Mathews, J. Butler, F. Westbury and Secretary.

Accounts passed for payment: £286 0s 1d

A letter was received from Mrs Stevenson expressing thanks for loan of trestles and forms.  
Several applications for hire of Hall were held over.

The scale of charges and conditions of letting the Hall were approved as drawn up by the Secretary and authority given to have the same printed.

It was decided to let the ante room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month to the Taita Scout Committee, also to the Football Club on April 8<sup>th</sup>; the Reception Hall to the Northern Hutt Progressive Association on April 24<sup>th</sup> and Mrs Dyer the Main Hall on May 5 the latter at a special charge of £6 5s.

It was decided to hold a re-opening dance on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mathews/Knight - That the proceeds be donated to the Patriotic Fund – the motion was lost.  
The Secretary was authorized to engage the Gaiety Orchestra for that date. A special meeting was called for 17<sup>th</sup> instant.  
The Taita Football Club were given authority to remove a tank stand for use at the gymnasium.

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**17 Apr 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Special meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Anstis, Mathews, Knight, Hutchinson, Gorrie, Searle, Butler, Sage, D. McArthur, Westbury and Secretary  
An apology was received from A. McArthur.  
Accounts passed for payment: £133 15s 2d

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Tax Department asking for prompt payment of £170 due to Society, also to submit an amended statement to Reserve Bank for materials used in replacing stage, gas copper etc.

The Chairman reported on the meeting with the Taita Women's Institute members and approval was given to the tentative arrangement made to allow use of the Reception Hall and kitchen on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month except January from 1.30 to 4pm at 5s per meeting, also to offer the #1 committee room one afternoon per month at 2s 6d. The Secretary was instructed to advise accordingly.

The Secretary was instructed to arrange with Mr Baker re piano tuning, also to make inquiries re purchase of another piano.

Hewer, Mathews and Secretary were appointed to purchase cups, jugs etc as considered necessary.

It was decided to ask the Mayor of Lower Hutt, Mr J. W. Andrews, to officiate at the re-opening and dance and to send complimentary invitations to the following:

Mr & Mrs J. W. Andrews

Mr Airey, Secretary Reserve Bank of New Zealand

Mr Marchbanks, Bank of New Zealand, Lower Hutt

Sergeant Sugrue, Police Station, Lower Hutt

Mr Lavey, Hutt News

Messrs V. Pemberton, T. Foster, J. C. Mabey, E. Hall, H. V. Horlor, F. Bertelsen; being available members of the first committee with Hewler & Kitchener

Also to the artists invited to take part.

The Secretary was instructed to have the necessary invitations and tickets printed and to arrange for the reopening to be advertised in the Hutt News.

It was decided to ask Mrs Sage to arrange floral decorations for the occasion.

An admission price of 3s 6d was agreed on, committee members and their wives to be admitted free.

Detailed arrangements were then made for the dance and members were asked to prepare the Hall on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9pm.

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**27 Apr 1945 Fri**      Bank Deposit £2 10s



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**01 May 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: F. S. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, J. Searle, D. Keil, H. Anstis, F. Sage, J. Butler, F. Westbury, A. Knight, D. McArthur, A. McArthur and Secretary.  
Apologies for B. Mathews and F. Kitchener.  
Accounts passed for payment: £17 18s 6d; £170 for deferred maintenance has been received.  
Caretakers appointed: Butler & A. McArthur to 16 May; Sage & Anstis to 31 May; Gorrie & Searle from 01 June.

Correspondence: Letters from Taita Cricket Club cancelling hire of Reception Hall, and from Women's Institute expressing thanks for consideration given were received.

The Secretary reported on pianos available and it was decided to hold the matter over for the present.  
The Scout Group were allowed use of Hall for concert on May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
It was decided to secure help for washing up at opening dance.  
It was decided to hold a further dance on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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<b>03 May 1945 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £190 16s
<b>18 May 1945 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £28 15s 6d
<b>19 May 1945 Sat</b>	Bank Deposit £9 0s 6d

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**05 Jun 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: W. Hutchinson (Chairman), G. Gorrie, J. Searle, D. Keil, H. Anstis, F. Sage, J. Butler, F. Westbury, A. McArthur, D. McArthur and Secretary.  
Apologies were received from F. Kitchener, F. S. Hewer and H. Bennett.  
Seven accounts totalling £99 9s 1d were passed for payment.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Hutt Valley Federation of Women's Institutes re charges for hire of Main Hall complete 10am to 4pm in October.  
The Secretary was instructed to advise that a charge of £2 2s would be made.

A letter from Taita Football Club requested hire of Main Hall for dance July 14. The Secretary was instructed to book the engagement.  
It was decided to increase the insurance on the Hall to £3,000 with Alliance Company.

The Treasurer reported that over the period the dances held weekly had been a success financially and the committee decided that if the dance on June 9<sup>th</sup> was a success to arrange for one following dance to be held subsequent to the Annual General Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Secretary reported that the statement of accounts would be prepared by the auditor for the Annual Meeting and then read to the meeting a draft of the Annual Report which was approved for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

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<b>06 Jun 1945 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £9 12s
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### **12 Jun 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hutchinson (Chair), Knight, Gorrie, Keall, Mathews, A. McArthur, Anstis, Butler, D. McArthur, Sage, Westbury, Hewer and Secretary.  
Apologies from Searle, Kitchener and Bennett.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of accounts was read and approved for presentation to Annual Meeting.

Hewer reported that he had been unsuccessful in contacting Mr Airey, secretary of Reserve Bank re payment of account for staging materials and replacement of chairs.

The meeting closed at 8pm to allow the Annual General Meeting to commence.

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### **12 Jun 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 35 residents were present. Mr F. S. Hewer presided and an apology was received from J. Searle.

The annual report and statement of accounts was presented and read to the meeting and was adopted.

Mr A. Burgess was reappointed auditor.

The following 12 nominations were received and elected with power to add to their number – F. Sage, A. Knight, D. Keall, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, H. Anstis, B. Mathews, J. Hamilton, F. Ferretti, J. Bentley, G. Gorrie, C. Bertelsen.

The Chairman paid a tribute to the excellent service rendered by Mr J. Butler, who intended leaving the district after having been a member for 21 years. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Butler by the meeting. Mr Hewer also made reference to the valued service given over a long period by Mr F. Kitchener, Mr D. McArthur and Mr W. Hutchinson who expressed their desire to retire from the committee. The Secretary paid a tribute to the excellent service performed by Mr Hewer who also desired not to accept nomination again, and pointed out that Mr Hewer had been chairman of the Society from about the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of its existence. The meeting carried by acclamation a hearty vote of thanks to these retiring members.

The meeting closed shortly after 9pm and a very enjoyable dance was then held in the main hall in which many of the younger residents joined. The ladies present provided an excellent supper and several pianists helped in providing the music.

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### **12 Jun 1945 Tue – Taita Hall – New Committee meeting**

Present: Sage, Knight, Gorrie, Bentley, Keall, Ferretti, McArthur, Hamilton, Anstis, Westbury, Mathews, Bertelsen.

Officers elected as follows: B. Mathews (Chairman), G. Gorrie (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

It was decided to ask J. Searle, H. Bennett and L. Hardgrave to become members. The meeting was then adjourned to Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**18 Jun 1945 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Gorrie, Anstis, Hamilton, Bentley, Hardgrave, Knight, McArthur, Bennett, Ferretti, Sage, Westbury  
Caretakers elected: Hamilton & McArthur

H. Bennett and L. Hardgrave were elected to membership and the Chairman reported Mr J. Searle's intention to decline for this year.  
Meetings were arranged for on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7.30pm.  
Mr P. Walker attended and addressed members re his desire to hold a weekly dance on Saturdays. It was decided to offer him the Hall at £4 4s.

Arrangements were made to hold a dance on July 4<sup>th</sup> and a discussion took place regarding pass-out checks. It was considered more desirable to refuse admission when necessary and it was resolved that pass-outs be issued but that admission be controlled.

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**28 Jun 1945 Thu**      Bank Deposit £356 2s 6d

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**02 Jul 1945 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: B. Mathews (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, J. Hamilton, J. Bentley, A. McArthur, F. Sage, F. Ferretti, A. F. Westbury and Bertelsen.  
Apologies: A. Knight, G. Gorrie  
Accounts passed for payment: £68 10s 4d

Mr Hardgrave was asked to lower the handles on the three tea jugs.

Members spoke of the excellent service given by Mr F. S. Hewer who had held the office of Chairman almost since the founding of the Society and in order to express appreciation of this service it was decided to elect Mr Hewer to the office of Patron of the Society.

Queen Carnival: The Secretary reported that committees were working in a queen carnival contest to raise funds for Taita School sports gear, and many applications for hire of the hall were being received in connection therewith. It was decided to make reductions in the hire charges for these functions by means of a donation in each case. It was also decided to extend the same consideration to the Taita School committee and the Taita Scout Group.

As there was not a large attendance it was decided to elect a roster of caretakers at the next meeting. Hardgrave and Bentley offered to act for the current month.

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**03 Jul 1945 Tue**      Bank Deposit £90 19s 7d**20 Jul 1945 Fri**      Bank Deposit £3 4s 3d

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**06 Aug 1945 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee meeting**

Present: B. Mathews (Chairman), F. Westbury, F. Sage, A. McArthur, H. Anstis, G. Gorrie, J. Hamilton, L. Hardgrave, A. Knight, F. Ferretti and Bertelsen.  
Accounts passed for payment: £19 16s 11d

Correspondence was received from Hutt Valley Federation Women's Institutes accepting offer of Hall at £1 10s for Oct 25 and from Taita Women's Institute applying for hire of cups and saucers. It was decided to hire same at 6d per dozen.

Report of caretakers: Several breakages of crockery were reported together with some losses and it was decided to charge same to lessees at 1s 6d per cup, 8d per saucer and 1s 6d per sugar basin.

Vote of thanks: Mention was made of the excellent work done by the retiring caretakers during an exceptionally busy period and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them, this being carried with acclamation.

It was decided to approach Mr D. De Menech to become a member of the Society.

Policy re donations etc: A discussion took place on reduction of charges to local organisations etc the general opinion being that each application should be considered on its merits.

Scrub out etc: It was decided to have a clean-up on Sunday 19 August at 9am.

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<b>10 Aug 1945 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £36 0s 6d
<b>24 Aug 1945 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £15 15s

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### 03 Sep 1945 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Ferretti, Keal, Hamilton, Bentley, Anstis, Sage, Gorrie, De Menech, Westbury

Apologies: A. McArthur and Bertelsen

Accounts passed for payment: £6 12s 6d

#### Correspondence

[1] From F. S. Hewer stating his pleasure in accepting the office of Patron to the Society.

[2] From H. G. Bennetts tendering his resignation which was accepted.

[3] From J. Searle re repairs to wallboard and enclosing £4 4s rent. It was decided to reply expressing satisfaction on the matter.

[4] From Taita Women's Institute requesting side room for flower show, which was granted.

[5] From St James Church, Taita re luncheon on 7 October, a fee of 10s was agreed on.

[6] From Mr Pudney was held over to next meeting.

The retiring caretakers reported all in order and were accorded a vote of thanks for their services. Ferretti & Knight were appointed caretakers for September and Gorrie and De Menech for October.

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## 01 Oct 1945 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Ferretti, Keal, Bentley, Anstis, De Menech, Hardgrave, Hewer, Gorrie, Sage, Hamilton, Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Knight and McArthur

### Correspondence

[1] From N. B. Riley, Free Kindergarten Association asking for a reduction. The Secretary was instructed to reply stating that if the dance to be held was a financial loss a reduction would be given (Gorrie/Bertelsen)

[2] From Mrs O'Neil enclosing £3 and a statement re queen carnival. The chairman and secretary were instructed to interview Mrs O'Neil to adjust the matter.

[3] From P. Walker cancelling the Saturday night engagement from 8 September.

Mr C. W. Hewer was elected a member of the Society and welcomed by Chairman. The Secretary was asked to send a letter to Mr A. McArthur expressing regret on his illness and granting him temporary leave of absence.

The Chairman was asked to interview Mr Pudney to obtain a statement re material referred to in his letter (Gorrie/Hamilton)

The Chairman was instructed to offer the unused switchboard for sale through Mr Wylie, also to ask the Electric Power Board to install a new meter.

The Chairman reported that the Reserve Bank would have the promised chairs delivered in a few weeks and it was decided to store all chairs in No.1 room when not in use in the hall.

On behalf of Taita Football Club Mr Gorrie expressed thanks for the loan of trestles and tables loaned for the club's annual dinner.

It was decided to dress the dance floor in preparation for the next dance and the secretary was asked to obtain a supply of wax for dressing same.

Gorrie and De Menech were appointed caretakers for October and Keal & Hewer for November.

The Chairman and Secretary were asked to view a piano for sale and to purchase same if it could be secured at a suitable price.

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**04 Oct 1945 Thu**      Bank Deposit £34 8s 6d

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## 05 Nov 1945 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Ferretti, Hardgrave, De Menech, Hewer, Keal, Anstis, Sage, Gorrie, Westbury and Bertelsen  
Apology: Hamilton

### Correspondence

- [1] From Women's Institute booking committee room
- [2] From Basketball Club booking hall for dance on 12 December

An inquiry was received from the Methodist Sunday School re price of hall for picture entertainment. It was decided to allow 15s off the charge of £2 5s as a donation to their Christmas party.

A charge of £1 was decided on for the Anglican Church centenary tea (Ferretti/Sage)

O'Neil account: The Chairman reported that the Taita Women's Auxillary had agreed to pay the balance of this account.  
Pudney account: Also that he had asked Mr Pudney to furnish a statement re material used.

The Treasurer reported overdraft at £571 5s 3d.  
The retiring caretakers reported that 12 plates were needed.

Welcome to returned Servicemen: The Chairman reported that the local Patriotic Committee were arranging an entertainment to welcome home local servicemen and it was unanimously decided to offer the hall free for this event.

Charges (local): Mr Gorrie raised the matter of a special charge for entertainments held by local sports clubs and the like who were endeavouring to raise funds by this means, pointing out that reductions had been given to such organisations in the past and that rather than consider each case separately it would be advisable to lay down a fixed rule regarding reductions. After some discussion it was decided to make the following reductions to local public organisations who were holding functions for benefit purposes (Westbury/Hardgrave)

### Main Hall

Saturday	8-12pm	£4			
Week night	8pm-1am	£4	Week night	8-12pm	£3 3s
Pictures etc	7.30-10.30pm	£1 15s			

These charges were based on near round figures to a 25% reduction.

Drinks: The Secretary was given permission to sell soft drinks at wholesale rates to persons holding wedding receptions, parties etc.  
Plates: Also to purchase the required plates.

**09 Nov 1945 Fri**      Bank Deposit £27 3s

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**03 Dec 1945 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Hewer, Hamilton, Keal, Bentley, Anstis, Sage, De Menech, Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Gorrie and Hardgrave

Correspondence:

The Taita Women's Institute applied for use of the Hall for a public flower show in April. The application was granted at a charge of £2 10s.  
Mr J. S. Payne applied for the Hall on Saturday nights for a weekly dance which was approved at £4 4s per night.

Tank: Approval was given to the sale of the unused tank at the price of £2.

Scouts: The charge for the Scouts Christmas party and picture entertainments was fixed at £2 10s.

Caretakers: Retiring caretakers asked that a receipt book be provided for caretaker's use. De Menech, Hewer, Bentley and Anstis agreed to help Mr Hamilton for the ensuing month.

Xmas Greetings: The Chairman extended the Season's compliments to members and thanked them for the years' work. Mr Westbury reciprocated on behalf of the members.

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**04 Dec 1945 Tue**      Bank Deposit £21

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**07 Jan 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Gorrie, Anstis, Hamilton, De Menech, Hardgrave, Bentley, Westbury, Bertelsen.

Apologies: Ferretti and Hewer

Accounts passed for payment: £4 13s 4d

Caretakers for ensuing month: Bentley and Hardgrave

Charges: A charge of £2 2s was fixed for a children's party on 26 January 2.30-5pm. An application for a reduction of the charge of £4 4s for the weekly dance on Saturdays was declined. (Gorrie/Hardgrave)

The Treasurer reported the overdraft after banking the month's takings at £500 1s 1d.

Water: It was decided to take the city water supply if such was made available.

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**11 Jan 1946 Fri**      Bank Deposit £34 19s 6d



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**04 Feb 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Ferretti, Hamilton, Hwer, Gorrie, De Menech, Hardgrave, Bentley, Anstis, Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apology: Keal  
Accounts passed for payment: £6 7s  
Caretakers for February: Anstis and Sage

Mr Payne: It was resolved that Mr Frank Payne be notified that he was being held liable for £4 4s hire charge for hall on Saturday 2 February.

Mr Pettitt: It was decided to let hall on Saturday nights to Mr Pettitt at £4 4s per night for a trial period of four weeks.

Piano: The Secretary was instructed to arrange to have piano tuned.

Caretakers: At the suggestion of the retiring caretakers it was decided to scrub out etc Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>.

Pictures: The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were appointed to interview Mr T. J. Tierney re pictures in hall with instructions to offer the hall on four nights per week at £6 per week for six months. Any additions to become the Society's property and the hall to be free on Wednesday nights for local functions.

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**08 Feb 1946 Fri**      Bank Deposit £16 8s 6d

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**04 Mar 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Westbury, Gorrie, Ferrett, Hamilton, McArthur, Hardgrave, Anstis, Keal, Sage, Hewer, De Menech, Bertelsen.  
Accounts passed for payment: £3 5s 2d

The Chairman welcomed Mr A. McArthur who was present for the first time since his illness and Mr McArthur expressed pleasure at being able to attend again.

The Treasurer reported the overdraft at £488 14s 3d.

Correspondence:

[1] From Taita Table Tennis Club requesting use of No.2 room on one night per week 1 April to 30 September at £6 10s or 5s per night. The application was granted.

[2] The Hutt Valley Competitions Society – a proposed concert on 20 May.

[3] Mr Frank Payne re £4 4s rent

[4] The Australasian Performing Rights Association re copyright licensing. It was decided not to apply for licence.

Ferretti was appointed caretaker for March.

It was decided to reduce charge to £1 for local meetings in Reception Hall.

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**08 Mar 1946 Fri**      Bank Deposit £24 3s

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### 01 Apr 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Hamilton, Hewer, De Menech, Sage, Anstis, Hardgrave, McArthur, Gorrie, Westbury, Bertelsen

Correspondence:

[1] The Taita Women's Institute expressing appreciation of the co-operation and courtesy extended to the Institute.

[2] Waterloo Badminton re lining of hall. A charge of £2 2s was agreed on. It was decided that the Chairman arrange for Mr Bach to interview the committee re the marking of badminton courts etc.

Finances: Overdraft £481 2s 1d

Mr Pettitt: The Secretary reported that with the Chairman's permission he had allowed Mr Pettitt's £1 1s reduction on two nights when a poor return was received from the Saturday dance and submitted Mr Pettitt's application for some relief of rental when a reasonable return was not received. After discussion the following motion was carried: That the reductions already given be approved but that the charge of £4 4s be maintained in future.

Caretakers: Gorrie and De Menech were appointed for April.

Water: Mr Hardgrave was requested to install city water and fit one new flush cistern.

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<b>11 Apr 1946 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £26 11s 8d
<b>29 Apr 1946 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £28 15s

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### 06 May 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mathews (Chairman), De Menech, Keal, Sage, Ferretti, Anstis, Hamilton, Bentley, McArthur, Hewer, Hardgrave, Gorrie, Bertelsen

Apology: Westbury

Accounts passed for payment: £6 10s 9d

Badminton: The Chairman reported that Mr Bach had considered the charge too high.

Competitions Society: A letter was received booking the hall for 20 May.

Cistern for WC: Mr Hardgrave was authorized to purchase a new cistern at £4.

Caretakers: The retiring caretakers reported stating that the services of Mr McArthur had to be secured when trouble was experienced with the pump. Mr Keal being unable to act owing to ill health, Mr Bentley kindly offered to assist Mr Hewer for the ensuing month.

Annual Meeting: The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the annual meeting on 4 June to be followed by a social, ladies to be invited to provide supper.

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#### **04 Jun 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Mathews (Chairman), Westbury, Hewer, Ferretti, Hamilton, Anstis, Gorrie, De Menech, Hardgrave, Sage, McArthur, Bentley, Bertelsen  
Apology: D. Keall  
Accounts passed for payment: £27 13s 2d

Annual Report: The Secretary presented the Annual Report which was read and approved for presentation to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary reported that the auditor had been unable to prepare the balance sheet at the required date. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by members, who hoped that the same difficulty would not be met on any future occasion. It was decided to produce the statement at a public meeting on 1 July.

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#### **04 Jun 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 24 residents were present. Mr B. Mathews presided.  
Apology: G. Gorrie

The Chairman presented the Annual Report which was adopted, and apologized to the meeting for the fact that the retiring committee was unable to present the full statement of accounts owing to delay in securing the audit. He stated that the Society had an overdraft of approximately £450 and that a full statement would be presented to an adjournment of the meeting which would be held on the first Monday in July.

Election of Officers: Mr A. Burgess was reappointed auditor. It was resolved that a new committee be appointed with power to add to their number to make a total of 18 members. The following nominations were received, accepted and duly elected to membership.  
C. Hewer, C. Bertelsen, F. Sage, R. Stella, H. Kitchener, L. Hardgrave, A. McArthur, J. Hamilton, S. Wyper, J. Bentley, G. Gorrie, D. De Menech, F. Ferretti, J. Barron, H. Anstis, A. F. Westbury.

Mr B. Mathews declined nomination on account of pressure of other duties. The Secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr Mathews for his years work as Chairman, which was carried by acclamation. Mr Mathews thanked the meeting and referred to the willing manner in which members carried out the work of caretaking for the Hall. He also paid a tribute to the work performed by the Secretary and made the suggestion that if possible a telephone be obtained to help to make the task easier.

It was resolved (Westbury/Sage) that the new committee be recommended to endeavour to have a telephone installed for the Secretary's use. The meeting was then adjourned until first Monday in July 1946. Several of those present were entertained afterwards at a very enjoyable supper provided by the ladies.

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**04 Jun 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer, Sage, Stella, Bertelsen, Hardgrave, Kitchener, McArthur, Hamilton, Wyper, Bentley, De Menech, Ferretti, Barron, Westbury, Anstis

The following officers were elected: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave (Deputy Chairman), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer)

It was decided to allow the Taita Boxing Club the use of No.2 ante room until the next meeting which it was decided to hold on 1 July at 7.30pm.

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**14 Jun 1946 Fri**      Bank Deposit £33 12s 8d

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## 01 Jul 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Hardgrave, Hamilton, Kitchener, McArthur, De Menech, Ferretti, Barron, Westbury, Gorrie, Bertelsen.  
Apologies: Stella, Wyper, Sage, J. Bentley.  
Accounts passed for payment: £6 2s 9d  
Bank overdraft: £431 13s

The Chairman extended a welcome to new members present. The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved and signed by the Chairman.

A letter was received from Mr H. Anstis tendering his resignation which was accepted with regret.

The caretakers reported that a strict watch was necessary on liquor being brought into the building at dances, and recommended a notice being displayed in the porch.

The Secretary read the statement of accounts to the meeting and ascertain items were not clear the treasurer was asked to contact the auditor to have the items explained.

Messrs C. Bentley and J. Searle were elected to membership.

It was decided to take an inventory of crockery at the next meeting and at quarterly periods; to obscure the committee room window glass and to mark the door "Private".

It was resolved that 5s per night be charged for the side room when used for boxing classes.

Caretakers were instructed to encourage those holding dances to use the paper provided to cover supper tables as this made for a better appearance in the upper room during dances.

The Secretary was instructed to apply for a telephone to be installed at his residence.

Mr A. McArthur was asked to carry out repairs to sash cords and stage curtain fittings and to construct steps for the front of stage and fit coat pegs in porch.

The following roster of members for caretaking was agreed to.

July & Jan	Hardgrave and Bentley
Aug & Feb	Gorrie and Stella
Sep & Mar	Ferretti and Kitchener
Oct & Apr	Barron and De Menech
Nov & May	Sage and Wyper
Dec & Jun	Hamilton and McArthur

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**01 Jul 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Adjourned Annual General Meeting**

Eleven residents were present. Mr C. W. Hewer occupied the chair. The Statement of accounts was presented and as one item was not clear it was decided to refer same to the auditor and to further adjourn the meeting until 5 August.

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**05 Jul 1946 Fri**            Bank Deposit £23 1s

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**05 Aug 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Adjourned Annual General Meeting**

Twelve residents were present. Mr C. W. Hewer presided. The statement of accounts was presented with the auditor's explanation thereof, namely that an item of £9 11s for crockery had been taken as expenditure on prizes. The statement of accounts was then adopted (Gorrie/De Menech) and the meeting closed.

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**05 Aug 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Attendance: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), R. Stella, J. Searle, G. Gorrie, A. McArthur, J. Barron, F. Sage, C. Bentley, H. Kitchener, D. De Menech, L. Hardgrave, Bertelsen

Apologies: J. Hamilton, F. Ferretti, A. F. Westbury

Correspondence:

A request was received from Taita Women's Institute for use of side room and cups on 7 August. It was decided to allow same at 2s 6d for room and 6d dozen for crockery.

Mr Sage raised the matter of fire prevention and after discussion it was decided that the Secretary make urgent application for city water to be connected and that Mr Kitchener make inquiries re chemical extinguishers.

The suggestion of altering the boundaries limiting membership of the Society was discussed and it was pointed out by Mr Searle that the opinion of the trustees should be considered before taking any such steps. It was decided to ask the trustees to attend the next meeting to discuss the matter.

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**16 Aug 1946 Fri**            Bank Deposit £30 13s 6d

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### 03 Sep 1946 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairwoman), F. Hewer, J. C. Mabey, F. Kitchener (Trustees), Wylie (Solicitor), Ferretti, Searle, Stella, McArthur, J. Bentley, Gorrie, Hardgrave, Westbury, Barron, H. Kitchener, Bertelsen  
Apology: Mr Hamilton  
Accounts passed for payment: £21 12s 3d  
Overdraft: £389 0s 2d

Mr J. Bentley apologized for his absence on certain occasions on account of the serious illness and death of a neighbour. These apologies were accepted.

A letter was received from the City Engineer stating that City water would not be available for some time.

The retiring caretakers reported the need of one dozen plates which the Secretary was instructed to secure, and the breakage of a window pane which Mr McArthur was asked to replace.

Mr Gorrie submitted a request from the Education Board re the use of the Hall for a temporary room for school classes. The points put forward were fully considered by the members and after a full discussion it was decided to instruct the Secretary to inform the Board that the Society could not make provision for school classes. This discussion was not made without the greatest regret on the Society's behalf.

The Chairman welcomed the Trustees and thanked them for attending to consider the matter of adjusting the Society's boundaries. He pointed out that the district was becoming more closely settled and consequently other public halls were being erected nearby to serve the residents in the different parts of the area. It was therefore felt that the Society's boundaries would be better confined to include only the area which it would be necessary for the hall to serve. Mr F. Hewer pointed out the possibility of excluding any contributor to the building fund by this adjustment and Mr Wylie stated that provision could be made for this contingency. It was then resolved that the rules be amended by Messrs Wylie & Wylie and that Mr Wylie be asked to prepare a draft of same for the Society's approval, and to submit this to the next meeting on 7 October.

A vote of thanks was passed to the trustees and Mr Wylie for their attendance.

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**06 Sep 1946 Fri**      Bank Deposit £23 18s



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## 07 Oct 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Ferretti, Searle, Stella, McArthur, Hamilton, Wyper, Gorrie, De Menech, Kitchener, Barron, Westbury, Bertelsen, Wylie  
Apologies: J. Bentley and Hardgrave  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 9s  
Overdraft: £386 14s 7d

Mr Wylie attended and presented a draft of the proposed amendments to the rules. These were accepted as presented by Mr Wylie and the necessary resolutions moved by Mr Ferretti, seconded Mr Gorrie and carried unanimously.

[1] That the resolutions passed on 10 September 1923 be rescinded.

[2] That regulation 4(b) be and is hereby rescinded and in lieu thereof the following be and is hereby substituted as resolution 4(b). An “elector” means a person who:

- (a) is a resident within the area bounded on the north by Burcham Street, on the east by the railway line, on the south by a straight line taken from the north side of Military Road to Brees Street and thence to the railway line and on the west by the Hutt River or
- (b) was an original contributor to the funds of the Society or
- (c) has been at any time a member of the committee of the society or
- (d) has been at any time a trustee of the Society

[3] That regulation 7 be and is hereby rescinded and in lieu thereof the following be and is hereby substituted as regulation 7.  
The qualification of a member shall be that he is a male elector of the age of twenty-one years or more.

[4] That resident means a person of the age of not less than twenty-one years and whether male or female who has resided for a period of not less than the preceding three months in the area mentioned in paragraph 2(a) of these present resolutions.

Mr Wylie was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his interest.  
Mr McArthur was asked to make repairs to chairs.

Mr Kitchener stated that he had made a successful start with dance classes on Tuesday nights. His action was endorsed by the meeting and he was asked to report progress to the next meeting.

The Chairman reported that several members had attended a meeting of the School Committee to hear submissions by members of the Education Board re use of the Hall. He said that those who attended had no recommendation to make on the matter.

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**11 Oct 1946 Fri**      Bank Deposit £39 11s 6d

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**04 Nov 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, Sage, McArthur, De Menech, Gorrie, Searle, Ferretti, Kitchener, Bertelsen  
Apologies: J. Bentley, C. Bentley, L. Hardgrave  
Accounts passed for payment: £109 11s 7d including £85 for a piano.  
Overdraft: £359 19s 4d

A letter was received from Wylie & Wylie advising completion and registration of amendment to rules.  
It was decided to increase insurance on furniture piano fittings to £400.

As the rental charged to the Women's Institute, namely 5s per meeting was considered too low it was resolved that the charge be raised to 10s from 1 January 1947.

Mr Kitchener presented £9 3s from dance classes and stated that he was prepared to continue holding same for a further month on the Society's behalf. The offer was gratefully received.

It was decided to have scrubbing done by scouts for £1.  
It was decided to hold meetings at 8pm for the summer months.

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**06 Nov 1946 Wed**      Bank Deposit £41 7s 6d

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**02 Dec 1946 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Searle, Stella, Hamilton, Hardgravet, De Menech, Barron, Gorrie, Westbury, Kitchener, McArthur, Bertelsen  
Apologies: S. Wyper and F. Ferretti  
Accounts passed for payment: £6 1s 6d  
Overdraft: £431 17s 5d

Mr Kitchener presented £11 16s 2d from dances held for the month. The Chairman and others commended Mr Kitchener on the success of his project both for the Hall and for the young people of the district and a special vote of thanks (Westbury/Gorrie) was carried by acclamation.

Scouts Party: It was decided to make a charge of £1 10s for Saturday afternoon 7<sup>th</sup>.

Xmas Greetings were extended to the members by the chairman who produced a carton of ale for refreshment of the members present. These were heartily reciprocated by all and a very pleasant hour was spent in good fellowship.

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**10 Dec 1946 Tue**      Bank Deposit £49 18s 2d**24 Dec 1946 Tue**      Bank Deposit £18 2s

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**06 Jan 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Ferretti, J. Bentley, Gorrie, Hardgrave, McArthur, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Kitchener, Hamilton, Searle, C. Bentley  
Accounts passed for payment: £7 13s 1d

A letter from the Upper Hutt Farmers Queen Committee booked the hall for January 15.  
The Women's Institute wrote asking that the decision re rent be reconsidered. It was resolved that the decision stand.

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**10 Jan 1947 Fri**      Bank Deposit £4

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**03 Feb 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, Hardgrave, Gorrie, Searle, De Menech, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Sage, McArthur, Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £310  
Overdraft: £373 11s 10d

It was decided to purchase eight dozen cups if possible.

Pictures: Mr Usmar attended and spoke on behalf of Mr O. S. James who desired to use the hall for a regular cinema until a theatre was obtainable. He suggested that one night, or two nights per week at most, would be suitable to commence, increasing if support was forthcoming. A portable machine would be used. Mr Usmar retired and members decided that up to four nights per week could be permitted if the floor was covered and the caretaking work done by the lessee, but a trial period to be offered at £2 per night the lessee to set out chairs and sawdust the floor etc.

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**07 Feb 1947 Fri**      Bank Deposit £30 17s 6d

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**03 Mar 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Westbury, Hardgrave, Kitchener, Searle, Gorrie, McArthur, Hamilton, Stella, De Menech, Bertelsen  
Apology: Sage  
Overdraft: £346 4s 4d

Correspondence was received from:

[1] Taita Scouts re rental when a film did not arrive. It was decided to make no charge.

[2] The Australasian Performing Rights Association re a license covering the hall for performance of copyright music. It was decided that the Treasurer and Secretary consult the Society's solicitors on the matter.

The Secretary was instructed to have the two pianos tuned and strings replaced.  
An application from the Nai Nai Buffalo Lodge was declined.

Mr H. Pettett was granted the use of the hall every Wednesday night for dances subject to four weeks' notice of termination being given by either party. His application for a reduction in rental was declined.

Electric Pump: The Secretary was instructed to ask the Reserve Bank for a price at which the pumping system could be purchased.

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**10 Mar 1947 Mon**      Bank Deposit £30 11s 6d

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### **08 Apr 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Kitchener, Gorrie, Searle, De Menech, Hamilton, Hardgrave, McArthur, Bertelsen.

Apologies: Ferretti and Sage

Accounts passed for payment: £12 12s 6d

Correspondence from:

[1] City Corporation re Electors Roll – the Secretary was appointed as nominal occupier.

[2] Taita Scouts re dance for Jamboree fund – use of the hall was granted free as a donation to this fund.

[3] Women's Institute re preparing room – it was decided to accede to the request as far as practicable by leaving room clean and about 30 chairs in back room by pump.

[4] Young Courtney Bennett & Virtue giving opinion re Performing Rights licence. The matter was left pending inquiries being made at other halls.

Broken lav pan: Mr Hardgrave was asked to replace pan, the lave to be locked until fixed.

Cups: It was reported that 50 cups had been secured and that Mr Hewer and Mr Pettett hoped to secure another eight or nine dozen.

Tea cloths: The Secretary was asked to purchase a dozen more cloths.

Pump: As Mr Airey had requested that an offer be made for the outfit the Secretary was instructed to offer £30.

Dances: Mr Kitchener stated that he had decided to discontinue the classes and the proceeds £3 11s were accepted and Mr Kitchener thanked for his efforts on behalf of the young people.

As Mr Pettett's organization had met with a complete failure on Wednesday 26 March no charge was made for that night. It was stated that Mr Pettett would make every effort to establish a Wednesday night dance in spite of this initial failure.

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<b>14 Apr 1947 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £41 2s
<b>29 Apr 1947 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £34 12s 2d

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### **05 May 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Ferretti, Searle, Hamilton, McArthur, Hardgrave, Bertelsen  
Apologies: De Menech, Gorrie, Westbury  
Accounts passed for payment: £26 7s 4d.

Letters were received from:

- [1] Scouts expressing appreciation of help
- [2] Mr Usmar re interview. The Chairman and Secretary were instructed to act.
- [3] Reserve Bank offering pumping system at £40. It was decided to purchase at this figure.

It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting on 9 June at 8pm to be followed by a social, the ladies to provide a supper.

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### **09 Jun 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Hardgrave, Kitchener, Ferretti, De Menech, Stella, McArthur, Hamilton, Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Searle, Gorrie, Sage  
Accounts passed for payment: £46 6s 7d

Letter from Australasian Performing Rights Association was received proposing a licence. It was resolved no action be taken.  
The Annual Report and Balance Sheet was approved for presentation to the Annual Meeting.

In regret of the fact that Mr Searle would not be able to take part in the affairs of the Society for some time as a result of illness it was decided that a letter be addressed to him expressing the hope of a speedy recovery.

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**09 Jun 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 24 residents were present. Apologies: Searle and Sage. The Annual Report and Balance sheet were read to the meeting and were adopted on motion of Mr G. Gorrie, seconded J. Hamilton.

Election of Officers: Mr A. Burgess was reappointed auditor.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed with power to add to their number to a total of 18 members.

The following nominations were received, accepted and duly elected to membership.

C. Hewer, L. Hardgrave, A. F. Westbury, H. Kitchener, C. Bertelsen, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Crooks, J. Hamilton, D. De Menech, R. Stella, J. Menara, A. McArthur, G. Marin, E. Ferretti, F. Sage, J. Rumble.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Chairman who in reply thanked the members and the Secretary for the way they had carried out their duties during the year.

The meeting closed at 9pm and those present remained to enjoy a happy social evening together, a very enjoyable supper being provided by the ladies present.

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**09 Jun 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting**

Election of officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave (Vice-Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

The date of the next meeting was fixed for 07 July 1947.

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**13 Jun 1947 Fri**      Bank Deposit £50 10s

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**07 Jul 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chair), F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, Gorrie, Hardgrave, De Menech, Marin, Menara, Rumble, McArthur, Stella, Hamilton, Westbury, Crooks, Bertelsen.  
Apologies: Kitchener and Sage  
Accounts passed for payment: £7 1s 9d  
Overdraft: £337 17s 3d

The Chairman extended a welcome to new members of the Society and expressed the hope that the forthcoming year would be a happy and successful one. In asking members to observe the rules by at all time addressing the Chairman and confining discussion to the matters before the meeting he secured the full support of the members.

The Secretary read a letter to Mr J. Searle who was in hospital together with a reply which was received from Mr Searle.

**Caretaking Roster:**

August	Stella and Menara
September	De Menech and F. Ferretti
October	Gorrie and E. Ferretti
November	Kitchener and Marin
December	McArthur and Crooks

Women's Institute: As the poultry show interrupted the meeting on 2 July it was decided to forego the rent on that date.

Pump: The Secretary was instructed to finalize with Mr Sage for £70 before the next meeting.

Wallboard: Mr McArthur was asked to repair damage in side rooms and in future when damage occurs caretakers were advised to notify the lessees immediately that they would be liable for cost of repairs.

Cordials: It was decided to adhere at all times to the sole-right of selling drinks in the hall at dances etc.

Saturday bookings: Mr Gorrie requested that during 1948 a number of Saturday nights be reserved for local organisations who desired to hold functions on Saturday nights. After a full discussion on the matter it was resolved that six Saturdays be reserved for this purpose, to be spaced as evenly as possible throughout the year and to be allotted to local organisations as early as possible, that adequate notice might be given to the regular dance promoters. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr Pettitt of this decision.

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**11 Jul 1947 Fri**      Bank Deposit £37 0s 3d



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**04 Aug 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), De Menech, Gorrie, Hardgrave, Stella, Hamilton, Rumble, Westbury, McArthur, Marin, Kitchener, Menara, E. Ferretti, Bertelsen  
Apologies: F. Ferretti and Sage  
Accounts passed for payment: £35 11s 11d  
Overdraft: £310 0s 9d

A letter from the City Engineer stated that city water would not be available for some time.  
An application from Taita Football club of 6 September was declined owing to the hall being previously booked.

Spouting: Hardgrave and McArthur were instructed to replace approximately 160 feet of spouting.  
Pump: It was decided to advertise the pumping system for sale in the Dominion at £80.  
Wallboard: The Secretary was instructed to debit the Boxing Association with 15s repairs to wallboard.

Farewell Social: It was decided to make a presentation to Mr and Mrs D. McArthur and Mr J. Butler who were leaving the district at a public social on 3 September. The Secretary was asked to invite the trustees and Mr V. Pemberton to attend and Mr F. S. Hewer to make the presentation of gifts to be selected by the Treasurer and Secretary.

The following were appointed to arrange details:  
C. W. Hewer (Cakes and sandwiches – 20 dozen each); Kitchener (Music); Gorrie (Items); Bertelsen (Rations, advertising)

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**08 Aug 1947 Fri**      Bank Deposit £23 8s 6d

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**01 Sep 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hardgrave (Chairman), E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti, Gorrie, De Menech, Stella, Menara, Rumble, Kitchener, Crooks, McArthur, Westbury, Hamilton, Bertelsen  
Apology: Hewer  
Accounts passed for payment: £23 6s  
Overdraft: £322 4s 2d

Window: Mr McArthur was asked to replace a window pane in supper room.

Boxing: The Secretary was instructed to inform the Boxing Club that the Hall had been left in a very dirty state after the tournament and that in future the hall would be let only on condition that the rooms be swept and left tidy,

Presentation to Mr and Mrs McArthur and Mr Butler. The Treasurer and Secretary reported having procured two wrist watches and a bag at a total cost of £19 7s 6d. These were examined and approved by members. As Mr F. Hewer could not attend it was decided to ask Mr F. Kitchener to make the presentations on 3 September.

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**02 Sep 1947 Tue**      Bank Deposit £28 12s 6d

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**06 Oct 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, Hamilton, Marin, Stella, Rumble, De Menech, Gorrie, Westbury, McArthur, Menara, Kitchener, Hardgrave, Bertelsen.

Apology: Crooks

Accounts passed for payment: £7 12s 3d

Overdraft: £325 1s 5d

An invitation was received from the Hutt Valley Scout Association to attend a welcome home to Jamboree Scouts on 23 October.

Caretakers retiring reported the gents cloaks notice missing and tables and water pipe in need of attention – and were left in the hands of Mr McArthur.

Australasian Performing Rights Association: The Secretary reported on an interview with Mr Rolfe, NZ agent, who had been advised to transfer his attention to lessees of the Hall.

Confetti: It was resolved that the use of confetti be prohibited at dances owing to the difficulty of cleaning up and the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Pettett of this decision.

Nae Nae Bowling Club was granted use of piano on one occasion only at a charge of £1.

Mr Gorrie pointed out that Mr F. Bertelsen, an old committeeman, was leaving the district and it was decided that a suitable letter be addressed to him.

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**07 Oct 1947 Tue**      Bank Deposit £36 9s 6d

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**03 Nov 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, De Menech, Crooks, E. Ferretti, Hardgrave, Marin, Sage, Rumble, McArthur, Gorrie, Kitchener, Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apology: Hamilton  
By invitation Messrs Pettett and Dawkins  
Accounts passed for payment: £15 16s 6d  
Overdraft £296 8s 2d

An application for hire of piano was refused.

Confetti: Mr Pettett asked the committee to reconsider their decision not to allow the use of confetti. He pointed out that it contributed a great deal to the enjoyment of the dancers. Members felt that the position could be met by some assistance being given in cleaning up and as Mr Pettett offered his co-operation in this work it was decided to allow confetti under this condition.

Plates: The Secretary was instructed to secure additional plates and teaspoons.  
Social: It was decided to hold a social on 10 December.

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**04 Nov 1947 Tue**      Bank Deposit £27 8s 6d

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**01 Dec 1947 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Hamilton, De Menech, E. Ferretti, Crooks, Marin, Rumble, Menara, Gorrie, Kitchener, Stella, Westbury, Hardgrave, McArthur, Bertelsen.  
Apologies: F. Ferretti and Sage  
Accounts passed for payment: £5 0s 7d  
Overdraft: £284 16s 2d

Members were reminded of a social to be held on 12 December.

A discussion took place on the possibility of securing a caretaker for the Hall and whether space could be found to provide living quarters for a person who might take the position on this account. Members were asked to keep the possibility in mind.

The Chairman conveyed to members the season's greetings and was produced a dozen of ale which was consumed by members with great relish. Mr Kitchener thanked the Chairman for the refreshments and conveyed to him the best wishes of the members.

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**12 Dec 1947 Fri**      Bank Deposit £36 18s 6d

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**05 Jan 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Sage, F. Ferretti, Hamilton, Kitchener, Westbury, Stella, Bertelsen  
Apologies: De Menech and Hardgrave  
Accounts passed for payment: £4 19s 3d  
Overdraft: £252 18s 3d  
Caretakers for January: Stella and Menara

The Secretary brought to the notice of members the necessity of closing all windows when closing the hall, as the hall had been entered on two occasions through an open window in a side room.

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**06 Jan 1948 Tue**      Bank Deposit £18 19s

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**02 Feb 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Hardgrave, Sage, Hamilton, De Menech, F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, Gorrie, McArthur, Menara, Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Kitchener, Rumble, Crooks, Stella  
Accounts passed for payment: £13 0s 3d  
Overdraft: £243 18s 3d  
Caretakers for February: Hardgrave and Rumble

Mr Hardgrave stated that the spouting required for the Hall was still awaited the supply position being very acute.

The Chairman reported the arrival of two broom mops for the dance floor and recommended that they be kept in the committee room for use by caretakers only.

It was decided to try a little sawdust as a means of keeping the supper room floor cleaner at dances. McArthur and Sage undertook to secure the sawdust. Mr McArthur was asked to make up to four wooden trays for the kitchen.

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**09 Feb 1948 Mon**      Bank Deposit £26 11s

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**01 Mar 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, D. De Menech, L. Hardgrave, J. Crooks, H. Kitchener, R. Stella, J. Hamilton, A. F. Westbury, F. Rumble and Bertelsen

Apology: Marin

Accounts passed for payment: £4 16s

Overdraft: £226 4s 9d

Caretakers for March: D. De Menech and F. Ferreti with Mr Hamilton's assistance

The Secretary stated that he had again approached the City Engineer re connection to the City supply and had secured a very satisfactory assurance that the connection was regarded as urgent. The correspondence was read to the meeting and the secretary's action in the matter was endorsed.

Caretakers retiring reported that a lavatory pan had broken possibly by earthquake or such cause.

*Hutt News 11 Feb 1948 Local and General News: A sharp earthquake was felt in Lower Hutt at 11.14 on Monday night (09 Feb)*

Mr J. Crooks was asked to supply and fix a new lav pan.

Mr De Menech suggested that if the cups could be kept in trays in the cupboards and counted out and in by caretakers on duty a much better check could be kept on breakages and the cups would be stored in a safer manner. The Committee decided that the securing of 12 trays, each to hold 24 cups, would be helpful in this regard and the following resolution was carried – That trays be secured for storing cups and that cups be kept in the trays under close supervision of caretakers on duty.

It was decided to increase the charge for breakages the new rates to be cups at 2s each, saucers 1s each.

The Chairman was asked to secure a number of new cups up to ten dozen.

An application from Oxford Basketball Club for the use of the hall for basketball games was declined on the grounds that use of the hall for this purpose would not be advisable while it was desired to maintain the dance floor in good condition. The Secretary was instructed to advise the Club accordingly.

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**03 Mar 1948 Wed**      Bank Deposit £24 10s 9d

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### **24 Mar 1948 Wed – Taita Hall – Special Meeting**

Present: Hewer (Chairman), Hardgrave, Gorrie, De Menech, Crooks, Kitchener, Rumble, Hamilton, McArthur, F. Ferretti, Bertelsen and by invitation Messrs Searle and Cooksley  
Apologies: Westbury, Marin, E. Ferretti

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called to consider the Society taking action in calling a Public meeting on 30 March to object to the area served by the Hall being included in a special rating area for Community Centres. He pointed out that the old Taita area around the Hall was in the district upon which a levy of one shilling per week per household might be struck for amenities in the State housing areas. The Secretary stated that Mr Matthews had spoken to the Mayor on the matter who had evidenced interest and would be prepared to hear submissions from a meeting of residents.

The Secretary stated that after conferring with the Chairman he had advertised in the Hutt News a meeting of residents on 30 March. It was unanimously resolved that this action be endorsed and that the Hall be provided. Mr Cooksley was asked to preside, the Secretary to make a statement for the Society and a suitable resolution was framed. Mr Cooksley and the Secretary were asked to confer with Mr Matthews to arrange details of the meeting.

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### **05 Apr 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Hamilton, L. Hardgrave, G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, A. McArthur, M. Menara, R. Stella, J. Crooks, F. Rumble, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: H. Kitchener, F. Ferretti  
Accounts passed for payment: £216 15s  
Caretakers for April: Gorrie and E. Ferretti

Damage to wash basin was reported and it was decided to debit Mr Pettitt the sum of £3 10s for same.

Meeting re Community Centres: Members expressed great satisfaction with result of the meeting and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Secretary for the part he had taken in the proceedings. It was decided to send to Mr Cooksley a letter of thanks for his help in taking the chair at the meeting. Members also expressed their appreciation of the part played by Mr Matthews.

Mr McArthur was asked to fix a cupboard in ladies cloak room to protect the wash basins and to investigate the possibility of fixing steel plates to chairs. It was decided to close books on 30 April and to hold Annual Meeting on 1 June.

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<b>12 Apr 1948 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £26 15s
<b>26 Apr 1948 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £27 6s 6d and £2 18s 4d

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**03 May 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), A. F. Westbury, M. Menara, G. Marin, J. Crooks, F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, A. McArthur, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Hardgrave, De Menech, Stella, Gorrie, Rumble  
Accounts passed for payment: £25 11s  
Overdraft: £173 11s 7d  
Caretakers for May: Marin and Kitchener

It was decided to offer the supper room at 5s per hour for fancy dancing classes for children during the day.

Table Tennis: Messrs Cooper and Glendinning attended to ask the committee to allow the supper room for table tennis two nights per week at a special rental. As the members were of the opinion that the club should be helped to become established it was decided to allow the room for two nights 7-10pm with supper facilities at 8s 6d per night, the charge to be for the present season only and subject to review by the Society.

Hotpoints: The Secretary was instructed to contact Mr Pudney to ask him to repair the heater points which were damaged.

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**26 May 1948 Wed**      Bank Deposit £7 15s

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**01 Jun 1948 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), A. F. Westbury, F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, D. De Menech, L. Hardgrave, M. Menara, J. Hamilton, R. Stella, A. McArthur, G. Gorrie, F. Rumble, J. Crooks, G. Marin, Bertelsen  
Apology: H. Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £16 7s 8d

Correspondence was received from Taita Methodist Church and Taita Football Club re bookings for Hall and from Women's Institute re storage of a platform.

Caretakers retiring reported two broken windows at the Saturday night dance for which it was decided to charge Mr Pettett. Also that liquor was being brought into the Hall at times and that a strict watch was necessary.

Annual report and statements of accounts was read and examined by members and was approved for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman complimented the members on the way in which they had conducted the business at committee meetings throughout the year, and expressed his appreciation of the willing manner in which all had helped to perform the caretaking tasks necessary.

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### **01 Jun 1948 Tue – Taita Hall – 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

About 30 residents were present. Mr C. W. Hewer presided. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were presented to the meeting and in moving that they be adopted the Chairman commented on the satisfactory result of the year's work both financially and in the service the Hall had given to the residents of the district. He referred to the happy social evening given as a farewell to Mr and Mrs McArthur and Mr J. Butler, the very successful meeting held regarding the Rating Area for the Community Centres and the socials which had been held by the members of the Society and residents.

Election of Officers: Mr A. Burgess was reappointed auditor. It was decided that a committee be appointed for the year with power to add to a number of 18 members. The following nominations were received and the persons duly elected.

C. W. Hewer, C. Bertelsen, A. F. Westbury, L. Hardgrave, J. Hamilton, J. Crooks, G. Marin, A. McArthur, G. Gorrie, G. Menchi, R. Stella, F. Rumble, D. De Menech, A. Jenkins, M. Menara, F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti.

The Secretary expressed appreciation of the manner in which the Chairman had carried out the duties of chairmanship throughout the year, moved a special vote of thanks to him for his services.

The Chairman thanked the Secretary and the meeting, and expressed his gratitude at the help that had been given by the Secretary at all times and said he was regretful that it had not yet been possible to secure a telephone for the secretary's use. He said he felt that the Secretary should be remunerated for his work and asked the meeting for opinions on the matter. Mr G. Gorrie said that the work deserved payment, and moved a resolution that the sum of £15 per year should be granted as a consideration for the work involved. This was endorsed by other speakers at the meeting.

The Secretary thanked the Chairman and Mr Gorrie, and said that while the members of the Society were carrying out the duties of cleaning and caretaking throughout the year, free of cost, he would not like to accept any payment for his services. He wished to do the job in the same spirit as the other members who did their work freely and without payment.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their attendance and invited them to remain to supper and dancing.

The meeting closed at 9pm and dancing was continued until midnight, an enjoyable supper being provided by the ladies present.

Messrs H. Kitchener and C. Bertelsen assisted by providing the music.

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### **01 Jun 1948 Tue – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting**

Election of officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave (Vice-Chairman), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer)

Mr H. Kitchener who had arrived too late for election at the General Meeting was elected to membership.

Caretakers for June: McArthur and Jenkins

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**03 Jun 1948 Thu**      Bank Deposit £28 13s 6d

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**08 Jun 1948 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Crooks, J. Hamilton, G. Gorrie, F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, M. Menara, F. Rumble, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Kitchener, Hardgrave, De Menech, Stella

The Secretary was instructed to secure revaluation for insurance.

Applications from Football Club and Methodist Church for hire of Hall were granted, from Women's Institute re storage of platform was declined.

The Secretary was instructed to convey good wishes to Mr and Mrs Mabey on their 80<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays, also to the Taita Methodist Church on the attainment of its centenary, and to Taita Football Club on its 25<sup>th</sup> year of football. Also to inform Mr Pettett of the reservation of the Saturday nights 11 September and 2 October.

It was decided to charge Women's Institute 5s per night for use of stage.

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## 05 Jul 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, A. F. Westbury, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, M. Menara, J. H. Hamilton, F. Rumble, G. Marin, D. De Menech, G. Menchi, R. Stella, J. Crooks, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, Bertelsen

Apology: H. Kitchener

Accounts passed for payment: £14 5s 5d, also insurance premium

Correspondence:

[1] Letter of thanks from Miss Mabey

[2] Letter of thanks from Taita Football Club

[3] Application from Basketball team for hire of Hall on Saturday 31 July

[4] Mr H. Pearce seeking lease from of Hall on Saturday nights

[5] Mr H. Pettett seeking lease on Saturday nights

Basketball Team: It was considered that the circumstances did not warrant displacing the regular tenant on 31 July and it was resolved that the Secretary write declining the application and explaining the position.

The application of Mr Pearce was declined for various reasons.

Mr Pettett: The Secretary stated that Mr Richardson had also submitted verbally an application for a lease of Hall on Saturday nights. He also reported on a telephone conversation with the police re drink etc on Saturday nights. The Chairman stated that he was not satisfied with the conduct at the Saturday dances and felt that it would be advisable to close the dance or break its continuity in an effort to remove the undesirable element attending.

Mr Westbury supported the Chairman and moved the following resolution – That no regular weekly bookings be accepted for dates later than 14 August without approval of the Committee. Mr Gorrie seconded the motion and said that he felt that a regular Saturday booking was not necessary as local organisations would no doubt use the Hall most Saturday nights. The Secretary stated that he would like to see the parties concerned given a trial period to improve the tone of the dance. Being inside the Hall they were probably not aware of conditions outside. He said that a regular assured rental was something to be valued. After further discussion the motion was carried.

Caretakers roster: McArthur & Jenkins (Jun), Hardgrave & Rumble (Jul), Crooks & Menara (Aug), F. Ferretti & De Menech (Sep), E. Ferretti & Gorrie (Oct), Marin & Hamilton (Nov), Stella & Menchi (Dec)

Insurance: The Secretary stated that he had valuations and quotations from Standard & Alliance Assurance companies and it was decided to insure with Alliance Co. for £5,500.

It was decided to hold a social on 27 July. Supper to be provided from the funds of the Society.

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**07 Jul 1948 Wed**      Bank Deposit £53 5s 6d

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## 02 Aug 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, F. Ferretti, M. Menara, J. H. Hamilton, E. Ferretti, G. Menchi, F. Rumble, H. W. Kitchener, J. Crooks, G. Gorrie, A. Jenkins, A. F. Westbury, A. McArthur, Bertelsen and by invitation Messrs Pettett & Dawkins  
Apologies: R. Stella, G. Marin, D. De Menech  
Accounts passed for payment: £27 12s 11d  
Overdraft: £141 11s 8d

The Chairman and other members expressed their pleasure at the result of the social held on 27 July and a vote of thanks was accorded Mr Kitchener and the Secretary for the way they had assisted to make the evening a success.

A letter of thanks was received from the Taita Methodist Celebrations committee for making the Hall available on Saturday 2 October.

An application from the Table Tennis Club for a Saturday night in August or September, and from the Football Club for Saturday 28 August were declined as available reserved Saturday nights were booked for the present.

Caretakers retiring reported damage to the wallboard in gents room. A sub-committee comprising Hardgrave, McArthur, Jenkins and the Chairman was appointed to make repairs in a more durable material.

Hall Licence: The Secretary reported on an interview with the building and sanitary inspector who had recommended the licence being granted on condition that a partition and ventilator was fitted in ladies cloak room during the current licenced period to June 1949.

Saturday Dances: Mr Pettett reported that he had stopped pass-outs at the dances which had resulted in a much more orderly dance although the attendance had not been as large as previously. He said he would like to try working it up again under a system of no pass-outs and asked to meeting to reconsider the decision to close down. Members were of the opinion that the conduct of those attending could not now cause complaint as before. Messrs Pettett & Dawkins retired and later the meeting again discussed the matter from all angles. Mr Kitchener made a strong case for continuation of the regular dance as he felt that the regular income was necessary to the Society, and that local organisations could be catered for by reserved Saturday nights. He moved a resolution that the dance be allowed to continue and that sports clubs etc be advised of reserved Saturday nights being available to them. This was seconded by McArthur and carried by the meeting.

Charges: The meeting discussed at some length the amount to be charged for Saturday nights and a motion that £5 5s be asked was quickly followed by amendments for £5 and £4 15s. Members were very divided on the matter until the proposal for £4 15s was withdrawn to try and reach an agreement. A decision was then reached to ask Mr Pettett £5 per night.

It was resolved that twelve new tea towels be purchased and that when required they be washed by the Laundry Co.

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**06 Aug 1948 Fri**      Bank Deposit £43 17s 4d

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**06 Sep 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, J. Crooks, F. Ferretti, J. H. Hamilton, D. De Menech, F. Rumble, M. Menara, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, G. Gorrie, A. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apology: R. Stella  
Accounts passed for payment: £12 15s 5d  
Overdraft: £161 4s 2d

Correspondence was received from Brockalesby & Co., Evans and Marsden re hire of Hall.

The Chairman reported that Mr Pettett had not been prepared to carry on the Saturday dance at £5 per night and that he and the Secretary had canvassed the majority of the members and secured agreement to a rental of £4 15s which Mr Pettett had accepted until the end of the current year. A resolution was carried approving of this action.

It was decided to offer the supper room at 5s per hour for junior YMCA classes.

Mr Hardgrave handed in a cheque for £75 for the sale of pumping plant to Mr Reece. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Hardgrave for securing a buyer for the outfit.

An invitation was received for members to attend the Methodist Church Centenary Celebrations on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October.  
It was decided to allow use of the Hall free to the Church and also to the Taita Football Club for their Jubilee Celebrations.  
It was decided to have a six gallon zip heater installed in the kitchen.

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**07 Sep 1948 Tue**      Bank Deposit £118 12s 6d

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**04 Oct 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), A. F. Westbury, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, F. Rumble, A. Jenkins, G. Menchi, R. Stella, J. H. Hamilton, D. De Menech, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Hardgrave, Menara, McArthur, Marin  
Accounts passed for payment: £32 12s 4d  
Overdraft: £61 10s 4d

Letters were received from Taita Football Club expressing thanks for providing the Hall free for Jubilee celebrations; Utilities Ltd re fire protection equipment and from Mr H. Pettett re closing of Saturday dances.

It was decided to take no action re fire hoses until city water was secured.  
The Secretary was instructed to send a suitable reply to Mr Pettett and to ask for payment of £2 10s due for damage to Hall.  
Caretakers retiring reported 243 cups on hand.  
The Secretary was instructed to have the piano overhauled when possible.

Mr Westbury raised the matter of having alterations and improvements effected and after discussion it was decided to await the return of Mr A. McArthur before making any decision.

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**08 Oct 1948 Fri**      Bank Deposit £20 18s

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**01 Nov 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, F. Ferretti, J. H. Hamilton, H. Kitchener, G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen.  
Apologies: F. Rumble and G. Marin  
Accounts passed for payment: £6 19s 2d

A letter was received from Methodist Church thanking the Society for providing the Hall free for Centennial celebrations and a letter from Mr Pettett disputing the account of £2 10s for damage to Hall. The Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr Pettett in the strongest terms.

Caretakers reported 242 cups on hand.

Mr McArthur stated that he would be able to do the work necessary in lining the gents room in timber, fitting flooring in the pump room and building the necessary partition in the ladies room. Mr McArthur was asked to carry out this work, lining the gents room as soon as possible.

It was decided to hold a social on 14 December and Mr Kitchener was asked to engage Mr R. Mailman as pianist for the evening.

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**12 Nov 1948 Fri**      Bank Deposit £24 19s

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**06 Dec 1948 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, A. F. Westbury, A. McArthur, F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, F. Rumble, G. Menchi, G. Gorrie, G. Marin, A. Jenkins, D. De Menech, R. Stella, M. Menara, J. Hamilton, Bertelsen

Apology: H. Kitchener

Accounts passed for payment: £30 19s 1d

A letter to Mr Pettett was read by the Secretary and approved by the committee.

An application for telephone was approved and left to the Secretary.

A letter from Bank of NZ re overdraft limit was received, and the treasurer asked to make arrangements with the Bank for a suitable limit.

Mr McArthur reported having completed gents room and pump room and stated that he would be able to do the other work required after the holidays. It was decided to have a 3' cupboard built in committee room and to remove the partition in the supper room.

Caretakers retiring reported 237 cups in stock.

Caretakers for January: McArthur and Jenkins

Social arrangements were finalized for 14 December. It was decided to secure 18 dozen sandwiches and 8 dozen cakes.

Charges: It was decided to charge Taita Scouts as previously (£1 10s) for Saturday afternoon 4 December for childrens party etc.

Taita North Plunket was allowed the hall for their unsuccessful dance at £4 4s.

It was decided to charge Mr Sage £5 5s for Saturday afternoon and evening 11 December and W. E. Jones & Co. £6 6s for Saturday 18 December.

The Chairman reported that he had been informed that it was not intended to reticulate city water in the street until the sewerage could be installed, in about two years and that the sewer was planned to be placed in Mabey Road. Mr Hewer said that the Department of Health was insisting that sewer water be provided both at the same time. It was decided to make representations to the Council and if necessary the Department of Health to secure an earlier supply.

Mr Westbury expressed his regret that he would be able to attend the social on 14 December and asked the chairman to allow him to provide refreshment after the meeting closed. Mr Westbury produced a dozen of ale at the close of the meeting and members joined in wishing him the season's greetings. The committee spent a pleasant social hour together over the dozen of ale.

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**07 Dec 1948 Tue**      Bank Deposit £12 8s 6d

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**07 Feb 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, G. Menchi, M. Menara, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, R. Stella, J. H. Hamilton, F. Rumble, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: G. Marin and H. W. Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £1

Caretakers retiring reported 234 cups on hand. Hardgrave and Rumble appointed for February.

The Secretary reported that several trestles had been broken and others in a bad state. It was decided to have 24 new trestles made to replace these. Mr McArthur undertook to supply these and to make two keys for urinal top.

The Secretary pointed out that the building was in places very dirty and required a good clean up. Mr McArthur was asked to see if he could arrange for this to be done.

It was decided to charge Mrs Colson £5 5s for wedding 5 February.

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**11 Feb 1949 Fri**      Bank Deposit £31 10s

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**07 Mar 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, G. Gorrie, F. Ferretti, M. Menara, J. H. Hamilton, A. Jenkins, E. Ferretti, G. Menchi, A. McArthur, D. De Menech, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apology: F. Rumble  
Accounts passed for payment: £14 3s 2d  
Overdraft: £43 15s 5d  
Caretakers for March: Menara and Crooks

Caretakers retiring reported 232 cups on hand and that the window sashes in ladies room were being affected by moisture. Mr Hardgrave had found it necessary to adjust ball cocks to city water pressure.

Mr Hardgrave reported obtaining 96 feet of spouting for the Hall.

The matter of having the hall roof painted was left to the Chairman to arrange if a suitable tender could be secured by him.

Mr A. McArthur was asked to construct a trolley for moving chairs and to arrange a leasing of Hall if that was found possible.

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**08 Mar 1949 Tue**      Bank Deposit £16 7s



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**04 Apr 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, F. Ferretti, M. Menara, J. Crooks, A. McArthur, J. H. Hamilton, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: D. De Menech, H. Kitchener, F. Rumble, A. Jenkins, L. Hardgrave  
Caretakers for April: Gorrie and E. Ferretti

Caretakers: Mr Menara reported that the social held by the Buffalo Lodge had not been held in a satisfactory manner from the Society's viewpoint and that a number of cups and other articles had been taken away with their own property. The Secretary was instructed to render an account for the following – one extra hour Hall £1 1s, two tea towels at 5s 6d each, six spoons at 9d, 38 cups at 2s each – a total of £5 12s 6d. It was decided not to allow the hall for similar purposes in the future.

It was resolved to close books for audit on 30 April.

Tennis Club Jubilee: It was decided to allow the Hall free on this special occasion.

Rugby Football Dances: An application for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in each month was accepted.

Water supply: As Mr Ferretti had provided the Hall with a water supply free of charge and at considerable inconvenience to himself it was resolved that the Chairman and Secretary secure an appropriate token of appreciation.

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**06 Apr 1949 Wed**      Bank Deposit £12 7s 6d and £1 9s 9d

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**02 May 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. H. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, A. Jenkins, J. H. Hamilton, M. Menara, E. Ferretti, L. Hardgrave, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: G. Marin and F. Ferretti  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 10s  
Overdraft: £30 10s 4d

A letter was received from Buffalo Lodge pointing out mistake re crockery debited to account. The Secretary was instructed to offer an apology for the mistake and to send an amended account to the Lodge.

Caretakers retiring reported 229 cups on hand and that one lavatory cistern and the Zip Heater in need of attention.  
Caretakers for May: Stella and F. Ferretti

The Annual Meeting was fixed for Tuesday 7 June at 8pm. The Secretary was instructed to secure six dozen sandwiches and four dozen cakes for a supper to be provided after the meeting. Members were asked to bring as many residents as possible to the meeting and it was hoped that enough might be present to enjoy a social afterwards.

It was decided to charge 4s 6d dozen for drinks supplied to users of Hall and the sum of £6 6s to Mr Battestone for Saturday 30 April.

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**06 May 1949 Fri**      Bank Deposit £3 7s

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**07 Jun 1949 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, A. F. Westbury, R. Stella, J. H. Hamilton, M. Menara, E. Ferretti, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, Bertelsen

Apologies: F. Rumble, G. Marin, J. Crooks, D. De Menech, G. Menchi, H. Kitchener

Accounts passed for payment: £3 1s 4d and approval given of £10 being drawn for imprest account.

A letter was received from South Taita Table Tennis Club seeking a reduction in rental similar to last year. The Secretary expressed the view that the Club should be encouraged to make strong efforts to better its financial position and said he felt that a small increase in the charge might tend towards these efforts being made by the Club. It was unanimously decided to increase the rent for this season by 1s 6d to 10s per night.

The Annual Report and Balance sheet were approved for presentation to General meeting.

Caretakers retiring reported 223 cups on hand (a loss of six for the month).

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## 07 Jun 1949 Tue – Taita Hall – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

About 30 residents were present. Mr C. W. Hewer presided. The Annual Report and Statement of accounts were presented to the meeting and in moving their adoption the Chairman expressed satisfaction that the overdraft was now cleared and the Hall which was valued for insurance at £5,500 was now free of all debt.

Mr J. Searle in commenting on the Annual Report said that he was pleased to note the mention of the Centenary of the Taita Methodist Church and the Jubilee Celebrations of the Football and Tennis Clubs in the report. He congratulated the outgoing committee on their work and expressed the view that it might soon be possible to have some of the work done by a caretaker if a suitable person could be found. The adoption of the Report & Balance sheet was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Mr A. Burgess was reappointed auditor (Westbury/Hamilton)

It was decided to form a committee of up to 18 members. The following nominations were received and the persons elected to membership.

C. W. Hewer, A. F. Westbury, J. H. Hamilton, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, F. Searle, L. Hardgrave, F. Ferretti, A. McArthur, H. Baker, E. Ferretti, D. McMurray, R. Stella, F. Rumble, A. Jenkins, H. Kitchener, C. E. Bertelsen.

After the election had taken place the Chairman made a presentation to Mr F. Ferretti of a pipe and tobacco out of recognition for his generous actions in providing the Hall with a supply of water for over two years from his pressure system. Mr Hewer informed the meeting that Mr Ferretti had consistently refused to accept any payment for this supply and had come to the rescue when water was available from no other source. Mr Ferretti expressed his thanks and appreciation of the gift.

The Chairman then asked Mrs Bertelsen to take a place at the chairman's table beside the Secretary. He said that he had a presentation to make to Mr and Mrs Bertelsen to express in tangible form the full appreciation of the Society for the work that had been done by the Secretary over the last six years and for the support that Mrs Bertelsen had given in that work. The Secretary said Mr Hewer, had often to leave his work during the day to attend to affairs of the Hall besides doing the normal secretarial work and attending to booking for the Hall. He said that the amount of work involved was fully appreciated by the Society, as was the efficient manner in which the work was always done. As an honorarium had been refused by the Secretary he asked Mr and Mrs Bertelsen to accept the gift of a handsome chiming clock as a token of appreciation from the Society. He expressed the hope that the clock would serve a very useful purpose in their new home and that the inscription would always be a reminder of their close associations with the Hall.

The Secretary expressed his very grateful thanks to the Chairman and members for such a handsome gift which they would be very proud to possess. He said that he was at all times mindful of the work which had been done by previous secretaries, especially Mr R. McGregor and Mr Vic Pemberton, both of whom had given years of sterling service to the Hall. He asked the meeting to be mindful also of the generosity of the founders of the Hall who not only had given freely in money but had also helped voluntarily with the building work and had then carried on as working members of the committee for many years. He hoped that the work done by those men would continue to be an example and an inspiration to all that followed in their footsteps.

Mrs Bertelsen expressed her thanks to the meeting personally saying that they were very proud to accept such a gift which would be highly treasured by them both.

A meeting of the newly elected committee was called for immediately after the supper was served, the ladies present volunteering to attend to the supper dishes. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies for their kind offer.

The Secretary paid a tribute to the Chairman for the manner in which he had performed his duties during the year and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him which was carried by acclamation.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm and an enjoyable supper was served. Those present remained to enjoy a happy social evening with dancing and games until 1am. Opportunity was taken during the evening to wish one of the members, Mr J. H. Hamilton, a very pleasant trip, as he was to leave very shortly by air for the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Mr Gorrie paid a tribute to Mr Hamilton's work for the Hall and expressed the hope that he would have a happy reunion with his family in Ireland and return to us safe and sound. A happy evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

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### **07 Jun 1949 Tue – Taita Hall – New Committee Meeting**

The following Officers were appointed: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave (Vice-Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the new members and expressed pleasure that Mr J. Searle had found it possible to return to the Committee. He hoped that members would be diligent in attending the meetings on the first Monday of each month and said he felt sure that members would perform their duties in an efficient manner and be prompt for the meetings. The matter of a working bee to clean up the premises was left until the next meeting. Messrs H. Kitchener and D. McMurray volunteered to act as caretakers for the ensuing month.

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<b>13 Jun 1949 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £32 7s 6d
<b>20 Jun 1949 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £101 5s

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### 04 Jul 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, A. F. Westbury, G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, J. Searle, A. Jenkins, H. Kitchener, H. Baker, F. Ferretti, D. McMurray, A. McArthur, F. Rumble, Bertelsen  
Apologies: R. Stella, F. Searle, J. Hamilton  
Accounts passed for payment: £11 9s 2d

Treasurer reported a credit balance of £102 17s 10d, this being a result of the repayment of the £100 war loan. It was decided to not alter the overdraft provisions at present.

Caretakers retiring reported 222 cups on hand. The following roster was drawn up: F. Ferretti & H. Baker (July), G. Gorrie & E. Ferretti (Aug), J. Searle & F. Searle (Sep), A. McArthur & A. Jenkins (Oct), L. Hardgrave & F. Rumble (Nov), R. Stella & J. Hamilton (Dec).

Leave of absence was granted to J. Hamilton during his absence overseas.

A working bee was arranged for Sunday 10 July to clean up the section and to repair the fence where an opening had been made giving access to property at the rear.

#### *Addendum to minutes*

On opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the sudden death of Mr F. Bertelsen, a foundation member of the Society. In paying tribute to the late Mr Bertelsen he made mention of the willing work performed by him during the building of the Hall and for many years afterwards, especially in assisting with the conducting of the weekly dances. He recalled the help rendered by both Mr and Mrs Bertelsen at the learners' classes and said that he among others was grateful for the assistance given to learners at those classes. He asked the Secretary to forward a letter of sympathy to Mrs Bertelsen and Family.

The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr F. Bertelsen.

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08 Jul 1949 Fri            Bank Deposit £10 12s 6d

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**01 Aug 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti, J. Searle, F. Searle, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, F. Rumble, H. Baker, D. McMurray, H. W. Kitchener, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Accounts passed for payment: £79 13s 6d  
Credit balance: £98 4s 10d

Caretakers retiring reported 222 cups on hand and drew attention to the fact that several sashes were in need of replacement at the rear of the building and that the roof on the west side was leaking badly.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Stupples to fix sashes and to fix a seat at foot of stage. Mr McArthur said that replacement of the spouting might solve this position a lot so it was decided to make a inspection later when the spouting was renewed.

Working Bee: The Chairman reported that ten members had attended on 10 July to do the work necessary and at Mr Mabey's request the fence had been left until a crop of cabbage were cut.

Scouts: A price of £1 1s was quoted Taita Scouts for a games evening in the supper room.

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**05 Aug 1949 Fri**      Bank Deposit £35 19s 6d

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**05 Sep 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, E. Ferretti, F. Searle, A. Jenkins, L. Hardgrave, R. Stella, H. Kitchener, A. F. Westbury, F. Rumble, D. McMurray, Bertelsen  
Apology: H. Baker  
Accounts passed for payment: £7 13s 8d.

Caretakers retiring reported 218 cups on hand and that the hall had been entered and wallboard cut away to gain entry to drink room. Also that more plates were needed and tea towels and spoons were in need of replacement.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase one dozen each tea towels, plates and spoons.  
Mr Westbury was instructed to secure a quote for an amplifier system for hire to users of the hall.

The Chairman was in favour of having the frontage tar sealed and undertook to see if the City Council could help in this matter.  
Floor nails: The Secretary was instructed to approach Mr Stupples re punching the nails in the dance floor.

The matter of a social evening for members and their friends was left over until the next meeting on 3 October.

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**09 Sep 1949 Fri**      Bank Deposit £26 10s 6d

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**03 Oct 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, D. McMurray, L. Hardgrave, F. J. Searle, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, H. Baker, F. Rumble, A. F. Westbury, J. H. Hamilton, Bertelsen  
Apology: H. W. Kitchener  
Accounts passed for payment: £29 17s 2d  
Credit balance: £66 14s 9d

A letter was received from Taita Scouts re a games evening. A charge of £2 was decided on for this occasion.

Caretakers retiring reported 211 cups and that it had been necessary to call in Mr Hardgrave to attend to a blocked drain.

The Secretary was instructed to procure six dozen new cups for the Hall.

The Chairman reported that tar sealing had been done in front of Hall and Mr J. Hamilton was asked to supply an extra coat of fine gravel.

Mr Westbury reported that an amplifier system could be secured at about £50 some time in the new year if the committee so desired.

Younger Set: The Secretary reported that an inquiry had been made by the Lower Hutt younger Set re the availability of the Hall for Saturday night dances for the summer period up to about April. He asked the Committee to consider making the Hall available as he felt that there would be little demand from local organisations during these months on account of the Speedway season. The matter was discussed at considerable length and it was finally decided that provided an opportunity was not denied to any local person or organization no objection could be taken to the proposal. Accordingly the following resolution (J. Searle/G. Gorrie) was carried unanimously.

[a] That the younger Set be offered the use of the Hall on Saturday nights until the end of March 1950 with the provision that if required for a local function the Hall be reserved at a fortnight's notice.

[b] That the full rental of £5 5s per night be charged.

[c] That if the Hall piano is used the pianist must be approved by the Hall Committee.

[d] That any damage or breakages be made good by the younger Set.

The Chairman welcomed Mr J. H. Hamilton upon his return from a trip to Ireland and expressed pleasure at Mr Hamilton's re-attendance.

It was decided to hold a social for members and their friends on Tuesday 20 December.

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**05 Oct 1949 Wed**      Bank Deposit £15 10s

**14 Oct 1949 Fri**      Bank Deposit £48 15s

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**03 Nov 1949 Thu**      Taita Public Hall is gazetted as a polling-place for the Onslow Electoral District under the Electoral Act 1927 (NZ Gazette 7 Nov 1949)

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**07 Nov 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, L. Hardgrave, D. McMurray, F. Searle, H. W. Kitchener, J. Hamilton, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: A. Jenkins, F. Rumble

Accounts passed for payment: £27 9s 10d

Caretakers retiring reported 199 cups plus six dozen new ones – a total of 271 on hand.

Boxing tournament: It was decided to make a charge of £2 10s for use of the Hall by Boxing Club.

Traps in floor: As it was found hard to dispose of water when scrubbing out floors the committee decided to have traps cut in the floors of dressing rooms, committee room and the long side-room. Mr McArthur undertook to carry out the work.

Social: Mr Kitchener was asked to arrange with Messrs Mailman & Andrews to provide music for social on 20 December. Other arrangements were left over until the next meeting which was called for 5 December at 8pm.

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**11 Nov 1949 Fri**      Bank Deposit £26 8s

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**05 Dec 1949 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Searle, L. Hardgrave, G. Gorrie, D. De Menech, R. Stella, J. Hamilton, D. McMurray, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, H. Baker, Bertelsen

Apologies: F. Ferretti, J. Searle, F. Rumble

Accounts passed for payment: £2 4s 4d

Credit balance £100 0s 9d

Caretakers reported 264 cups and 19 tea towels on hand.

Badges: Mr McMurray reported having obtained half a dozen caretaker badges for use by members when on duty.

Mr Westbury reported having attended the opening ceremony at the Nae Nae Community Playground on 19 November and representing the Society at this function.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a letter of congratulation to Mr B. V. Cooksley of Taita on his election to the House of Representatives.

J. H. Hamilton and R. Stella were appointed caretakers for December and January with D. McMurray to be called on if required during the period.

Mr D. De Menech was welcomed by the Chairman after having been overseas for several months and was re-elected to membership of the Society.

Roof painting: A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary was appointed with instructions to arrange for painting of the Hall roof by tender.

Social arrangements for 20 December were made as follows: Caretakers were made responsible for supper and kitchen arrangements with instructions to secure help from other members when needed. Mr F. Ferretti to secure 18 dozen ham sandwiches, Mr Hewer eight dozen cakes, Mr F. Searle volunteered to supply the milk necessary.

As there appeared to be very little demand for use of the Hall in January it was decided to miss the January meeting and to hold the next meeting on 6 February 1950 at 8pm.

Christmas greetings were extended to all members by the Chairman who declared the meeting closed and invited members to remain and share in disposing of a dozen of beer. Members thanked the Chairman and returned the seasonal greetings and remained to spend a very pleasant hour over the ale.

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**09 Dec 1949 Fri**      Bank Deposit £8

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**06 Feb 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, F. Ferretti, J. H. Hamilton, J. Searle, E. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, F. Searle, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, H. Baker, A. F. Westbury, F. Rumble, Bertelsen  
Apologies: H. Kitchener, D. McMurray  
Accounts passed for payment: £46 17s  
Credit balance: £108 9s

Roof painting: The Chairman reported that a tender of £36 had been accepted for the job.

A letter was received from Mr Cooklsey thanking the committee for good wishes.

A letter from Mr Mahood quoted an approximate price of £50 for the installation of an amplifier system. The committee decided to accept the quoted price from Mr Mahood for the installation.

Caretakers retiring reported 263 cups on hand.  
Caretakers for February: F. Ferretti & H. Baker

Hall bookings: The Taita Football Club were granted a fortnightly booking from 1 April to Saturday 16 September inclusive. The Secretary asked for a direction re letting the Hall to a dance organization on the alternate Saturdays and it was agreed that there would be no objection to this policy provided that any Saturday night required by a local organization could be reserved at a months notice.

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**09 Feb 1950 Thu**      Bank Deposit £26 12s

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**06 Mar 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, E. Ferretti, D. De Menech, F. Searle, A. Jenkins, H. Baker, D. McMurray, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apology: L. Hardgrave  
Credit balance: £98 12s 9d

A letter from Taita Women's Institute expressed thanks to the Society for the help and co-operation extended by the committee to the Institute.

A letter from the Hutt Valley Indoor Bowls Association asked for terms for use of the hall on Monday nights. It was decided to offer the Hall for bowls at £2 10s per night.

A letter from Methodist Church asked for consideration in making space available for an overflow of Sunday school classes when this became necessary. The Secretary was instructed to reply stating that the committee would give their help in this matter when the space was needed.

Caretakers retiring reported 260 cups on hand and that two window panes were broken and two doors in need of attention. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded them and the Chairman made special mention of the fact that Mr Ferretti had put in a considerable amount of time scrubbing kitchen, supper room, porch and around the edges of the dance floor, the result being a very much cleaner looking Hall.  
Caretakers for March: Gorrie & E. Ferretti.

It was decided to charge Mr Vettoretti £6 10s for the Hall from 11am to midnight for a wedding reception.

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**07 Mar 1950 Tue**      Bank Deposit £22 12s

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**03 Apr 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, J. Searle, G. Gorrie, D. McMurray, E. Ferretti, F. Searle, D. De Menech, J. Hamilton, R. Stella, A. Jenkins, L. Hardgrave, A. Westbury, A. McArthur, Bertelsen  
Accounts passed for payment: £68 13s 8d  
Credit balance: £107 18s 5d

A letter from Taita Tennis Club asked for permission to use the Hall one night per week for badminton and pointed out that it would be necessary to mark court lines on the dance floor in aluminium paint. As the members were not in favour of the dance floor being used for this purpose the application was declined.

Caretakers retiring reported 239 cups on hand.  
Caretakers for April: F. Searle & J. Searle

Mr Mahood attended and explained the use of the amplifier system which was now ready for use. Charges for use of amplifier were decided on as follows: Daytime use up to two hours 10s minimum charge; Evening use or day use over two hours £1 1s with reduction to £1 for local organization. When Hall and amplifier are hired afternoon and evening as one engagement by one lessee, the amplifier to be charged at £1 10s.

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<b>07 Apr 1950 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £24 6s 6d
<b>28 Apr 1950 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £35 7s 3d and £1 4s 7d

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**01 May 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, A. McArthur, E. Ferretti, D. McMurray, R. Stella, F. Rumble, A. Jenkins, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: F. Searle and D. De Menech

Accounts passed for payment: £3 7s 8d for soft drinks and £10 for imprest account

Credit balance: £99 13s 1d

A letter from Taita Scouts was received concerning the hire charge for a proposed boxing tournament. A charge of £2 10s was decided on for the main hall provided that if the boxing ring was set up and removed the same night the Society would assist by donating 10s to the Scouts.

The Secretary reported that the Hutt Valley Indoor Bowling Association had booked the Hall for five evenings.

Caretakers retiring reported 247 cups and expressed their thanks due to D. McMurray for his helping hand. Mr Hamilton pointed out that the caretakers had put considerable work into scrubbing out the back rooms and handed over the hall in a very clean condition for the next caretakers.

Caretakers for May: A. McArthur & A. Jenkins

The Secretary asked for an instruction re an inquiry made on behalf of the Italian Consul for the Hall on a Saturday from 2 to 6pm. It was resolved that a charge of £3 be made and it be pointed out that the Hall must be left in suitable condition for dancing that night.

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting on 5 June at 8pm and to hold a social after the meeting. The Secretary was instructed to purchase six dozen sandwiches and four dozen cakes for the supper. Mr J. Searle offered to provide the milk.

The Secretary was instructed to procure two dozen plates and one dozen spoons for the kitchen.

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**04 May 1950 Thu**      Bank Deposit £6 16s 6d

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**05 Jun 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle, F. Searle, E. Ferretti, J. Hamilton, A. Jenkins, D. McMurray, R. Stella, F. Rumble, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, L. Hardgrave, G. Gorrie, F. Ferretti  
Apologies: H. Baker, D. De Menech  
Accounts passed for payment: £12 17s 11d

Caretakers retiring reported 236 cups on hand and drew attention to leaks persisting in side rooms. Mr F. Rumble undertook to arrange caretaking for June. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr McMurray for his action in printing copies of the Report and Balance Sheet which were circulated and approved for presentation to Annual Meeting of residents.

End of Year: As this was the last meeting of this committee the Chairman thanked members for their work and co-operation throughout the year. Mr J. Searle moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for performing his task in a capable manner and Mr G. Gorrie in seconding this expressed similar sentiments. This was carried by acclamation and the Chairman thanked members for their gesture of appreciation.

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**05 Jun 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

24 residents were present, Mr C. W. Hewer presided.

Apologies: Mr and Mrs D. De Menech, Mr and Mrs H. Baker and Mr R. Stella

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were presented to the meeting and the Chairman in moving their adoptions expressed satisfaction at the condition of the Society's finances and said that he felt also that a worth while service had been given to the district by the Society. He made mention of the fact that two members namely L. Hardgrave and A. McArthur had carried out a considerable amount of carpentry and plumbing work and repairs on the Hall at very modest charges to the Society, and this, reflected in the Profit and Loss account, resulted in a much lower figure for repairs. He also paid a tribute to the treasurer and the secretary for the way in which their respective tasks were performed. Mr J. Searle seconded the motion and said that he wished especially to commend the work done by the treasurer who had given service to the Hall over a very long period of years. Also speaking on the Report Mr G. Gorrie said that he was pleased that the Hall was now freely available to local organisations on any specially desired nights and not leased for a period of particular nights to an outside organization. The adoption of the Annual Report and Balance Sheet was unanimously approved.

Mr A. Burgess was re-appointed auditor (J. Hamilton/L. Hardgrave)

J. Searle/J. Hamilton That a committee be formed of up to 20 members for the ensuing year.

The following persons were elected:

C. W. Hewer	C. Bertelsen
G. Gorrie	J. Searle
C. Anderson	A. F. Westbury
F. Searle	L. Hardgrave
F. Ferretti	E. Ferretti
J. Hamilton	A. Jenkins
H. Baker	D. McMurray
F. Rumble	D. Tarrant
A. McArthur	D. De Menech
W. Lang	

The Secretary paid a tribute to the Chairman for the way in which he had carried out his duties during the year and moved a hearty vote of thanks which was carried by acclamation.

At the conclusion of the meeting an enjoyable supper was served and those present remained to spend a happy social evening.

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**09 Jun 1950 Fri** Bank Deposit £57 11s 6d



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### 03 Jul 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer, L. Hardgrave, W. Lang, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, A. F. Westbury, C. Anderson, F. Ferretti, F. Searle, E. Ferretti, J. Hamilton, A. Jenkins, D. McMurray, F. Rumble, D. Tarrant, A. McArthur, Bertelsen  
Apologies: H. Baker and D. De Menech  
Accounts passed for payment: £10 14s 10d and the auditor's fee was increased to £3 3s per annum  
Credit balance: £138 19s 6d

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), L. W. Hardgrave (Vice Chairman), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the new members of the Society and in expressing his wishes for a successful year he drew attention to the fact that the Society now comprised 19 members which made a committee meeting almost the size of a conference, and for this reason he asked members to be helpful at meetings by keeping to the matter under discussion and if possible to speak once only on any subject.

A letter was received from Hutt Valley Electric Power Board re inspection and the Secretary stated that he had asked Mr G. Morgan to make the small adjustments necessary.

A letter from Lower Hutt City Council asked for nomination of a member of the Society to vote on the Society's behalf at loan or rating polls. Mr L. W. Hardgrave was appointed as nominal occupier for the purpose.

Caretakers retiring reported 234 cups on hand and the breaking of a window on 30 June.  
Caretakers for July: McMurray and Anderson

Caretaker roster: A. Jenkins & A. McArthur (Aug), G. Gorrie & E. Ferretti (Sep), J. Searle & F. Searle (Oct), L. Hardgrave & H. Baker (Nov), J. Hamilton & W. Lang (Dec). F. Ferretti and D. De Menech to act as extra caretakers when necessary.

Mr McArthur undertook to replace broken window pane and to varnish the table tops.  
It was agreed to have certain sashes replaced as soon as possible and to maintain a watch on leaks in side room.  
The Secretary was instructed to see Mr F. Kitchener re seat under stage.  
The matter of punching floor nails was left over.

Public Risk Insurance: The Secretary produced rates of premium payable for this class of insurance and it was decided to take a policy at a premium of £3 6s per annum to give a cover of £5,000 over public risk including fire & explosion with Standard Insurance Co. The Secretary was also instructed to arrange insurance cover for the amplifier system.

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**07 Jul 1950 Fri**      Bank Deposit £33 16s

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**07 Aug 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), D. De Menech, G. Gorrie, J. Hamilton, F. Searle, C. Anderson, D. Tarrant, A. Jenkins, F. Rumble, A. McArthur, F. Ferretti, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: Hardgrave and Baker  
Accounts passed for payment: £71 3s 9d

Fire Prevention: The Secretary reported that as a result of an inspection the Lower Hutt City fire authorities had recommended alteration of the gas vent in kitchen and provision of a bucket pump. The Chairman undertook to secure a suitable bucket pump and the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Hardgrave's help on the matter of the gas vent.

Caretakers retiring reported 229 cups on hand, a blown light globe and a broken sash cord.  
Caretakers for August: Jenkins and McArthur

As the dozen tea spoons recently provided had disappeared the Secretary was instructed to replace them.  
Hire Charge for the Cervo wedding 6.30-12 was fixed at £5 10s.  
Leave of absence was granted to Mr A. Baker for an indefinite period as he was engaged for long hours at his military duties.

Decorations: Mr J. Galbraith offered to decorate the Hall if he were allowed a night to do so and his offer was gladly accepted. The Chairman and Mr McMurray were asked to seek advice on a scheme of decoration for the stage and to make suitable arrangements if possible for the work.

Tables: Mr McArthur was asked to provide a further ten trestle tables for the Hall.

A discussion took place on use of the Hall for preparation for events being held in the building and the opinion was expressed that at times the hall was being too freely used for the purpose. It was felt by some members that when such work could be done by daylight the use of the hall at night should be discouraged. It was finally decided to make a charge of 5s per hour for this purpose when the hall is not required for other purpose on the same night.

Social: It was decided to hold a social on 22 August. Mr Ferretti was requested to secure 20 dozen ham sandwiches and Mr Hewer ten dozen cakes. The Secretary was asked to secure Mr Pickles as pianist.

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**11 Aug 1950 Fri**      Bank Deposit £52 8s 6d

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**04 Sep 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, W. Lang, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Hamilton, F. Searle, E. Ferretti, C. Anderson, J. Searle, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, F. Rumble, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: D. McMurray, D. De Menech  
Accounts passed for payment: £17 13s 5d  
Credit balance: £146 6s 3d

Decorations: The Chairman reported that Mr J. Galbraith had re-decorated the hall with streamers and that Miss McMurray was working on a mural on the back wall of the stage.

Bucket Pump: This matter was held over for next meeting.

Caretakers retiring reported that Mr F. Ferretti had taken over from Mr McArthur who had injured his hand early in the month. 225 cups were reported on hand.  
Caretakers for September: Gorrie and E. Ferretti

Social: Members expressed satisfaction with the social held on 22 August and the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of thanks to Mr J. Findlay for carrying out the duties of M.C.

Cups: The Treasurer was asked to procure six dozen of an available line of cups if found suitable.

Charges: A charge of £3 3s was fixed for Boxing tournament and £4 4s for a wedding reception on 25 November from 11am to 6pm. Mr J. Galbraith was allowed £1 1s off hire charge of £7 7s as allowance for decorating the hall.

Trestles: The Taita Rugby Club was granted use of trestles for a special occasion free.

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**14 Sep 1950 Thu**      Bank Deposit £24 3s 6d

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**02 Oct 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, J. Searle, F. Searle, J. Hamilton, D. McMurray, W. Lang, F. Rumble, D. Tarrant, C. Anderson, A. F. Westbury, L. Hardgrave, E. Ferretti, D. De Menech, F. Ferretti, Bertelsen  
Apologies: A. McArthur and A. Jenkins  
Accounts passed for payment: £34 5s 3d  
Credit balance: £148 2s 6d

A letter was received from Taita Football Club expressing their appreciation of the availability of the Hall for their Saturday dances and requesting that the Hall be again made available next year for fortnightly Saturday dances. The letter was received with appreciation and it was decided to grant priority to the Football Club's application for fortnightly Saturday dances from April 1951.

Mural painting: Members expressed great satisfaction with Miss McMurray's painting and the Secretary was instructed to convey by letter to Miss McMurray the appreciation of the Society of her work and of the moderate charge accepted.

Caretakers retiring reported 222 cups and 20 spoons on hand. Caretakers for October: J. Searle and F. Searle

Odd jobs: The Secretary reported that Mr C. Drummond would be available to clean up the section and do small carpentering jobs in the hall. It was decided to ask Mr Drummond to do such work as the Secretary felt necessary.

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**06 Oct 1950 Fri**      Bank Deposit £36 14s 6d

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**06 Nov 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, D. De Menech, F. Searle, D. Tarrant, J. Hamilton, W. Lang, D. McMurray, A. McArthur, L. Hardgrave, E. Ferretti, J. Searle, A. Jenkins, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Accounts passed for payment: £42 15s 6d  
Credit balance: £151 9s 2d

A letter was received from the Superintendent of telephones stating that it was not possible to make any reduction in the telephone rental. It was resolved that the Secretary arrange to have the connection transferred to a private phone under his own name only at the end of the yearly period.

Caretakers retiring reported 217 cups on hand. Caretakers for November: L. Hardgrave and D. De Menech  
Mr J. Searle reported that a bucket pump had been secured for fire protection purposes.

Charges: It was decided to charge £2 10s for Mr Daily's wedding reception on 14 October. A charge of 10s 6d per hour after midnight was decided on for the supper room when it is desired to continue functions beyond 12 o'clock.

Stationery: The Secretary reported the letter books filled up and was instructed to have suitable letter stationery printed.

Social: It was decided to hold a social evening on Tuesday 19 December for members and friends. As it was felt that by ladies bringing a plate a much nicer supper could be served, this course was decided on. The Secretary was asked to secure Mr Pickles as pianist if possible and Mr Searle volunteered to supply the music.

Christmas Eve: The Secretary reported that a committee representing the Italian residents were desirous of holding a private social on Xmas even and on New Year's Eve as they had done the previous year in the hall. As Xmas Day and 01 January fall on Mondays it was unfortunate that these socials to be successful would need to be held on Sunday nights. It was stated that the civic authorities and the police had been approached on the matter and had both given their approval to a private function. The matter was given consideration by the meeting and after a lengthy discussion it was decided that the Hall should not be made available for the required purpose on Sundays.

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**10 Nov 1950 Fri**      Bank Deposit £51 3s

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#### **04 Dec 1950 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, F. Ferretti, J. Searle, F. Searle, J. Hamilton, C. Anderson, D. McMurray, W. Lang, E. Ferretti, D. Tarrant, D. De Menech, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, F. Rumble, G. Gorrie, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Accounts passed for payment: £16 10s 2d and the Secretary was given authority to pay any incoming accounts requiring payment before the next meeting in February. Credit balance: £155 14s 8d

A letter was received from Hutt Valley Federation of Women's Institutes re a price for a meeting on 19 April 1951. A charge of £1 10s was decided on. An application from the Italian committee for the hall on 01 January from 8pm to 2am was granted at a price of £6 6s.

Caretakers reported 216 cups on hand. Caretakers for December: Hamilton and Lang; January: Anderson and McMurray

Storage: Mr Hardgrave expressed concern of the lack of space for storing trestles and a sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Hardgrave and J. Searle was appointed to consider the problem.

Marching: The newly formed marching girls club were allowed the hall two nights from 7 to 8pm free of charge for purposes of an initial parade.

Tables: An application for hire of trestle tables was granted at a charge of 2s per table.

Xmas Cheer: A quantity of ale left by Mr D. De Menech for the committee, and a further quantity provided by the Chairman was produced at the close of the meeting. Special votes of thanks were accorded the donors and a pleasant social hour was spent after the meeting. The Chairman extended Xmas good wishes to the members and Mr J. Searle on behalf of the committee expressed thanks and good wishes in return at the same time complimenting the Chairman on his conduct of the meetings throughout the year.

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**08 Dec 1950 Fri**      Bank Deposit £12 19s

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## 05 Feb 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, F. Searle, A. McArthur, D. McMurray, A. Jenkins, W. Lang, D. Tarrant, C. Anderson, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: D. De Menech and J. Hamilton

Obituary: On opening the meeting the Chairman spoke of the death of Mr W. B. Hutchison who had been a member of the Society from 1924 to 1945 and had for 15 years been deputy chairman. Mr Hewer spoke of the valuable service given by Mr Hutchison and of the high esteem in which he had at all times been held by his fellow members and all connected with the work of the Society. Mr J. Searle spoke of Mr Hutchison's work also on the Taita School Committee, Taita Scout Committee, Taita Progressive Association and mentioned that he had been a veteran of both the Boer War and the 1914-1918 world war. Mr Gorrie spoke of Mr Hutchison's participation in the work of the local sports clubs in all of which he had taken a very active interest and said that Mr Hutchison had been a past President of the Taita Rugby Football Club, of which he was made a life member and had been auditor to the time of his death. Mr Westbury and other members also paid tribute to the late Mr Hutchison and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to his memory. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

A letter of thanks was received from Avalon Marching Teams Club.

Payment was authorized of £8 13s 3d for imprest account. Credit balance: £150 18s 8d

The Chairman's committee on storage space reported that sufficient space had been found for storage.

Caretakers retiring reported 209 cups on hand and that some tea towels had been lost. It was decided that when outside caterers used the kitchen facilities the hall tea towels should be removed. Caretakers for February: Jenkins and McArthur

An application for use of the main hall for table tennis was considered by the committee and after full discussion was declined on the grounds that it would not be in the best interests of the hall.

The Italian residents committee was granted hire of the hall on the usual terms on Saturday 24 March.

Weddings: The Secretary raised the matter of the charge for the hall before 8pm when used for wedding parties and it was felt that the charge of £1 1s per hour when the hall was booked through until midnight was not justified on such occasions. It was decided that a charge of £6 6s should be made on Saturday and £5 5s on weekdays where the wedding ceremony was held not earlier than 3pm.

Tables: Mr McArthur was asked to waterproof the hardboard table tops when he could make it convenient.

Disinfectant: The Secretary was instructed to secure a sprayer suitable for spraying disinfectant in the kitchen and side rooms.

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**23 Feb 1951 Fri**      Bank Deposit £58 16s

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**05 Mar 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, W. Lang, E. Ferretti, A. Jenkins, L. Hardgrave, D. McMurray, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: F. Searle and J. Hamilton

Accounts passed for payment: £5 10s 6d

Credit balance: £200 17s 5d

A letter from D. Tarrant tendered his resignation on account of his leaving the district.

Caretakers retiring reported 207 cups on hand. Caretakers for March: G. Gorrie and E. Ferretti

The Chairman reported that a social had been held in conjunction with the scout committee to farewell Mr and Mrs Rumble who had left for Auckland. Mr Rumble had been a valued member of the Society for some years and Mrs Rumble had served as secretary to the Scout Group. Most members and their wives had attended the social and a small presentation had been made with the Society's good wishes.

The Secretary was instructed to secure 12 dozen cups, one dozen plates and one dozen tea towels for the kitchen.

The Secretary reported that he had investigated the plans for the new Community Centre scheme and was satisfied that in the main the Society's area had been excluded from the proposed special rating area.

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**09 Mar 1951 Fri**      Bank Deposit £5 15s



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**02 Apr 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, D. De Menech, E. Ferretti, W. Lang, C. Anderson, D. McMurray, A. Jenkins, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: L. Hardgrave and F. Searle  
Accounts passed for payment: £14 12s 1d  
Credit balance: £198 1s 6d

A letter was received from Taita Women's Institute thanking the Society for its cooperation during the year.  
Caretakers reported 202 cups on hand and that a tap washer in ladies room required renewal. Caretakers for April: J. Searle and F. Searle.

A charge of £9 9s including amplifier was made for Italian social on 24 March and it was decided to charge Taita Cricket Club £4 4s without reduction for a Calcutta night held as it was felt that this type of function should bear the full charges.

An application from the marching club to use the supper room for junior girls from 5 to 7pm was granted at 5s per night subject to the club doing any caretaking work necessary.

Sign writing. It was decided to request Miss McMurray to paint the name in white on the east side of the roof.  
End of financial year being on 30 April it was decided to close the accounts on that date.

Community Centre scheme: Mr Gorrie raised the matter of a campaign and a poll being held by the Lower Hutt City Council and suggested that the Secretary give some publicity to the Society's views. The Secretary said he would be prepared to do this and a motion was carried (Gorrie/Hamilton) instructing him to take the action suggested.

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<b>06 Apr 1951 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £23 15s 6d
<b>27 Apr 1951 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £7 8s 9d

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**07 May 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, L. Hardgrave, J. Searle, F. Searle, E. Ferretti, W. Lang, J. Hamilton, A. Jenkins, D. McMurray, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: Anderson, Gorrie, De Menech

Accounts passed for payment: £27 13s 2d and £10 authorised for imprest account

A letter of thanks for bottle money was received from Taita Scouts and an application from the Taita Methodist Sunday School for space for Bible Class meeting. It was decided to offer the stage with use of piano at 10s per month.

Community Centre Scheme: The Chairman reported on the publicity gained by the Society in the press controversy prior to the poll and the Secretary reported on a meeting of a few members with Mr Ackroyd-Relby, president of Brooklyn Community Centre Association who had given a wealth of information on the principles and working of the Brooklyn Community Centre and on the movement generally in England and America.

Caretakers retiring recommended that cups in kitchen be added to a total of 264. Caretakers for May: L. Hardgrave and F. Ferretti  
It was decided to donate £2 2s to Blind Institute Appeal.

Annual meeting was arranged for 6 June at 8pm requesting ladies to bring a plate for a social to be held after the meeting.

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**08 May 1951 Tue**      Bank Deposit £59 8s

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**06 Jun 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Hardgrave, J. Searle, F. Searle, F. Ferretti, D. De Menech, J. Hamilton, W. Lang, C. Anderson, A. McArthur, G. Gorrie, Bertelsen

Apologies: A. F. Westbury, A. Jenkins, D. McMurray

The Secretary reported on Mr Westbury's illness and he was asked by the meeting to express the regret of the Chairman and members to Mr Westbury.

Caretakers retiring reported 262 cups. Special votes of thanks were accorded Mr McMurray for printing annual report and accounts, Mr Hardgrave for fixing tap and lav cistern washers and Lang & Hardgrave for removing old decorations.

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## 06 Jun 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

About 25 residents were present. Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs A. F. Westbury and Mr A. Jenkins.

Obituary: On opening the meeting the Chairman, Mr C. W. Hewer, referred to the Society's loss in the death in January of Mr W. B. Hutchison who had been a member and vice chairman for about 25 years. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman welcomed the residents warmly for attending on such a cold night and in moving the adoption of the Annual Report and statement of accounts he mentioned the excellent mural painting at the back of the stage and the roof sign which had been executed by Miss McMurray. He said he felt the amplifier had been a very wise investment as it was bringing in an excellent return from hire charges and referred to an improvement in seating at the foot of the stage which had been arranged for.

Mr J. Searle in seconding the adoption congratulated the Society on the Report and Balance Sheet said that the reason for such a successful years' operations was entirely due to the amount of voluntary work performed by the members of the Society.

Mr G. Gorrie also expressed pleasure at the result of the years' work and pointed out that other halls, under control of the City Council, operated at an annual loss which had to be made up by ratepayers.

The Secretary pointed out that receipts from rentals had increased approximately £100 over the previous year and he felt they would continue to increase in the future.

Election of Auditor: As there were no nominations for the office of auditor it was resolved that the incoming committee be instructed to appoint an auditor at its next meeting.

Election of Committee: The following persons were elected with power to add to a total of 20 members:

A. F. Westbury	A. Jenkins	C. W. Hewer
D. McMurray	C. Bertelsen	D. De Menech
G. McCallum	L. Hardgrave	G. Gorrie
K. Grimstrup	F. Searle	W. Lang
J. Searle	C. Anderson	A. McArthur
J. Hamilton	F. Ferretti Snr	Fred Ferretti

Attendance at meeting: The Secretary said that he would like a direction from the meeting as to whether it was felt that the notice of meeting should be given more publicity to give the opportunity of newer residents to be elected to the committee. He said he personally preferred control by the older residents with the selection of new members as they became known.

Mr H. Kitchener said he felt that ample opportunity existed for newcomers to take their share of responsibility, if they were sufficiently interested to make inquiries about control of the Hall.

Mr Gorrie and other residents expressed themselves as satisfied with the way newcomers were fitting in, as at present.

Vote of thanks were accorded the officers of the Society and in reply the Chairman expressed his thanks to all members for their loyal cooperation and their willing performance of all caretaking duties during the year. At the close of the meeting an enjoyable supper was provided by the ladies present and all remained to enjoy a pleasant social until midnight.

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**15 Jun 1951 Fri**      Bank Deposit £36 0s 6d

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## 02 Jul 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W Hewer, G. Gorrie, Frank Ferretti, J. Searle, F. Searle, W. Lang, Fred Ferretti, G. McCallum, A. McArthur, E. Ferretti, A. Jenkins, J. Hamilton, L. Hardgrave, A. F. Westbury, C. Anderson, D. McMurray, D. De Menech, C. Bertelsen

Apology: H. Grimstrup

Accounts passed for payment: £14 11s 6d and authority given to pay Power Board accounts when received.

Credit balance: £268 16s 1d

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie (Vice-Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

The Chairman welcomed new members and expressed the hope that they would find enjoyment in the spirit of comradeship and community service in which the members of the Society were enjoined.

Auditor: Mr King, Public Accountant, Mabey Road was appointed auditor for the year on an instruction from the Annual Meeting.

Mr E. Ferretti was appointed to membership.

A letter was received from City Council Sanitary Inspector stating that a hose reel and panic bolts were required before a Public Hall licence could be granted. Mr A. McArthur undertook to fit bolts and Mr L. Hardgrave to lay water pipes for hose reel.

Caretakers Report: Hamilton and Lang reported 263 cups on hand in kitchen and the provision of an apron for drink stall, a new lav brush and two new hair brooms was recommended.

Poultry show: Dissatisfaction with the conditions of use of the hall was expressed. Other members present at the Poultry Show also felt that the conditions were not satisfactory and the Secretary was instructed to forward a letter explaining the views of the Society.

Caretaker Roster: McArthur, McCallum, Jenkins (July); Frank Ferretti, McMurray, Anderson (August); Searle, Searle, Grimstrup (September); Gorrie, De Menech, E. Ferretti (October); Hardgrave & Fred Ferretti (November); Hamilton & Lang (December)

Concern at traffic congestion outside the Hall was expressed by several members owing to the muddy condition of the roadsides forcing motorists to park vehicles on the bitumen. The Secretary was instructed to request the City Council to clean off and surface the roadsides for the length of 100 yards west of the Hall.

Social: It was decided to hold a private social on Wednesday 18 July, Ladies to be invited to provide supper. Mr J. Hamilton was asked to request Mr J. Findlay to act as M.C. Caretakers on duty were appointed to supervise kitchen work and to demand extra help where required.

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06 Jul 1951 Fri      Bank Deposit £36 9s

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**06 Aug 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Frank Ferretti, J. Searle, D. De Menech, D. McMurray, E. Ferretti, W. Lang, Fred Ferretti, K. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, A. Jenkins, C. Anderson, J. Hamilton, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: G. Gorrie and F. Searle  
Accounts passed for payment: £69 2s 9d

Correspondence was received from City Council stating that it was intended to make some improvement to street outside Hall.

A letter from Poultry Society asked for complaints re use of Hall and conditions for future letting. The Secretary was instructed to reply setting out the complaints and conditions asked for.

Caretakers retiring reported 259 cups in kitchen and asked that a mop and a further bucket be provided.

Indoor Bowls: It was decided to allow use of the Hall for Sunday bowls from 9-4.30 at £3 3s per day.

Football Club: In consideration of the small return from dances it was resolved that the Club be allowed the Hall free for one night.

Stage Stairs: Mr Westbury pointed out the danger existing from the steepness of the stairway and it was decided to ask Mr McArthur to alter same.

Notices: The Secretary asked that three notice boards of a permanent nature be provided and it was agreed to request Miss R. McMurray to execute these on wood. Mr McArthur undertook to provide the timber necessary.

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**10 Aug 1951 Fri**      Bank Deposit £65 1s

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### 03 Sep 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, Frank Ferretti, J. Searle, F. Searle, W. Lang, C. Anderson, Fred Ferretti, A. McArthur, L. Hardgrave, G. McCallum, A. Jenkins, D. De Menech, K. Grimstrup, J. Hamilton, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: D. McMurray and E. Ferretti  
Accounts passed for payment: £32 19s 6d  
Credit balance: £280 19s 4d

A letter was received from the Royal Hawaiians Dance Band applying for Hall for dances on Thursdays. This was approved and the Secretary was instructed to write stating the conditions of letting to be as follows: Rent £4 4s for 8-12pm on a strictly cash basis, all breakages and damages to be paid for.

Caretakers retiring reported 257 cups and expressed concern over the condition of Hall after Taita Rugby League Club "Calcutta Night."

Charges: The following special charges were decided. League Club, Hall £6 6s, blocked drain 10s, rewashing crockery 10s, total £7 6s; Stevens Motors – repair table £1 10s; Boxing tournament £3 3s. The Secretary was directed to request Boxing Club to revarnish seats spoilt by standing up.

Parking space: Dis-satisfaction was expressed at the work done on the street and the Secretary was instructed to pursue the matter.

Overdraft: It was decided to cancel the overdraft provision and request Bank of NZ to **free the title to the Hall property** and to leave this with the Fire Policy in safe custody at Bank. Secretary was directed to advise Bank accordingly.

The Secretary was instructed to accept no further bookings for Calcutta Nights as too much cleaning was entailed after these functions.  
League Club: It was decided to decline further application for hire from this Club.

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07 Sep 1951 Fri      Bank Deposit £54 19s 3d

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### **01 Oct 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Frank Ferretti, G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, D. De Menech, W. Lang, F. Searle, J. Hamilton, D. McMurray, G. McCallum, K. Grimstrup, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur, Fred Ferretti, Bertelsen  
Apologies: A. F. Westbury, C. Anderson, J. Searle  
Accounts passed for payment: £14 10s 3d

A letter of thanks was received from Taita Methodists in respect of their recent concert.

An application from Taita Rugby Football Club for hire of Hall for weekly Saturday dances from 15 March to 27 September was declined as it was felt that opportunity should be given for weddings and other functions on Saturdays. A verbal application for fortnightly dance by the same club was accepted for a season of 22 March to 20 September 1952.

The Chairman reported that he and the Secretary had been approached in respect of two bookings in October which it had been found were for “Calcutta Nights”. As considerable organization and expense had been incurred by the parties concerned before the Society’s decision to ban these functions had been made known, permission had been given to hold these two Calcutta Nights as planned. The members confirmed the decision made in this matter.

A deputation was received from the Taita Rugby League Club who requested the Society to reconsider the ban on Calcuttas as the club desired to hold further such functions in the Hall. The deputation also expressed concern at reports of the Hall not being left in a satisfactory condition by the Club. The Society gave the matters raised a full reconsideration and the following resolutions were carried:

[1] That the Society adhere to its previous decision re Calcutta nights based on the report of caretakers.

[2] That the Secretary advise the League Club that the Hall would be available for dances and such functions but not for Calcutta nights

Parking space: The Secretary reported that he had interviewed the Mayor on the subject and had been promised reconsideration of the Society’s previous request concerning the street.

Caretakers retiring reported 260 cups, several window cords requiring attention and recommended that the rubbish bin be fitted with a new bottom, also that caretakers be provided with keys for kitchen. Mr A. McArthur was requested to fix window cords and the Chairman undertook to have kitchen keys cut for the caretakers, the Secretary to have a new bottom put in the bin.

It was decided to alter the time of meeting to 8pm for the summer months.

November meeting: As the first Monday fell on 5 November and it was felt that members might wish to be with their families on Guy Fawkes night it was decided to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 6 November at 8pm.

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**17 Oct 1951 Wed**      Bank Deposit £59 19s 6d



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**06 Nov 1951 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Frank Ferretti, G. Gorrie, D. De Menech, L. Hardgrave, J. Searle, E. Ferretti, W. Lang, F. Searle, K. Grimstrup, D. McMurray, Fred Ferretti, G. McCallum, C. Anderson, A. F. Westbury, J. Hamilton, Bertelsen  
Apologies: A. McArthur and A. Jenkins  
Accounts passed for payment: £10 17s 5d and authority given for £9 4s 6d to be drawn for imprest account.  
Credit balance: £347 19s 4d

A letter was received from Lower Hutt City Corporation stating that it was intended to arrange a contract for laying sewerage in Mabey Road.  
A letter from Taita Boxing Club offered £1 1s for revarnishing the Hall seats. It was decided to accept the offer.

Caretakers retiring reported 250 cups on hand. The report on the Calcutta nights by both caretakers and the Chairman was to the effect that the Society was correct in not allowing these functions in the future.

The Royal Hawaiians Orchestra had cancelled their dance on 1 November without notifying either the Society or the public and no indication had been given of their future intentions although the dance was advertised for 8 November.

It was resolved that the Caretakers be instructed to advise the "Hawaiians" that the Hall will not be available in future if account for November is not paid by 14 November.

Xmas Social: Members were reminded of the social to be held on 1 December and final arrangements made. The caretakers were placed in charge of kitchen arrangements with instructions to secure help from other members when required.

Repairs: A sub-committee comprising the Chairman together with Mr Hardgrave and the Secretary was appointed to arrange for several sashes to be replaced and other repair work done prior to having the building painted.

Painting: The Secretary was instructed to call tenders for painting the outside of the building two coats to be applied by brush, tenders to be called by advertisement in Evening Post and Hutt News and to be placed before the next meeting of the Society which was called for 3 December 1951.

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**09 Nov 1951 Fri**      Bank Deposit £53 18s

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### 03 Dec 1951 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Frank Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, D. McMurray, C. Anderson, J. Hamilton, W. Lang, Fred Ferretti, L. Hardgrave, K. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, A. Jenkins, D. De Menech, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: F. Searle, A. McArthur  
Credit balance: £379 15s 5d and income for the month £61 12s

The Secretary was authorized to pay accounts falling due before the next meeting in February 1952.  
A letter was received from Taita Rugby Club confirming dates for dances.  
Letters were received from eight painting firms tendering prices for painting.

The Chairman reported that the sub-committee had inspected the windows installed during alterations by the Reserve Bank and found that all were in need of replacement. A price for replacing was being submitted by Mr Le Muth but had not yet been received.

The Chairman reported on the Social on 1 December which he and other members felt had been greatly enjoyed. Mr Gorrie spoke appreciatively of Mr J. Findlay's conducting the evening and his sentiments were heartily endorsed by other members. The Secretary was instructed to procure a small gift for Mr and Mrs Findlay at Xmas in appreciation of his help.

Considerable discussion took place on the prices submitted for painting which ranged from £121 to £270. It was finally resolved that the tender of Mr S. Jackson (£175) be accepted. The sub-committee was authorized to make arrangements with Mr Jackson.

Thursday Dances: The Secretary reported that as he had no confirmation of the Royal Hawaiians Thursday booking he had let the Hall for other purposes and the dances had been abandoned. A resolution was carried endorsing the Secretary's action in this matter.

Caretakers retiring reported 249 cups on hand. Messrs J. Hamilton and W. Lang were appointed for December and January with authority to call on other members when assistance was required.

Women's Institute: It was decided to grant the Hall free to the Institute for the December meeting as a Xmas goodwill gesture.

Austin Motors: A charge of £3 3s was decided on for a dress rehearsal on 17 December prior to the firm's Xmas social on 18 December.

Next meeting was called for 4 February 1952 at 8pm.

In closing the meeting the chairman extended Xmas good wishes to members and invited them to remain and enjoy a festive glass of refreshment. Mr Hardgrave on behalf of members thanked the Chairman heartily and a toast was drunk to Mr Hewer. Members joined in singing "He's a jolly good fellow" and a pleasant social hour was spent before retiring.

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**07 Dec 1951 Fri**      Bank Deposit £62 19s

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**04 Feb 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, F. Searle, D. McMurray, Fred Ferretti, W. Lang, J. Hamilton, K. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, D. De Menech, C. Anderson, L. Hardgrave, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Credit balance: £436 4s 5d and receipts for December-January totalling £69 3s.

A letter of thanks was received from Taita Women's Institute.

The Chairman reported that the sub-committee had been able to secure only one tender of £211 15s for replacing windows and had instructed Mr De Muth to proceed with the work. While the figure was higher than expected, he stated that the sub-committee had considered it advisable to have a thorough job done before the painting was commenced. A motion was carried endorsing this action of the sub-committee.

The Chairman reported that Mr Hamilton had made the Society a gift of a gas stove which had been installed in the kitchen by Mr Hardgrave and had already proved very useful for heating savouries. Mr Hamilton was accorded a special vote of thanks for his generous action.

Caretakers retiring reported 245 cups on hand and that a further large size squeegee would be of considerable assistance. The opinion was expressed by other members that the period over December and January had been too long owing to the number of bookings and that in future should be divided into two separate periods with a change of caretakers. Caretakers for February: McArthur and McCallum.

Mr Gorrie stated that Mr and Mrs D. McArthur were in March celebrating their golden wedding anniversary and he felt that a letter of congratulation from the Society would be appropriate. Other members were heartily in support of the proposal and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr and Mrs McArthur conveying the best wishes of the Society.

The Secretary stated that the new rateable value of £250 would result in an increase in rates of about £14 for the coming year and that as the amount would be approximately £1 per week in the future he felt that an attempt should be made by the Society to secure exemptions from payment of City rates. He felt that as the Society was a non-profit making concern and members were giving so much in time and effort for the benefit of the community, the City Council should be apprised of the facts and appealed to for the fullest consideration. This course was agreed to and the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were appointed to appeal to the Council.

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**08 Feb 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £69 3s

**15 Feb 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £16 19s (This is recorded on a bank slip pasted into the book in lieu of a ledger entry)

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**03 Mar 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Frank Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, D. De Menech, F. Searle, W. Lang, C. Anderson, G. McCallum, J. Hamilton, Fred Ferretti, K. Grimstrup, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: D. McMurray, A. Jenkins, L. Hardgrave  
Accounts passed for payment: £2 2s 6d  
Credit balance: £505 7s 5d and receipts for the month £37 16s

Caretakers retiring reported 248 cups on hand. Caretakers for March: D. De Menech and Frank Ferretti

Rates: The Secretary reported that as a result of a conversation with the Town Clerk he was submitting a request in writing for rating exemption as an initial step.

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**07 Mar 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £37 16s

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**07 Apr 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Frank Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, Fred Ferretti, G. McCallum, A. Jenkins, E. Ferretti, L. Hardgrave, K. Grimstrup, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: A. McArthur and C. Anderson

Accounts passed for payment: £226 15s including progress payments of £70 to Mr S. Jackson and £150 to Mr De Muth

Credit balance: £573 8s 5d and receipts £88 16 were reported.

A letter of thanks was received from Taita Women's Institute.

Rates: The Secretary read correspondence to and from the City Council concerning the Society's appeal for exemption of payment of rates. He pointed out that the grant of £30 received was really a refund of the amount paid for last year's rates and that consideration was still to be given in respect of the present year. Members expressed satisfaction and complimented the Secretary on the manner in which he had laid the matter before the Council.

Caretakers retiring reported 247 cups and expressed the view that in the future special stipulations should be made for the Taita Cricket Club dances. These were noted by the Secretary. Caretakers for April: Gorrie, Anderson and E. Ferretti.

Painting: The Chairman was directed to ask Mr Jackson to enamel the kitchen at a cost of not more than £15.

Mr Hamilton was asked to grade and metal the driveway.

It was resolved that Mr Westbury should obtain a restoration of the photo of the first Hall committee and Trustees which was taken in 1923 and have the same suitably framed. It was suggested that a photo should be taken of the committee elected at the next Annual meeting in June 1952.

It was decided to close books on 30 April for audit.

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**10 Apr 1952 Thu**      Bank Deposit £88 16s and £5 8s 7d

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**05 May 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), Frank Ferretti, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, F. Searle, Fred Ferretti, W. Lang, H. Grimstrup, E. Ferretti, G. McCallum, L. Hardgrave, D. McMurray, A. McArthur, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: C. Anderson and A. Jenkins

Accounts passed for payment: £97 14s and £10 for imprest account approved.

Credit balance: £404 18s and takings for month £31 8s rent and £2 10s for drinks.

The Chairman reported that Mr Jackson had agreed to paint kitchen for £15.

Mr Westbury reported arrangements made to secure copy of photograph.

Caretakers retiring reported 233 cups on hand. Caretakers for May: Searle and Grimstrup

A charge of 30s was decided for a dinner in supper room on 12 June.

Power shortage: It was decided to discount the Zip heater and to economise where possible with lighting. A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Mr J. Searle and Mr K. Grimstrup was appointed to provide emergency lighting if needed.

Annual meeting was decided to be held on Tuesday 3 June at 8pm. Arrangements to be as usual. It was decided that the officers if re-elected should remain in office until the first meeting after the annual meeting.

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**09 May 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £33 18s

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### **03 Jun 1952 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), G. Gorrie, Frank Ferretti, J. Searle, F. Searle, J. Hamilton, Fred Ferretti, W. Lang, K. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, L. Hardgrave, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, D. De Menech, F. Kitchener, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: E. Ferretti and D. McMurray

Accounts passed for payment: £72 10s to Mr S. Jackson and £76 1s 3d to Mr M. De Muth. Takings for the month were £37 9d rent and £4 drinks.

The Chairman referred to the death of one of the Trustees, Mr J. C. Mabey, and members stood in silence.

A letter of acknowledgment was received from D. McArthur.

Caretakers retiring reported 243 cups and requested a discussion at next meeting of policy on cabaret dances and the provision of a notice re drinks in the Hall. Appointment of new caretakers left to the Chairman.

Annual Report and statement of accounts was discussed and approved for presentation to Annual Meeting of residents.

At close of meeting the Chairman expressed pleasure at Mr F. Kitchener's presence and thanked members for their work and their loyal support and cooperation throughout the year.

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### 03 Jun 1952 Tue – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

Attended by about 25 residents. Apologies from D. McMurray, F. Searle, E. Ferretti and D. De Menech

On opening the Chairman, C. W. Hewer, spoke of the Society's loss in the recent death of Mr J. C. Mabey, a foundation member and Trustee of the Society for 30 years. Mr F. Kitchener on behalf of the Trustees expressed deep regret at Mr Mabey's passing. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman welcomed the residents and expressed pleasure at the presence of Mr F. Kitchener, one of the Trustees.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts was presented to the meeting and in moving their adoption the Chairman expressed pleasure at the result of the year's work and pointed out great increases both in rentals received and also in maintenance costs. Repainting of the Hall had cost £175 whereas the cost in 1945 was £93 and in 1932 £25. He said the Society was grateful to Mr J. Hamilton for the gift of the gas stove and commended the Secretary on securing a grant of £30 in respect of City rates.

The adoption was seconded by Mr A. F. Westbury, treasurer of the Society who pointed out that the Society was now in a happy position financially with a very valuable asset held free of debt.

Appointment of auditor: Mr H. J. King was reappointed.

Election of Committee: It was resolved that a committee of up to 20 members be appointed and the following persons elected – J. Searle, F. Searle, G. Gorrie, D. De Menech, D. McMurray, E. Ferretti, A. F. Westbury, C. W. Hewer, C. E. Bertelsen, Frank Ferretti, W. Lang, A. Jenkins, J. Hamilton, A. McArthur, Fred Ferretti, H. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, J. Haggity, Ian Matthews.

The Chairman explained that Mr C. Anderson was unable to accept re-nomination and Mr L. Hardgrave was unfortunately leaving to reside in Upper Hutt. He spoke of the especially valuable work done by Mr Hardgrave in respect of plumbing repairs and maintenance at a very low cost to the Society and intimated that he hoped to give recognition of this service at a social to be held shortly. The meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring members.

Mr A. F. Westbury stated that Mr V. Pemberton was in hospital and it was resolved that the Secretary write to Mr Pemberton conveying the kind wishes of those present at the meeting.

Mr C. W. Hewer pointed out that the trustees had recommended the appointment of two trustees and that this would require a resolution to increase the number to four. Such resolution must be made by the General Meeting. It was therefore resolved (Hewer/Hamilton) that the number of trustees be four. Mr F. Kitchener on behalf of himself and Mr F. S. Hewer stated that they were pleased to nominate Mr A. F. Westbury and Mr J. Searle to the position, and requested that the appointments go forward to the next meeting of the Society for approval.

He spoke of the long and valued service given by Mr Westbury & Mr Searle and pointed out that Mr Westbury's father had been one of the original trustees and had been a substantial contributor to the Society's initial fund.



The Chairman pointed out that the Society had now been in existence for 30 years and the many years of service given by a considerable number of members was worthy of the fullest credit being given. Mr Westbury had been a member for 23 consecutive years during eight years of which he had been Treasurer. Mr Searle had served 16 years and Mr Frank Ferretti 13 years. Three members of Mr Gorrie's family had given a total of 29 years service. Three generations of the McArthur family had worked for the Society's interest from the first days of the Hall. Mr F. Kitchener had designed the Hall and done much of the construction work and was still serving as trustee and Mr H. Kitchener had also been a valuable member.

Mr Kitchener also spoke of the long association of the Bertelsen family and Mr Gorrie spoke of the long service of Mr V. Pemberton as Secretary and said that the residents owed a great debt to many others who father and son had worked for the interests of the Hall. He spoke of the pleasure that he among others had, over a long period found as a result of the enterprise and foresight of the founders of the organization.

It was also pointed out that the present Chairman's father had been Chairman for the greater part of the Society's existence and in all, four members of the family had given valuable service as members.

Mr F. Kitchener said it gave him great pleasure to see among those serving the Hall today, a considerable number whose fathers and mothers had taken such a keen interest and given so much both in money and in work to the early establishment of the Society and the building.

Mr A. F. Westbury said the meeting would be pleased to know that the original photograph of the foundation members had been returned to the Society and was in the process of being restored by a photographer to be kept in the Hall.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and those present remained to enjoy a supper provided by the ladies and a pleasant evening's social enjoyment dancing.

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**06 Jun 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £45 9s

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### 07 Jul 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer, A. F. Westbury, F. Ferretti Snr, F. Searle, D. McMurray, A. Jenkins, W. Lang, Ian Matthews, K. Grimstrup, E. Ferretti, A. McArthur, Fred Ferretti, J. Haggity, J. Hamilton, G. McCallum, Bertelsen  
Apologies: G. Gorrie and J. Searle  
Accounts passed for payment: £63 11s 8d  
Credit balance: £227 16s 1d and takings of £47 15s rent and £1 12s drinks were reported.

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

Caretakers retiring reported 240 cups, the loss of a further tea jug and that plates were down to 18. Caretakers for July: Jenkins, McCallum, Haggity  
The Secretary was instructed to purchase 24 plates.

Trustees: It was explained by the Chairman that the Annual General meeting had resolved that the number of Trustees be increased to four and that the present Trustees had nominated A. F. Westbury and J. Searle for the vacancies. A resolution was carried approving the appointment of Westbury and Searle to be Trustees of the Society. The Chairman and members expressed their pleasure and congratulations on the appointment to this position of two members who had given such long and valued service to the Society. Mr Westbury in reply said he was sure that Mr Searle as well as himself felt very honoured to accept the position.

Cash authority: It was resolved that authority be given for any one of the trustees together with the treasurer and secretary to operate on the Society's bank account and that the Society's seal be affixed to the authority.

It was resolved that cabaret style dances be not permitted in the Hall.

Seats at foot of stage: It was reported that suitable 14" boards had been selected by Mr McArthur for this purpose and a sub-committee of the Chairman and Treasurer was appointed to have the seating installed as soon as possible

It was decided to hold a private social for members and friends on 16 August. The Chairman and Treasurer were appointed to secure a suitable gift for Mr & Mrs Hardgrave and the Secretary instructed to invite them by letter to attend the Social on 16 August.

Decorations: Mr McMurray pointed out that the paper decorations were in bad condition and the hall in need of a clean up and redecoration. It was decided to ask all members to attend on Sunday 27 July at 9am to clean up inside the building.

It was decided to install a notice in the side room and caretakers were instructed to be as strict as possible in keeping drinks out of the main hall.

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**11 Jul 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £49 7s

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**04 Aug 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle, A. Jenkins, G. Gorrie, F. Searle, D. De Menech, W. Lang, D. McMurray, Ian Matthews, A. McArthur, K. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, J. Heggity, J. Hamilton, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apology: F. Ferretti

Accounts passed for payment: £58 18s 6d

Credit balance: £225 19s 8d and receipts for the month £48 19s rent and £5 14s 3d drinks sales.

Seats under sage: The Chairman reported that he and Mr Westbury had arranged for Mr De Muth to install these at an early date.

Decorations: The Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were constituted a sub-committee to interview Miss McMurray re decorating the Hall.

Trustees: Mr J. Searle stated his pleasure at being accepted as a trustee of the Society and gave assurance of his best efforts in the Society's interests.

Caretakers retiring reported 246 cups on hand. Caretakers for August: D. McMurray, A. McArthur, F. Ferretti

Social: Members were reminded of the social evening on 16 August.

Dance floor: It was decided to clean up the floor on 5 August at 7pm.

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**08 Aug 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £54 13s 3d

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### 01 Sep 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti Snr, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, F. Searle, J. Hamilton, A. Jenkins, Fred Ferretti, Ian Matthews, W. Lang, A. McArthur, K. Grimstrup, D. De Menech, G. McCallum, J. Hegarty, D. McMurray, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apology: E. Ferretti

Accounts passed for payment: £15 7s 3d

A letter was received from Lower Hutt City Council enclosing grant of £30. The Secretary pointed out that the rates were this year £50 and after discussion the meeting requested that the Secretary interview the Town Clerk on the matter.

The Chairman reported on the success of the social on 16 August at which Mr and Mrs Hardgrave were presented with a smoker's companion. He also stated that it had been arranged with Miss McMurray to redecorate the Hall part of which had been carried out.

The restored photo of the original committee was produced and it was decided to keep this hung in the committee room.

Caretakers retiring reported 240 cups in kitchen and 156 saucers. It was decided to purchase 12 dozen each of cups and saucers which Mr Matthews undertook to procure. Caretakers for September: Grimstrup, Fred Ferretti, E. Ferretti. Asphalt: It was decided to pave the approach to the front door and the matter was left to J. Hamilton and K. Grimstrup.

Ruby Dances: The application for fortnightly dances from 18 April to 12 September 1953 was granted. Special permission was given for use of the Supper Room on Sunday 7 September at a charge of 30s.

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**12 Sep 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £63 13s

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**06 Oct 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti Snr, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, D. De Menech, F. Searle, D. McMurray, W. Lang, Fred Ferretti, K. Grimstrup, A. Jenkins, E. Ferretti, J. Hegarty, J. Hamilton, A. McArthur, G. McCallum, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Accounts passed for payment: £38 11s 6d

City Council: The Secretary reported on an interview with the Town Clerk as a result of which the City Treasurer was to seek the intention of the Estimates Committee concerning reimbursement of the amount paid in rates.

Messrs Grimstrup and Hamilton were accorded a special vote of thanks for their work in paving the approach to the front door.  
Caretakers retiring reported 264 cups in kitchen and a window chain in need of replacement. Caretakers for October: G. Gorrie and D. De Menech.  
The Chairman reported that the hose reel would be connected at an early date.

Leaks in roof: It was felt by members that an effort should be made this summer to have the west side lean to roof fixed. Mr A. McArthur undertook to examine the roof and report to the next meeting.

It was decided to make a charge of £4 4s for the boxing tournament plus 5s per hour as usually charged for preparation time when lights are used.  
It was agreed to meet at 8pm for the summer months.

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**09 Oct 1952 Thu**      Bank Deposit £74 10s 3d

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**03 Nov 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle, G. Gorrie, F. Searle, D. McMurray, Ian Matthews, K. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, E. Ferretti, A. McArthur, F. Ferretti, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: W. Lang, A. Jenkins, F. Ferrett Jnr

Accounts passed for payment: £24 4s 8d

Credit balance: £291 15s 2d and takings for the month £49 15s rent and £4 2s 6d drinks

Lean to roof: Mr A. McArthur reported that the L.H. nails required replacing and undertook to do this work as soon as possible and also to replace a piece of timber at front of the stage.

Decorations: It was reported that Miss McMurray was making progress with the decorating of the Hall and this would be completed at an early date.

Caretakers retiring reported 264 cups in kitchen. Caretakers for November: Searle & Searle

Cricket Club: The Secretary stated that the Taita Cricket Club had cancelled a booking on 1 November after other applicants had been refused with a resultant loss of revenue. It was decided to charge the Cricket Club £1 1s as a forfeit for the booking. Caretakers were advised that at the last Cricket dance the kitchen arrangements were not satisfactory and requested to keep a sharp watch on the dance on 8 November.

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**06 Nov 1952 Thu**      Bank Deposit £53 17s 6d

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**01 Dec 1952 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti Snr, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, Fred Ferretti, Ian Matthews, D. McMurray, W. Lang, K. Grimstrup, E. Ferretti, J. Hegarty, G. McCallum, A. Jenkins, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen.

Apologies: J. Hamilton, D. De Menech, F. Searle

Accounts passed for payment: £7 19s 2d

Credit balance: £321 4s and receipts for the month £35 11s

Caretakers retiring reported 257 cups, a blockage in one lav drain and a broken window. It was arranged to secure a plunger for drains and for Messrs Grimes & Browning to re-glaze windows.

It was decided, in view of heavy bookings for December and very little in prospect for January, that four caretakers be appointed to work in conjunction over the two month period and Messrs J. Hegarty, I. Matthews, A. Jenkins and G. McCallum were appointed for these two months.

Women's Institute: It was decided to grant the Institute free use of the supper room for their December meeting as a seasonal goodwill gesture.

Final arrangements were made for the Xmas social on 20 December and the Secretary requested to make a small gift to Mr and Mrs J. Findlay in appreciation of his services as M.C.

Next meeting was arranged for 2 February 1953 at 8pm.

On closing the meeting the Chairman conveyed the seasons greetings to members and invited them to remain and enjoy refreshments with him. Mr Searle thanked the Chairman on behalf of members and all remained until a late hour.

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**05 Dec 1952 Fri**      Bank Deposit £35 11s

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**02 Feb 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti Snr, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, F. Searle, D. McMurray, W. Lang, F. Ferretti Jnr, I. Matthews, K. Grimstrup, E. Ferretti, G. McCallum, J. Hegarty, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apology: J. Hamilton

Accounts passed for payment: £17 1s 1d and £9 3s approved for imprest account.

Credit balance: £336 15s 2d and receipts for the two months £77 11s 6d rent and £6 15s drinks.

City Council: A cheque for £20 additional grant was received making the total grant £50.

Caretakers retiring reported 255 cups and that windows were broken at the back of the hall apparently by an air gun. It was arranged that Grimes & Browning replace the glass where broken. Caretakers for February: Lang and Hamilton.

YMCA: An application for use of the hall for gymnasium classes was declined with regret.

Ex POWs: Use of the soft drink room at POW Association socials was granted as a special concession. In respect of special games nights it was decided to permit table tennis in the supper room and storage to tennis tables against the east wall of the room, the storage of bowling mats under the stage and bowls in kitchen cupboards, permission being given for a trial period.

Hygiene: D. McMurray and J. Hegarty were appointed to go into the matter of sanitary appliances.

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**06 Feb 1953 Fri**      Bank Deposit £104 6s 6d



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**02 Mar 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti Snr, G. Gorrie, F. Searle, Fred Ferretti, W. Lang, K. Grimstrup, E. Ferretti, G. McCallum, J. Hamilton, A. Jenkins, I. Matthews, J. Hegarty, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen

Apologies: D. De Menech, J. Searle, D. McMurray, A. McArthur

Accounts passed for payment: £5 0s 8d and authority given also for electricity account to be paid when received.

Caretakers retiring reported 238 cups in kitchen and also that only four tea towels remained. Caretakers for March: K. Grimstrup and Fred Ferretti

Tea Towels: The Secretary was instructed to purchase a further two dozen and caretakers were reminded not to supply same for the use of caterers. It was felt that if towels were removed when caterers used the kitchen a lesser number of losses would occur.

Lean to Roof: The Chairman was instructed to contact Mr M. Smith with a view to having the leaks stopped.

Foot of Stage: Messrs J. Hegarty and G. McCallum were appointed to have certain timber replaced.

Traps in floors: Mr A. Jenkins was appointed to install traps in two side rooms.

Painting: A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Mr Searle was appointed to arrange for painting the interior of the main hall.

Sanitary appliances: This matter was left over to hear the result of Mr McMurray's research in other areas.

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**03 Mar 1953 Tue**      Bank Deposit 15s (This is recorded on a bank slip pasted into the book in lieu of a ledger entry)

**06 Mar 1953 Fri**      Bank Deposit £44 8s 9d

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### 07 Apr 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle, G. Gorrie, D. De Menech, J. Hamilton, D. McMurray, Fred Ferretti, W. Lang, K. Grimstrup, G. McCallum, I. Matthews, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: F. Searle, J. Hegarty, A. Jenkins, F. Ferretti Jnr  
Accounts passed for payment: £154 14s 11d including £135 for painting.  
Receipts for the month: £49 9s rent and £2 1s 6d soft drinks

On opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the death of Mr Edgar Hall, a foundation member of the Society. Mr Hewer spoke of the indebtedness of the residents of the district to such foundation members as Mr Hall in respect of their initiative and hard work which resulted in the Hall being built and owned by the Society. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr Hall.

A letter was received from RSA Women's Section re a Saturday concert and a card received from the relatives of the late Mr W. Jackson.

Interior painting: The sub-committee reported that a tender of £135 had been accepted from NZ General Cleaning Services Ltd and the work was in progress. The meeting endorsed the action.

Lean to Roof: The Chairman reported that Mr M. Smith had agreed to re-nail the roofing sheets within a few days.

Sanitary appliances: Mr D. McMurray having returned to the district reported that he had been successful in finding a real solution to this problem. He assured the meeting that he had given the subject a lot of thought and had finally arranged for the Chairman to contact Mr M. Smith on the matter of securing the most suitable appliances.

Caretakers retiring reported 234 cups in kitchen and also that the Ex POW Association games nights on Wednesday were not securing good attendances. Caretakers for April: D. McMurray, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti

Charges: It was resolved that when concerts were held on Saturday nights a charge of £5 should be made, the charge on other nights to remain at £2 10s. A charge of £3 per night was decided on for the games nights held by the Ex POW association. The Secretary was asked to inquire into other Hall charges.

Sale of liquor in Hall: Concern was expressed by members at reports of the sale of liquor at a regular function in the Hall and as it was felt that this should be discouraged the following resolution was carried: That the Hall be not available for any regular functions where the Sale of liquor is intended.

End of Year: It was resolved that the books close for audit on 30 April 1953.

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<b>10 Apr 1953 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £51 10s 6d
<b>30 Apr 1953 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £5 2s

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## 04 May 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle, F. Ferretti Snr, J. Hamilton, D. McMurray, I. Matthews, W. Lang, G. McCallum, J. Hegarty, A. Jenkins, E. Ferretti, K. Grimstrup, D. De Menech

Apology: G. Gorrie

Accounts passed for payment: £9 0s 6d and £10 approved for imprest account.

Credit balance: £367 11s 3d and receipts for the month £49 9s 6d rent, £2 5s soft drinks

A letter from Mr F. Searle tendered his resignation on account of his taking up residence in Upper Hutt.

A letter from the Chairman of Taita Rugby social committee invited the Hall Society to cooperate in organizing a farewell social to Miss McMurray who it was reported was leaving in August to represent New Zealand as a member of the Ladies Hockey Team.

The Secretary was instructed to thank Mr F. Searle by letter for his past services and to extend to him and Mrs Searle the best wishes of the Society.

Painting: The Chairman reported that the painting job was completed, the walls of the main hall, stage and passage way having been painted two coats.

Social: The Chairman reported that while the Social held on 24 April had been greatly enjoyed by those present the attendance was not as great as usual and there was a marked lateness of arrival. It was felt that Friday was not a particularly good night for these functions.

Caretakers retiring reported 225 cups, 16 sugar bowls and 14 teaspoons in kitchen, also that a tap washer was required in a wash basin, and the kitchen door hinges loose. Caretakers for May: Searle, Gorrie and De Menech. The Chairman and Secretary were appointed to have the kitchen door altered to prevent it giving further trouble.

Farewell social: It was decided to join with the Football Club in this matter and the Chairman, deputy Chairman and Treasurer were appointed to act on behalf of the Society with instructions to offer free use of the hall for the social and the sum of £5 towards a presentation to Miss McMurray, and to convey the following recommendations to the joint committee:

[1] That the date 1 August in lieu of a social previously planned by the Society on 15 August

[2] That about 80 persons be allowed for on the Society's behalf and also a representation from Taita Tennis & Basketball Clubs

[3] That those attending be invited to provide refreshments

[4] That arrangements be made to have press reports of the occasion in the Evening Post and Hutt News

Annual Meeting: The date of this was fixed for Monday 8 June and the final committee meeting of the year for Wednesday 3 June.

Photo of Committee: As a photograph had been previously suggested the Chairman invited opinions on the matter of having one taken but members generally were not keen on the proposal and the matter was therefore dropped.

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## 08 May 1953 Fri

Bank Deposit £51 14s 6d

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### 03 Jun 1953 Wed – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle, G. E. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, D. De Menech, I. Matthews, W. Lang, D. McMurray, K. Grimstrup, J. Hegarty, A. F. Westbury, F. Ferretti Jnr, Bertelsen  
Apologies: G. McCallum, A. Jenkins  
Accounts passed for payment: £18 18s 6d  
Takings for the month: £53 2s 6d rent, £1 10s drinks

A letter was received from Taita Rugby Football Club stating that the proposals put forward by the sub-committee appointed by the Society to arrange a joint function to farewell Miss McMurray were unacceptable to the club and that the club would prefer to make its own arrangements for a function.

A further letter was received from the club stating that as a result of discussions between the Chairman of the Society and the club's president it had now been decided by the club to proceed with a joint function.

Report of sub-committee: Mr J. Searle, chairman of the sub-committee to discuss arrangements for the function reported that the Football Club had now submitted a list of proposals which were as follows:

- [1] No liquor at the function
- [2] That a minimum of 100 double tickets be allocated to the Football Club
- [3] That at least ten tickets, or more if required be allocated to Miss McMurray
  
- [4] That two complimentary tickets be allocated to Tennis, Basketball, Athletic and Cricket clubs, Taita St Johns Ambulance;  
also, the Mayor and MP for the district
  
- [5] That the Football Club make its own gift to Miss McMurray
- [6] Expenses to be shared with Hall Society on a proportionate basis
- [7] That the President of Rugby Club and Chairman of Hall Society be joint hosts
- [8] Suggestion that ladies bring a plate

Mr Searle intimated that the sub-committee had not agreed to these proposals but wished to place them before the Society at this meeting. After a very long discussion during which Mr Matthews said that as President of the Football Club he would refrain from voting on the matter it was decided to agree in full with the proposals of the Football Club. The motion was decided by six votes to four.

It was also decided on recommendation of the sub-committee that the names of both organisations be printed on tickets and that the Hall be provided free of charge. Members were asked to advise the sub-committee at the next meeting of names for the invitation list.

A draft of the Annual Report and the audited statement of accounts was read to the meeting and was approved for presentation to the Annual General Meeting on 8 June. Mr D. McMurray kindly undertook to provide cyclostyled copies.

Hall charges: It was decided to charge £4 4s for a midnight dance on 1 June. The Secretary reported having obtained the list of charges for certain other halls and these were left over for discussion at the next meeting.

Caretakers retiring reported 260 cups, 14 spoons, 15 sugar basins in kitchen, also that the drains required attention, the Zip heater guage, a tap washer and a window pane required replacement. It was decided to secure the services of a plumber for these items.

Kitchen door: The Chairman and Secretary reported that arrangements had been made to have the door and light switch altered.  
Caretakers for June: Matthews, Hegarty and McCallum

Fire inspection: The Secretary reported that he had been instructed to have the portable lights fixed around the stage by the Football Club removed immediately and to see that all exterior doors were kept free of access from inside the building at all times.

Final meeting: The Chairman reminded members that this was the final meeting of the year and expressed his thanks to members for their work and cooperation throughout and said he hoped they would again offer themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting on 8 June.

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**05 Jun 1953 Fri**      Bank Deposit £54 12s 6d

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## 08 Jun 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting

About 25 residents were present. Mr C. W. Hewer occupied the chair. Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs J. Searle and Mr and Mrs A. McArthur.

On opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed those present and referred to the death during the year of Mr Edgar Hall, a foundation member of the Society. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr Hall.

The Chairman reported that the appointment of A. F. Westbury and J. Searle as trustees to the Society had been confirmed, that the photo of the original committee had been restored and hung in the committee room and that during the year a presentation had been made to Mrs and Mrs L. Hardgrave at one of the Society's socials.

The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were presented to the meeting and the Chairman in moving their adoption spoke of the worthwhile improvements which had been effected. The motion was seconded by Mr Westbury who expressed satisfaction with the years work. The Report and Balance Sheet were unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Election of Committee: The following persons were elected into membership for the ensuing year with power to co-op if necessary:

C. W. Hewer	A. F. Westbury	
J. Searle	D. De Menech	F. Ferretti Snr
J. Hamilton	Leniston	J. Hegarty
M. McKenzie	D. McMurray	F. Ferretti Jnr
E. Ferretti	K. Grimstrup	P. Battiston
S. Wyper	A. Vettoretti	A. Jenkins
G. McCallum	A. McArthur	C. E. Bertelsen

Mr H. J. King was re-appointed auditor.

The Chairman reported that the Society was, in conjunction with the Taita Rugby Football Club, arranging a suitable function to farewell Miss R. McMurray who was leaving for England and Europe to represent the Dominion in the ladies hockey team, he hoped the function would be a credit to the occasion.

Long service of Mr Westbury: The Chairman pointed out that Mr A. F. Westbury had now given 24 years continuous service in the Society, nine years of which had been in the position of Treasurer and the past year also as a Trustee. He spoke of the necessary support which had been accorded by Mrs Westbury and said it was hoped to mark the occasion of this 25<sup>th</sup> year of service at a later function.

Pleasure was expressed that two new residents had accepted membership this year and a tribute was paid to the Chairman for his work over the past year. In replying the Chairman thanked all members for their valuable service and at close of the meeting an enjoyable supper was provided by the ladies.

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**06 Jul 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti Snr, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, D. De Menech, P. Battiston, M. McKenzie, A. Jenkins, D. McMurray, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti Jnr, S. Wyper, J. Hegarty, K. Grimstrup, Leniston, A. F. Westbury, C. E. Bertelsen  
Apologies: G. McCallum, A. Vettoretti, A. McArthur  
Accounts passed for payment: £64 19s 6d  
Credit balance: £431 7s 9d and takings for the month £59 3s rent, £4 12s drinks

The following officers were elected: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle (Vice Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

The Chairman welcomed new members to the Society.

A letter was received from Taita Social Cricket Club applying for use of the Supper Room for indoor bowls on Monday nights. It was resolved to offer this at £1 with or 15s without supper facilities when hall was not required by H.V. Indoor Bowls Association.

Coloured lights: The Chairman expressed concern that these had again been used by the Football Club and Mr McMurray was requested to see that these were not again used unless installed to the satisfaction of the Power Board.

A report by the Social sub-committee stated that arrangements were well in hand and requested personnel for kitchen and doorkeeping duties. These were appointed, a list of those attending the function handed in and the Chairman & Treasurer instructed to secure a suitable present to a value of not over £10 10s.

Caretakers retiring reported 250, six jugs, 14 spoons, 16 teatowels in kitchen. Concern was expressed at conduct at B.A.L.M. Social on 19 June and the Secretary was instructed to write stating that in future an assurance would be required of better conduct. Caretakers for July: J. Hegarty, J. Leniston and P. Battiston.

Drainage: The Chairman reported that he with Mr Searle and the Secretary had investigated the drainage requirements with City Council officers and some tenders had been secured for a pipe line down both sides of the hall to join across the front. Tenders for this layout were in the vicinity of £100. It was resolved that drains be provided down both sides – as suggested and the Chairman, Treasurer, Mr Searle and Secretary were appointed to arrange the contract.

The Secretary was asked to thank Mr G. Gorrie by letter for his 12 years service, also to arrange for the removal of the table tennis tables and to purchase six dozen Coco-Cola. An offer to paint table tops and other small jobs for the sum of £2 was accepted.

Mr Pemberton was reported by the Treasurer to be re-entering hospital and Mr Searle expressed his hope of being able to visit Mr Pemberton there at an early date.

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**10 Jul 1953 Fri**            Bank Deposit £63 15s

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**03 Aug 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Hamilton, J. Searle, J. Leniston, A. Jenkins, J. Hegarty, M. McKenzie, D. McMurray, G. McCallum, A. Vettoretti, P. Battiston, S. Wyper, D. De Menech, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Apologies: F. Ferretti Snr, K. Grimpstrup  
Accounts passed for payment: £67 5s 8d  
Credit balance: £435 10s; bank receipts for the month £40 14s rent, £3 11s drinks

On opening the meeting the Chairman expressed regret at the death of Mr G. Marin a past member of the Society. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr Marin.

Illness of Mr V. Pemberton: J. Searle and D. De Menech reported visiting Mr Pemberton who appeared to be making satisfactory progress at the time.

A reply to the Society's complaint was received from BALM Social Club. The Chairman, Mr McCallum and Secretary reported meeting Mr Cooper of BALM club and a satisfactory agreement reached.

Drainage: The sub-committee reported having accepted the tender of Petone Drainlaying Co. of £100.

Social sub-committee: A report was given on the combined social on 1 August which was considered by all a very satisfactory function. Miss R. McMurray had been presented with a shoulder bag and the sum of £5. A total of expenses was not yet available, attendance was about 300. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs Sage expressing thanks for providing sprays. A vote of thanks was accorded to the members of the sub-committee and their wives for their work in connection with the function.

Caretakers reported 286 cups, 26 plates, 301 saucers, 14 spoons, six enamel and nine plastic basins, seven jugs and 16 teatowels. It was decided to secure a further two dozen plates. A roster of caretakers was approved and D. McMurray, F. Ferretti Jnr and M. McKenzie were appointed for August.

Charges: The sum of £1 per night was decided on for use of supper room by R.E.O.B., the sum of 7s 6d for Life Brigade classes and £4 4s for Boxing tournament. The Secretary produced charges of other halls in the City showing charges to be on a higher level than the Society's scale of charges.

Cigarette end boxes: Mr Hegarty was asked to have suitable boxes made for this use.

Amplifier: Mr Westbury was requested to have the amplifier set overhauled.

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**07 Aug 1953 Fri**      Bank Deposit £44 5s



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**07 Sep 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: J. Searle (Deputy Chairman), C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti Snr, J. Hamilton, D. De Menech, J. Leniston, J. Hegarty, A. Jenkins, D. McMurray, G. McCallum, S. Wyper, K. Grimstrup, A. Vettoretti, F. Ferretti Jnr, P. Battiston, M. McKenzie, A. F. Westbury, Bertelsen  
Accounts passed for payment: £16 17s 5d  
Credit balance: £407 3s 7d; receipts for the month - £46 9s rent, £12 2s 3d for soft drinks

On opening the meeting the Chairman, Mr Searle, spoke of the loss sustained by the Society in the death of Mr F. S. Hewer patron and trustee of the Society who had served in the capacity of Chairman continuously for 22 years. "It is owing to the foresight and initiative of such men as Mr Hewer that the residents today have such a fine social hall freehold and without debt" said Mr Searle. He conveyed the sympathy of all members to Mr C. W. Hewer and his family.

The Secretary also paid a tribute to the valued service given by the late Mr Hewer who, he said, was a man of ability and sound judgment and whose qualities of leadership had for so many years been of the utmost value to the Society and the district. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr Hewer.

A letter was received from the City Council enclosing £50 grant in respect of rates for the year.

Caretakers retiring reported a heavy months work. Concern was expressed at the continued standing on seats at boxing tournaments and the Secretary reported that as a result the seats were in a very dirty condition after the last boxing night. He said that the promoters did not appear to be able to control the patrons at these functions and expressed the view that if this could not be improved on, the use of the hall should not be granted once the Community Centres became available. It was decided to try and secure an improvement at the next boxing tournament. Caretakers for September: K. Grimstrup and A. Vettoretti.

The Treasurer was granted leave of absence for the next meeting which was called for 5 October at 8pm.

Ladder: The purchase of a new step ladder for £3 10s was approved.

A leak was reported in the store room which the Secretary undertook to investigate.

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**11 Sep 1953 Fri**      Bank Deposit £109 11s 3d

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**05 Oct 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), F. Ferretti Snr, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, P. Battiston, J. Hegarty, J. Leniston, G. McCallum, A. Vettoretti, K. Grimstrup, F. Ferretti Jnr, S. Wyper, D. McMurray  
Apologies: A. F. Westbury, A. Jenkins, A. McArthur  
Accounts passed for payment: £16 16s 9d

A letter of thanks was received from Mr and Mrs C. W. Hewer and family.

A letter from Taita Football Social Club showed expenses of combined social £9 19s 3d and suggested the Society pay ⅓ share. It was decided to contribute the sum of £3 10s.

Caretakers retiring reported 208 cups in kitchen and two broken windows. It was stated that the Boxing Club had not prevented standing on seats as requested and that the Taita Social Cricket Club had been in the Hall one bowls evening until 1am. Special thanks to F. Ferretti Snr for the thorough job which he had made of scrubbing out. Caretakers for October: A. Jenkins and S. Wyper.

Windows broken: Mr Hegarty was asked to arrange for their repair.

Bowls nights: The Chairman, deputy Chairman and Secretary were delegated to interview the Social Cricket Club re use of supper room and kitchen for bowls.

Charges: The Taita Football Club were granted the use of supper room free on 26 September. Trentham Kindergarten Committee were granted use of the hall on Saturday 24 October for £5 5s from 8pm to 1am.

Treasurer: The Chairman pointed out that as this was the treasurer's 25<sup>th</sup> year of consecutive service to the Hall it was felt that this service which was a record in the history of the Society should be recognized by making a presentation to Mr and Mrs Westbury at a social to be held before the next Annual General Meeting. It was decided to hold a special function about April 1954 for this purpose and to make a presentation of a value up to 25 guineas. The Chairman, Secretary and Mr F. Ferretti Snr were delegated to secure a suitable gift and these three together with Mr J. Searle were constituted a sub-committee to arrange the Society function and it was suggested that a number of invitation cards be made available for Mr and Mrs Westbury's use.

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**END OF SECOND HARDCOVER MINUTE BOOK**

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**12 Oct 1953 Mon**      Bank Deposit £108 7s  
**05 Nov 1953 Thu**      Bank Deposit £47 17s

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**02 Nov 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £16 5s 2d; Credit balance: £588 10s 2d; September takings £108 7s  
Caretakers expressed extreme dissatisfaction with the conduct at the Trentham Kindergarten Dance  
Xmas Social to be held on 05 December and Easter Social on 24 April 1954  
First aid kit to be procured  
Decided to remove water pipe in long room

G. E. Gorrie was suggested to replace F. S. Hewer, a former trustee – having regard for Gorrie's service given and also the long record of service given to the Society by members of the Gorrie family in past years – this appointment was unanimously approved.

Taita Social Cricket Club assured that in future strict hours would be adhered to and every care taken to keep the kitchen tidy at its Bowls evenings.

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**07 Dec 1953 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Gorrie was welcomed as Trustee.  
Accounts passed for payment: £21 1s 4d; Credit balance £622 12s; November takings £48 1s 6d rent and £9 15s drinks  
J. Searle visited Mr De Menech in hospital where he had undergone an operation.  
An explanation of the use of material in the First Aid kit was given  
Xmas Social – disappointment was expressed that a fuller attendance by members had not been possible  
Caretakers reported that teaspoons and sugar basins had been taken  
Supper Room Piano to be reconditioned  
Women's Institute – December meeting to be free of charge  
Life Brigade – in view of special circumstances a charge of only £1 10s was made for December 1  
Avalon School Children's play – Mr Crisp to be offered a special allowance of £1 as a donation to play being produced in the Hall.

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**11 Dec 1953 Fri**      Bank Deposit £57 16s 6d

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**01 Feb 1954 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £12 7s 9d; Credit balance £644 3s 2d; Rent receipts £58 14s  
Caretakers – tea urn and a number of forms in need of repair – Mr Hegarty to arrange for repair of forms & Mr Hamilton to arrange for a new tea urn  
Mr Westbury authorized to purchase chairs for committee room  
Drainage sub-committee: work on drains to commence during the month and that it might be necessary to provide for storm water disposal  
Tenders to be sought for painting supper room and side-rooms

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**05 Feb 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £58 14s

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**01 Mar 1954 – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £12 7s; Credit balance £687 13s 2d; Receipts £64 7s 6d

Caretakers – damage to walls that cost £4 17s to repair – the account was sent to persons concerned

Painting tenders - £376 18s 4d; £242; £182; £154 14s – the lowest tender, of NZ General Cleaning Services Ltd, was accepted

Sargette's Dances – monthly on Friday nights 9pm to 1am – decided to offer hall at £4 4s as a special temporary concession

Only 11 Saturday nights remained vacant for 1954 – the Hall to be let only at the full charge and not to offer supper room alone on Saturdays

Decided to ascertain the cost of having the kitchen, supper room etc scrubbed regularly by a cleaning firm rather than the caretakers

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**05 Apr 1954 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £25 14s

Painting: I had been found advisable to have a stronger lining material at the base of walls in the supper room – agree to have work done by painters

In view of the service given to the Society by Mr D. De Menech and Mr D. McMurray these two members were granted use of the hall without payment

Mr P. Battiston was granted leave of absence in view of his trip to Italy

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**09 Apr 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £64 7s 6d and £54 5s

**23 Apr 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £3 8s 1d

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**03 May 1954 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £256 10s; Credit balance £587 1s 8d; Takings £44 9s rent and £1 17s for soft drinks

Obituary: Death of Mr A. Burgess who was auditor to the Society for many years and members stood in silence as a mark of respect

Expected price for hardboard in supper room near £50. Mr Hegarty requested to seek an alternative price from Grimes & Browning

The drainlayers would not be doing the plumbing work necessary and it was felt advisable to secure quotes for their work from plumbers

A letter from Hutt Valley Ex POW Association was read on which it was decided no action be taken

Caretakers – concern at continued danger of blockage in the urinal

Social held in honour of Mr and Mrs Westbury: In attendance – Mr and Mrs V. Pemberton, J. H. Butler from Levin, D. McArthur from Te Puke and A. E. Hewer from New Plymouth. The Ladies were thanked for floral decorations and supper tables.

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**07 May 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £46 6s 6d

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### 01 Jun 1954 Tue – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Accounts passed for payment: £17 16s 5d; Credit balance £546 15s 8d; Receipts £30 13s 6d rent and £1 soft drinks

Letter from Jones Timber Co. re bookings

Tender for scrubbing at £3 7s 6d from General Cleaning Services. Mr Ferretti offered to do the scrubbing at £2 10s and this was gratefully accepted

Mr Eyethorne to fit Masonite in supper room for £45

Plumbing work done at cost of £10

Mr J. Wareham to be asked to fit an automatic flush to the urinal and Secretary asked to secure air purifiers

Bookings for Boxing Tournaments not to be accepted in the meantime

Change of name: The Chairman asked members to give some thought to whether the name of the Hall should be changed in the near future consequent on the opening of the Taita Community Centre Hall and the resultant confusion in identification of the two halls.

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**01 Jun 1954 Mon – Taita Hall – Annual General Meeting**

About 20 residents present. C. W. Hewer presided.

Obituary: C. F. Bertelsen made reference to the passing during the year of the Society's Patron, Mr F. S. Hewer; also, a past member, Mr G. Marin, and Mr A. Burgess who had for many years been the Society's auditor. The service given by Mr F. S. Hewer was unsurpassed in the history of the Society. Mr Hewer had served in the capacity of Chairman continuously for 22 years and it was felt by all who served with him that his qualities of leadership and sound judgment had been of utmost value to the Society. He had been one of the Trustees for a long period and had at all times given of his best in the interests of the Society and the district generally. Mr J. Searle and Mr A. F. Westbury both spoke of the late Mr Hewer's service and of his outstanding qualities and those present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman reported that the 25 years of continuous service given by Mr A. F. Westbury had been recognized during the year by the presentation to Mr and Mrs Westbury of a canteen of cutlery at a private social held in their honour. He stated also that the vacancy in the number of Trustees had been filled by the appointment of Mr G. E. Gorrie.

Annual Report: Installation of sewage drains and interior repainting accounted for £200 of expenditure – the advance in rents received had made possible a profit of nearly £190.

New committee: resolved that it could be up to 21 members – the following were elected: D. McMurray, D. De Menench, P. Battiston, A. McArthur, E. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti Snr, F. Ferretti Jnr, A. F. Westbury, A. Jenkins, A. Vettoretti, J. Hegarty, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, S. Wyper, C. E. Bertelsen.

H. J. King was reappointed auditor.

C. W. Hewer hoped that it would be possible to form a better driveway and path at the sides of the hall during the year.

**Change of name: A. Jenkins/J. Hegarty – resolved to make a recommendation to new committee to change the name to Avalon Public Hall**

The Meeting recommended that extra mirrors be provided in the dressing rooms.

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**04 Jun 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £31 13s 6d

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**05 Jul 1954 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting**

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle (Deputy Chairman), A. F Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)  
Lionel McGovern was elected to membership (Hegarty/Bertelsen)  
Accounts passed for payment: £86 11s 11d; Credit balance £551 19s 3d; Receipts £50 1s 6d rents and 15s for soft drinks  
Letter dated 3 June from G. McCallum tendering resignation

Letter from Buffalo Lodge applying for hire of supper room and kitchen 7.30-11.30 on alternate Friday evenings – this was declined owing to heavy demand for main hall on Fridays – secretary instructed to offer Wednesday or Thursday nights for £1 10s.

Donation: Resolved that £10 10s be sent to the Harry Squires Memorial Fund

Speaker installation in long sideroom costing about £6 to be done by Mr Mahood.  
A private social for members and friends to be held on 20 August – secretary instructed to engage a pianist for this and for the Xmas Social

Mr Hamilton produced types of chairs and after some discussion it was resolved that a sub-committee of Hewer, Searle & Westbury investigate the stacking suitability of the type known as “Fold-a-bye” chairs and report to next meeting.

Secretary instructed to write and thank Grimstrup, McCallum and McKenzie for their past services to the Society.

Secretary reported that after clearing a blockage in the lead trap from the urinal he had contacted the sanitary inspector who had suggested an outlet direct to the drain gully trap with a sealed joint. Mr Wareham to be requested to make the suggested alteration.

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**09 Jul 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £50 16s 6d

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## 02 Aug 1954 Mon – Taita Hall – Committee Meeting

Accounts passed for payment: £77 2s 2d; Credit balance £491 10s 6d; Receipts £59 15s 6d rents

Letter from Lower Hutt City Council pointing out that an EXIT notice was required over door connecting hall with supper room. Mrs Baxter to be asked to do this and other signwriting work as required.

“Fold-a-bye” chairs proved unsuitable for stacking – no other type of folding chair had yet been found suitable. The “Stack-a-bye” chair was in their opinion an excellent and suitable type but they felt the price of approximately £2 13s perhaps unjustified in the Society’s case owing to the limited number of occasions when a large amount of seating was required. Sub-committee to investigate further and consider the possibility of repairing broken chairs to hand.

Caretakers reported that conduct at a dance held by Morrison’s Taxis Social Club had not been entirely satisfactory. Complaints had been received from neighbours concerning noise in the street – Secretary instructed to inform the organization that a condition of its securing use of the hall in future would be that no pass-out checks be issued.

Decided to provide roller towels in dressing rooms and kitchen – Secretary to purchase roller towelling and fittings.

Change of Name: The Secretary stated that he had investigated the rules and reported that the Society could by resolution carried by not less than 3/5ths of its members vary any of its regulations. Members present were of the opinion that the Society would now be better named by use of the word Avalon in place of Taita.

Searle/Jenkins Unanimously resolved that regulation 1 be and is hereby rescinded and in lieu thereof the following be and is hereby substituted as regulation 1: “The Name of the Society shall be the Avalon Public Hall Society Incorporated.”

Secretary instructed to deposit the resolution with the Registrar of the Supreme Court and to make all necessary changes arising from the resolution including the payment of fees and purchase of rubber stamps etc as required.

Forthcoming social to be held on Saturday 4 September.

On closing the meeting the Chairman reported that the Commercial Gardeners Dance committee had left three bottles of vermouth for the members and a motion of thanks was accorded by acclamation.

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**06 Aug 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £59 15s 6d



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**06 Sep 1954 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £20 4s 3d; Credit balance £475 15s 2d; Receipts £50 14s rent and £1 10s soft drinks  
The Social held on 4 September was enjoyed by all attending.

Chairs: Mr Westbury brought a chair which he had found to be quite satisfactory when repaired with reinforcing strips at each side of the seat and the sub-committee reported that there were about 50 good chairs and 50 that could possibly be repaired. Mr Hegarty undertook to try and get a number of these repaired.

Change of Name: The Resolution had been deposited with the Registrar of the Supreme Court and produced the necessary documents for application to have the land owned by the Society registered in the new name. It was necessary to pass four resolutions.

[1] Ferretti Snr / Ferretti Jnr      That the Society make application to be registered as proprietor of the land formerly held under the name of the Taita Public Hall Society

[2] G. E. Gorrie / J. Searle      That the Seal be affixed to the application

[3] J. Hamilton / A. Vettoretti      That the Society authorize C. E. Bertelsen to sign the application correct.

[4] J. Hegarty / S. Wyper      That the Seal be affixed to the authority

All motions were unanimously carried.

Secretary reported defaults by three organisations of nights booked. The following charges were authorized: Ex POW Association £33, Third Grade Rugby Team £1 1s, Hutt Valley Indoor Bowls Association half charge for nights not used.

Pianos: Secretary instructed to have the hammer bushings replaced where necessary in one of the pianos.  
Taita Football Club was granted use of the storeroom for special purposes at their end of season dance.

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**10 Sep 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £52 4s

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**04 Oct 1954 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Chairman extended a welcome to Mr P. Battiston on his return from overseas after several months leave of absence.

Accounts passed for payment: £8 3s 9d; Credit balance £510 4s 11d; Receipts £88 8s rent, 10s soft drinks; £50 8s 7s grant from City Council rates refund  
An account for £59 12s 9d for painting was held over until the sub-committee were satisfied that the work was fully completed.

Caretakers reported a cracked wash basin and a water pipe leak in ladies room. Secretary instructed to have the basin and waste pipe removed and tap washes checked. The Rugby Football Club had broken some chairs and left ladders etc outside after their final dance. Mr McMurray undertook to bring these matters to the notice of the Club.

Chairs: An offer from Mr C. Chudleigh to repair a number of chairs at a price of 5s per hour plus cost of material was accepted and Mr Jenkins was authorized to arrange for the work.

Free use of the Hall was granted for a special Methodist Church Anniversary service on 17 October.

Mr S. Diamond, who had been for some years a member of the Society, had engaged the hall for a wedding reception and it was agreed to charge half the usual rate.

Bench tops: It was decided to have lino fixed to the bench and over crockery cupboards and Mr F. Barclay to be contacted on the matter.

Buffalo Lodge asked about the length of term the Society would be willing to grant for use of the supper room and if the hours could be extended until midnight. It was decided the period of tenure should not be more than four fortnightly meetings and the charge to midnight should be £2 with an extra charge of £1 per hour or part hour after. The conditions to include that the hall be left in a reasonably clean condition.

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**07 Oct 1954 Thu**      Bank Deposit £150 16s 7d

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**01 Nov 1954 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £50 2s 6d; Credit balance £652 17s 9d; Receipts £53 19s 6d

Letter from Taita Basketball Club pointed out that the club could not meet the £4 charge for their dance at present and it was agreed that the club should be given credit until funds were secured by them.

Lino had been fixed to the bench tops in kitchen and members expressed satisfaction with the work.  
Xmas Social on 4 December and it was decided to make a grant from the Society's funds of £5 12s 6d towards the expenses of the social.  
The Secretary undertook to arrange for a thorough clean up of the section and driveway at an early date.

Football Club: Mr McMurray reported that he had advised the club of damage to chairs and that while the club had accepted responsibility for damage, no offer of repair or payment for repair was made by the club as yet.

**04 Nov 1954 Thu**      Bank Deposit £53 19s 6d

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**06 Dec 1954 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £50 12s 3d; Receipts £34 7s 6d

Letters of thanks from Methodist Youth Council and Avalon Women's Institute for use of the Hall.

Mr Gorrie advised that the Rugby Football Club would make good the damage to chairs.

Social on 4 December enjoyed by all – special thanks to McMurray and Hamilton for presence of Santa Claus at the function

Members expressed satisfaction with the cleaning up of the section around the Hall and J. Searle said he would arrange for a spraying with weed-killer.

Caretakers concerned at amount of icecream and cordials spilt on the floor at a children's party held by the Power Board and that nails had been driven in the floor.

Secretary's action in arranging with the Ex POW Association to redecorate the Hall was approved.

Mr Chudleigh had taken one dozen chairs for repair.

Applications for Xmas party by Jones Timber Co. on 17 December and Grimes & Browning on 10 December were approved.

Application by Hutt Valley Electric Power Board social club for 3 December was declined due to previously expressed concerns.

Very few soft drinks sales – treasurer asked to report on this next meeting

How to handle cancelled bookings: It was decided that a deposit of £2 should be taken of which £1 could be refunded if a month's notice of cancellation was given.

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**10 Dec 1954 Fri**      Bank Deposit £34 7s 6d

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**07 Feb 1955 – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £12 15s 1d; Credit balance £568 4s 2d; Receipts £77 0s 2d

Mr Hegarty was reported to have left the district and it was decided to convey to him by letter the thanks of the Society for his valued work as a member.

Mr Westbury is thanked for his gift of a mirror for the ladies room.

Mr McArthur undertook to repair windows and do other small jobs requiring attention.

Mr Searle was asked to contact the City Engineers re storm water drainage.

A charge of £2 2s was decided on for an educational film showing to pupils of Nae Nae College and Mr J. Hamilton was granted free use of the hall for an evening.

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**11 Feb 1955 Fri**      Bank Deposit £77 0s 2d

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**07 Mar 1955 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £15 4s 7d; Credit balance £630 2s 5d; Receipts £37 16s

Mr Searle reported on an interview with Council Engineers re storm water drainage. He stated that a connection into the main pipe could be secured, the fee for which was £15. As the laying of these pipes had been discontinued by the Council there appeared to be no object in taking further action at present. As members felt that some temporary provision should be made for both storm water and improvement of the driveway a sub-committee (Searle, McArthur, Westbury & Bertelsen) was appointed to carry out what work was considered advisable.

The Secretary reported that he had been obliged to secure the services of an electrician on two successive Saturdays to trace power failures which in both cases were accounted for by faulty pole fuses.

Caretakers reported the kitchen door lock was a source of trouble. Mr McArthur undertook to remedy the door lock.

Soft drinks: The treasurer tabled a report on the profits received from sale of drinks over a number of years which showed a very considerable decline owing to the fact that public dances were now rarely held in the hall. In view of these facts members felt that the trouble involved in maintaining stocks was not justified and it was resolved that the sale of drinks be discontinued for the present.

Grand Lodge of England: Mr Wareham applied for use of the supper room on alternate Wednesdays to commence meetings of a local branch of this lodge on the same terms as given to the Taita Wingate lodge and for a period of 12 months. Mr Wareham to be advised that the room would be available as requested provided that in the opinion of the Society the usage of the hall and conduct of meetings etc was considered satisfactory.

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**11 Mar 1955 Fri**      Bank Deposit £37 16s

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**04 Apr 1955 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £4 6s 3d; Credit balance £652 3s 10d; Receipts £54 10s

As the lean to roof was again leaking an effort was to be made to find a remedy and have work carried out to provide a permanent solution.

Mr Westbury was suffering an illness which confined him to his bed and members in expressing their regret instructed the Secretary to convey their concern to Mr Westbury by letter.

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<b>15 Apr 1955 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £54 10s
<b>22 Apr 1955 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £5 18s 1d

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**02 May 1955 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Credit balance: £708 5s 8d; Receipts £44 6s rents; £10 was approved for the imprest account

Mr A. McArthur had done some work on the lean to roof but was now indisposed.

The sub-committee should make an early inspection of the worst leaks owing to advance of the season.

Annual meeting to be held in the long room instead of the supper room. Secretary was instructed to invite a number of past members.

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<b>06 May 1955 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £44 6s
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**07 Jun 1955 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £7 1s 7d; Credit balance £720 15s

It was decided to allow the supper room for table tennis on Sundays 3-5pm at 5s and Sunday and Monday evenings 7.30-10.30 at 10s per night.

Inspection of the lean to revealed that the iron and flashing was being removed, repaired and the caps painted and replaced and as the materials were still in good condition it was felt that this work should prove satisfactory when completed.

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<b>09 Jun 1955 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £20 6s
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## 11 Jun 1955 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – Annual General Meeting

About 20 residents present. Apologies from Mrs Westbury, Mr and Mrs S. Wyper, Mr D. McMurray and Mr and Mrs A. McArthur.  
Present: J. Butler and V. Pemberton who had driven from Levin.

The Chairman explained the reason for the delay in putting the driveway in permanent order which was a result of the City Council not having completed storm water drainage provision in the street. He stated that the change of name, which had unfortunately been found necessary, had been implemented in a satisfactory manner.

The Chairman made reference to the high figure of rent receipts for the year which had been attained without increase in hire charges. Mr Gorrie said he felt a commendable example was being set by keeping fees at the same level over the past ten years in the face of higher costs and charges in nearly all other enterprises.

New committee – power to add to a total of 21 members – the following unanimously elected: C. W. Hewer, J. Searle, A. F. Westbury, G. E. Gorrie, C. E. Bertelsen, F. Ferretti Snr, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti Jnr, J. Hamilton, D. De Menech, P. Battiston, D. McMurray, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, S. Wyper, A. Vettoretti, G. McCallum, J. Leniston

H. J. King was reappointed auditor.

C. E. Bertelsen stated that it had become customary for the Society to hold a social evening for members and their friends usually twice a year and that as the members carried out their caretaking and other duties on a voluntary basis a grant had been made by the last years committee towards the expenses of these evenings. He said that he regarded this small expenditure as a token of reward for the work done by members and asked for a direction from the meeting as to whether this policy would meet with approval if continued. The opinion was generally expressed that any such expenditure within reason was fully justified and richly deserved by members and on the motion of G. E. Gorrie, seconded J. Searle the meeting carried a resolution of approval of such policy being continued by the Society.

As a visitor and past officer of the Society Mr V. Pemberton said he was glad to see approval of such expenditure when it would contribute towards the enjoyment of the members who were doing the work of the Society. He said he was very proud of the way this work was being carried on and especially glad to see in the membership of the Society a number whose fathers had served with himself in their day. Mr Pemberton congratulated the Society on the results achieved over the years.

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**04 Jul 1955 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)  
Many old residents who had been very keen workers for the Society in the past attended the Social held after the close of the Annual General Meeting.

Accounts passed for payment: R. Hamill, electrician 15s; Standard Insurance £39 1s 5d; Power Board £8 17s 6d; Annual Meeting Society Expenses £8 6s 3d  
Credit balance: £747 9s 9d; Receipts for the month £50 10s 6d  
An application for basketball practice in the hall was declined after a full discussion  
It was decided to vary the Saturday night charge for the Supper Room to £3 from 8-12pm.

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**08 Jul 1955 Fri**            Bank Deposit £50 10s 6d

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**01 Aug 1955 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £68 5s 9d. Credit balance £738 4s 3d; Takings for the month £24 14s 6d

A deputation from Hutt Valley Ex POW Association attended requesting that the Association be permitted to hold social evenings run on cabaret lines. It was pointed out that the Association was prepared to take the utmost care in cleaning up anything spilt on the floor and gave an assurance that they would be able to leave the hall in a condition that would meet the Society's satisfaction. After discussion it was decided to allow the request for one evening as a trial.

The Secretary reported that the amount of £5,500 for which the building was insured was based on valuation in 1948 and it was decided to have a new estimate of valuation based on present costs.

It was decided to reduce the charge for main Hall to 25s for a film showing held by Avalon School Association.

Taita Rugby Club: The Hall was granted free of charge for an evening to assist raising funds for a club member selected to represent the Dominion with a team going to Ceylon.

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**05 Aug 1955 Fri**            Bank Deposit £24 15s 6d

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**05 Sep 1955 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £14 18s; Credit balance £693 18s; Takings £63 16s 6d

A letter was received from Taita Rugby Club thanking the Society for use of the hall free for a function.

Caretakers reported that tables needed replacement; Mr Hamilton agreed to investigate the availability of secondhand tables.

The Secretary reported that the Standard Insurance Co. were prepared to give cover on the building up to £10,000. After full discussion it was decided to raise the amount of the policy to £8,500 for which a premium of £51 would be payable.

In view of the increase in premium and other costs it was decided to increase the charges for Friday nights to the same as Saturday charges from 1<sup>st</sup> November.

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**09 Sep 1955 Fri**      Bank Deposit £63 16s 6d

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**29 Sep 1955 Thu – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £27 19s 7d. Receipts for month £19 16s and £60 8s 7d grant in respect of City rates paid.

The Chairman reported that as Mr D. McMurray was shortly leaving to spend some 12 months or more in England a social had been arranged in conjunction with the Rugby committee for 8<sup>th</sup> October to wish him farewell. Mr McMurray was granted leave of absence for the period.

A refund of £3 3s was authorized on pre-payment of rental for a wedding reception on 8 October.

The Secretary produced a list of charges for printing which was approved by the meeting.

A special 30s charge was decided on for a bowls night on 4<sup>th</sup> October in main hall. A charge of 30s for main hall or £1 for supper room was agreed on for dance band practice on Sundays 2-5pm.

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**29 Sep 1955 Mon**      Bank Deposit £80 4s 7d



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### **31 Oct 1955 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £14 17s 2d

The Chairman reported that Mr Searle was incapacitated owing to his leg being affected by an injury received while attending to caretaking duties. Members expressed their concern and the Secretary was asked to express the sympathy of members by letter.

Members expressed their complete satisfaction with the social held in honour of Mr McMurray; all those present at the function had considered it quite successful.

The caretakers reported that the cabaret dance held by the Ex POW Association had been quite satisfactory from the Society's point of view.

Miss M. Hamilton was granted use of the Hall free of charge for a function held in honour of her parents.

It was resolved that Mr Richardson be charged two hours extra for late use of the supper room.

Mr A. Jenkins was appointed to replace several window panes which had been broken.

Late use of Hall. A lengthy discussion took place considering a disturbance in the street outside the hall at about 3.30am when fighting had taken place and the Secretary had found it necessary to telephone the police in the interests of the residents living near the Hall. Mr G. McCallum and Mr F. Ferretti Jnr both stated that neighbours had been annoyed and it was generally felt that every precaution should be taken by the Society to prevent a recurrence of the happening and to this end the following resolution (G. Gorrie/D. De Menech) was carried unanimously: That the Secretary be instructed not to accept engagements for the hall after 1am and that the caretakers on duty make every effort to have functions terminated not later than 1am.

The opinion was generally held that this decision would allow caretakers to make allowance for special functions when they considered such action warranted.

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### **29 Nov 1955 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £7 10s 10d. £8 2s 8d was approved for imprest account; Credit balance £843 0s 9d; Receipts for month £28 19s 6d.

A letter of thanks was received from Miss M. Hamilton

A letter from Mr V. Pemberton stated that he and other visitors would be present at the Xmas Social.

On the recommendation of the caretakers the Secretary was instructed to write to each of the lodges seeking their cooperation in cleaning up of the room etc.

Mr J. Leniston was granted leave of absence for six months while working at nights.

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**11 Nov 1955 Fri**      Bank Deposit £81

**02 Dec 1955 Fri**      Bank Deposit £28 19s 6d

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**06 Feb 1956 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £17 5s

A report was made on the successful Xmas Social held by the Society in December and dates fixed for a social on March 24<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Meeting and Social on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

A goodwill message was received through Mr Gorrie from Mr H. Foley of Rotorua who was a foundation member of the Society and had given long service while resident in the district.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the City Council concerning the provision of a new footpath from High Street to the Hall. A charge of £2 2s was decided on for school activities to be held the first week in February by the Nae Nae College.

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**10 Feb 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £62 8s 6d

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**05 Mar 1956 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £18 13s 6d; Credit balance £897 14s 10d; Rents received £95 11s 6d

Door account: The Chairman undertook to negotiate with Mr Wareham on this matter.

A letter of thanks was received from the Principal of Nae Nae College.

Buffalo Lodges: Mr Hewer reported that he had noted times of closing after lodge meetings and other aspects of their use of the hall which were not satisfactory. As the Lodges had been recently warned on these matters it was resolved that they be notified that their tenure would cease on April 30.

The Secretary reported an application by Mrs Wilkie for use of the kitchen 9 to 12 on school mornings for preparing school lunches. He had quoted 10s per day after conferring with a few members and had been requested to ask the Society for further consideration of the price. It was decided to offer the first week free and 10s a day thereafter.

The Secretary reported an application by the Taita Social Cricket Club for bowls evenings in supper room. The charge had in the past been 15s per night. It was decided that the charge should be increased to £1 per night.

Free use of the hall was granted to Mr J. Hamilton and D. De Menech for wedding receptions recently held.

The Secretary was instructed to buy one gross of tumblers and three dozen small glasses for use by the Society at its private socials.

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**09 Mar 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £95 11s 6d

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**03 Apr 1956 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £11 16s 11d; Credit balance £973 12s 10d; Takings £30 8s 6d  
A letter was received from City Council re footpath.  
A resignation was received from Mr A. Vettoretti who was leaving the district.

In discussing the social held, members felt that while this had been enjoyed by those present it would be wise to limit these to two per year – one after the Annual Meeting and one at Xmas.

As a large number of forms had been broken it was decided to have 18 new 8ft forms made as these would be necessary for a function later in the month. Mr McCallum undertook to arrange for this work.

The Secretary was authorized to buy paper towels and containers for the ladies cloak room and roller towel for the kitchen.

The Chairman reported that each of the Lodges has requested that a deputation be received and that in view of these requests he had called upon two trustees, Mr Searle and Mr Gorrie, to hear with him the representations of the lodges. After hearing these and obtaining from them strict assurances on the matters complained of they wished to make a recommendation to the Society to allow the lodges further use of the hall under strictly specified conditions. The resolution of the last meeting was rescinded and the meeting accepted this recommendation and the Secretary was instructed to advise the lodges accordingly and to set out the following conditions.

- [1] If hall not vacated by 12pm on any occasion our Secretary to be advised of time vacated
- [2] Ladies lav not to be used for any purpose
- [3] Own cooking vessel to be provided for savs etc.
- [4] No light globes to be displaced
- [5] No food refuse to be left on Hall property
- [6] Tea towels not to be used except for drying crockery
- [7] Drip bucket to be used under beer keg

[8] The following scale of charges to apply – Until 11.30pm £1 10s; 12pm £2; After 12pm £1 per hour or part thereof. Half an hour will be allowed for cleaning up and vacating the hall.

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**06 Apr 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £30 18s 6d  
**20 Apr 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £1 15s 3d

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**07 May 1956 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £33 15s for new forms; £10 for imprest account; Credit balance £994 9s 8d; Takings £47 12s

Ex POW Smoke Concert: The Secretary reported that Mc McCallum had looked in while this function was being held and it was decided that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting when Mr McCallum could attend.

The Secretary was instructed to invite members to attend a general cleaning effort on Sunday May 27 at 9am.

Floor scrubbing machine: Hewer, Hamilton, Westbury & Searle were appointed to secure a suitable type of machine for the hall and the Secretary to purchase two 10ft window brooms.

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**11 May 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £47 12s

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**05 Jun 1956 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £5 2s 3d; Credit balance £998 6s 8d; Takings £82 9s

A letter was received from Mr Kain of the Chromatic Concert Club applying for the use of supper room for practice on Sunday evenings. The application was granted at a charge of 10s per night from 7.30 to 10.15pm

Ex POW Smoke Concert: Mr McCallum reported on what he had seen of the smoke concert in the main hall and after discussion the meeting directed the Secretary to write to the Association advising that future smoke concerts were to be confined to the supper room only.

Concern was expressed at the number of cupboards required to be stored for organisations using the supper room and members asked to give the matter some thought before the next meeting.

Driveway: Mr Hamilton kindly agreed to spread a coat of metal on the driveway. Mr Jenkins undertook to have a notice fixed to assist in keeping the access clear of parked vehicles.

Scrubbing Machine: The sub-committee reported on their investigations and recommended the purchase of a Dixon's ½ H.P. machine scrubber and a vacuum suction dryer the purchase of which would cost a little over £200. This recommendation was adopted by the meeting and authority given to purchase the machines. In making this decision it was felt by those present that while the expenditure was large on this item there appeared to be no other satisfactory solutions to the problem of keeping the floors in clean condition as with the use now being made of the hall, floor scrubbing was now necessary twice a month in the kitchen and supper room.

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**08 Jun 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £82 9s

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**09 Jun 1956 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – Annual General Meeting**

Mr C. W. Hewer presided over a meeting of about 25 residents. Apologies: D. De Menech, G. Gorrie, E. Ferretti, J. Leniston and D. McMurray

The Chairman made reference to the new Government Valuation of £6,750 for the building on which the estimated replacement value was now about £10,000 and was covered by insurance for £8,500 at a premium of £51 per annum.

New committee to be up to 21 members – the following were elected:

C. W. Hewer	A. Hewer	A. Jenkins
C. E. Bertelsen	J. Searle	A. F. Westbury
F. Ferretti Snr	J. Hamilton	P. Battiston
A. McArthur	D. De Menech	G. Gorrie
D. M. Rout	E. Ferretti	J. Caldart
G. McCallum	D. McMurray	

Mr H. J. King was reappointed auditor.

A social evening was held after the close of the meeting.

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**02 Jul 1956 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary).

New members: A. Hewer, J. Caldart and D. Rout.

Accounts passed for payment: £83 10s 10d; Receipts £27 18s

The Secretary pointed out that the insurance cover would need to be increased with the purchase of the scrubbing and drying machines and it was resolved that a policy should be taken to cover these articles.

Opinion was expressed by several members that the maintaining of clean tea towels was an unjustified burden on caretakers owing to the dirty state in which they were often left by patrons. The Chairman agreed to investigate the matter and report to the next meeting.

Pianos: The Secretary reported that the actions of both pianos needed rebuilding and he was given authority to have this work carried out.

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**06 Jul 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £37 18s

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**06 Aug 1956 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £305 4s 10d; Credit balance £1014 13s 11d; Receipts £40 1s 6d

The Secretary reported arranging a cover of £175 for the scrubbing and drying machines. Authority was given for the purchase of four gallons detergent, one ringamop outfit and one rubbish bin.

Ex POW Association: A discussion took place on the state of the floor after the Ex POW cabaret dance and it was decided to watch the next on 6 October.

It was reported that a member had been assaulted at the closing of a dance and the person had not been identified. Members undertook to make every effort to identify the person concerned that police action might be taken against him.

Telephones: A discussion took place on the advisability of having a telephone extension to the hall but an affirmative decision was not reached as it was felt that nearby telephones could be reached with very little delay in event of an emergency occurring.

Mr A. Vettoretti explained that he had attended to bid farewell to members as he was leaving for the Auckland district and asked members to remain after the meeting and enjoy some refreshments he had provided as a parting gesture. He said he had enjoyed his association with the Society and its members. The Chairman and members thanked Mr Vettoretti for his gesture and Mr Hewer complimented him on his excellent work in the interests of the hall.

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**10 Aug 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £40 1s 6d

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**06 Sep 1956 Thu – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £6 15s 6d

An invitation was received from Taita Social Cricket Club to attend the final bowls night. The Secretary was instructed to reply accepting the invitation.

Xmas Social: The Chairman raised the matter of showing appreciation of the long service of members to the Society in an appropriate manner and as arrangements had been made to hold a Social in December it was felt that this would be an opportunity to recognize the services given by Mr F. Kitchener and Mr J. Searle. A sub-committee comprising E. Hewer, Westbury, Hamilton and Bertelsen was appointed to arrange the matter and to purchase suitable gifts for presentation at a cost of up to £20 each.

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**01 Oct 1956 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £6 16s 1d

Sink and tables for long room: Mr De Menech raised the matter of having glass washing facilities installed and lino fitted to table tops. The Secretary was instructed to enquire into glass washing facilities and Mr McArthur was instructed to fix lino to six tables.

Indoor bowls: Members reported on attending at the invitation of the Taita Social Cricket Club on 25 September the final night of the indoor bowls season. It was decided to waive the charge for the final night.

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**05 Oct 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £70 5s and £117 18s 7d

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**06 Nov 1956 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £3 for cup trays and £11 9s 5d for electricity; Credit balance £911 15s 6d; Receipts £59 7s

Tables: Mr McArthur reported that he would now be able to proceed with fixing lino to table tops.

Sink in long room: The Secretary reported that patent glass washing facilities had proved on inquiry to be very expensive and after discussion it was decided to have a doorway installed between the long room and kitchen and see if the problem of glass washing would be helped by such easier access to the kitchen facilities.

Trays: The Secretary was authorized to have six galv trays made especially for glasses.

Clean up of section: The Treasurer reported that after inquiry it appeared that an arsenic weed killer would be most suitable for the growth around the Hall and he was authorized to secure one gallon to be used on the section.

Jubilee: The Chairman asked members to give thought to the matter of holding a Jubilee function at some future time not too distant at the Hall, built in 1923 was approaching 35 years since its opening.

Cabaret Dances: A discussion took place on the advisability of having openings in the wall between the main hall and the long room, with a view to making the hall more suitable for cabaret dances. As there appeared to be certain disadvantages on the one hand, and certain advantages on the other and as no members appeared to have clearly formulated ideas on the construction problems involved the matter was not pursued to any finality.

Charges: Mr Caldart was granted use of the hall on 3 November without charge as a token of appreciation of the service given by him as a member of the Society.

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**09 Nov 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £59 7s

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### **03 Dec 1956 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £21 5s 5d; Credit balance £956 13s 1d; Receipts £34 11s 6d

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome home to Mr D. McMurray who had been overseas on leave of absence.

Tables: The Chairman reported that after Mr McArthur had secured lino for tables it had been found that the tables were not suitably constructed for fixing lino and were being painted until new tables could be arranged for. The doorway from long room to kitchen was installed and trays provided for glasses.

Section: Mr Hamilton offered to skim the growth from rear of hall by bulldozer.

Jehovas Witnesses: A letter was received concerning damage to tables and the Secretary reported the cost of gas used during the convention to be £2 15s. It was left to the Secretary to arrange repair of tables and secure reimbursement of the cost plus the amount of £2 for gas.

After the meeting Mr McMurray gave an account of some of his experiences while in England and during a tour of European countries. This proved to be a very entertaining account which was greatly enjoyed by all and which together with the refreshments made for a very enjoyable evening.

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**14 Dec 1956 Fri**      Bank Deposit £34 11s 6d

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### **04 Feb 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £61 12s 9d; Credit balance £938 9s 2d; Receipts £76 5s 9d

Xmas Social: Satisfaction was expressed at the Social held in December and Mr J. Searle thanked the Society for the honour done to him & Mr Kitchener on that occasion.

Caretakers: As the lodges had been having wet scraps it was decided letters be sent to them on this matter. The Zip heater had been leaking and was sent for repair.

Storm Water: A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, J. Hamilton and J. Searle was appointed to have provision for storm water drainage installed and to make a recommendation on sealing etc of the driveway and back yard.

Annual meeting was arranged for 8 June and date for the Xmas Social fixed for 21 December.

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**08 Feb 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £76 5s 6d



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**04 Mar 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £14 8s 11d; Credit balance £962 3s; Receipts £35 11s  
Members expressed appreciation of the redecoration done by D. McMurray and A. Ferretti  
Drainage sub-committee reported that a report on levels was being awaited from the Engineers Department  
Trestles: Mr W. Ford was granted use of the high trestles on loan.

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**08 Mar 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £35 11s

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**01 Apr 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £2 17s 11d; Credit balance £972 10s; Receipts £15

Drainage sub-committee reported on recommendations made by City Engineers re storm water and a plan which had been drawn up was produced providing for part 4 inch and part in six inch pipes. After some discussion on the proposals the matter was left to the sub-committee to finalise.

Anniversary celebration: The Chairman raised the matter of holding a suitable function to mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Hall as it had not been possible at the time to hold a 25 years jubilee function. This suggestion was generally approved by members present and after discussion the following resolution was carried. "That on the occasion of the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hall Opening the Society hold a celebration to do honour to foundation and past members, this to be held on 26 October 1957." (Gorrie/Searle)

A further resolution carried: "That a sub-committee comprising the Chairman with Messrs Hamilton, Searle, Gorrie, McMurray, Rout, Westbury and Bertelsen be constituted to plan the function.

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**05 Apr 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £15  
**26 Apr 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £7 19s 3d

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## 06 May 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Accounts passed for payment: £10 for imprest account and electricity; Credit balance £992 11s 4d; Receipts £95 9s 6d  
Drainage committee reported that it was now at the stage of calling tenders.

Anniversary Celebration: The sub-committee presented a plan for the suggested 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of opening, dated 26 October, suggesting the following procedure:

6.30-7pm Tables at stage end of Main Hall with open space in centre seats one side only. Row of forms to keep tables free while cocktail party held at south end of hall as guests arrive. Drinks served in main hall only.

7pm Buffet dinner, meats, chicken, ham etc. Sandwiches, savouries, cakes. Catering by Mrs Loveridge at 10s per head inclusive of supper.

Toasts [1] The Queen; [2] Taita Public Hall Society proposed by a foundation member – Reply the Chairman; [3] Foundation and past members proposed by present member. Reply – invite all foundation members to speak in reply.

After dinner: Evening to be spent in dancing, community singing, entertainment. Drinks to be served in long room by hired attendants.  
Deputy Chairman to be overseer with full authority for the whole function.  
Probable attendance 130 persons. Total cost approximately 25s per head.

This plan of procedure was approved and it was decided to recommend to the Annual Meeting of Residents on 8 June that the function be held on 26 October.

Indoor Bowls: An application for use of the main hall by Taita Social Cricket Club was granted the charge to be reduced to 35s per night (7.30-11.30) for this season only.

Annual Meeting: Members were reminded to ask their friends to attend on 8 June and the Chairman was instructed to purchase six bottles of spirits for the evening.

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**04 Jun 1957 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Obituary: On opening the meeting the Chairman spoke of the recent death of Mr H. Foley a foundation member and the first Chairman of the Society. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr Foley.

Accounts passed for payment: £14 2s 11d; Credit balance £983 2s 8d; Cash in hand £95 9s 6d; Receipts £33 15s 6d

Anniversary function: The Secretary was instructed to engage Mr Billy Stoltz and his drummer for 26 October at a quoted cost of £7 10s for 8-12pm  
It was decided to purchase a H.M.V. fan heater for use of committee members only at a cost of £11 5s

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**07 Jun 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £95 9s 6d and £33 15s 6d

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## 08 Jun 1957 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – Annual Meeting of Residents

About 25 residents were present. Mr C. W. Hewer presided.

On opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the recent death of Mr H. Foley late of Rotorua who had been a foundation member of the Society and its first chairman. Those present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr Foley.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the great success of the social evening held at Xmas 1956 in honour of the service given by Messrs J. Searle and F. Kitchener, and outlined some of the work which it was hoped would be done during the coming year.

The retiring Secretary outlined some of the items making up the total of expenditure during the year.  
New committee to be up to 21 members – the following were nominated and elected:

J. Searle	E. Ferretti
J. Hamilton	P. Battiston
C. Bertelsen	A. F. Westbury
A. Jenkins	C. Hewer
A. Hewer	F. Ferretti
J. Caldart	G. McCallum
D. Rout	D. McMurray
A. McArthur	G. Gorrie
D. De Menech	

Mr H. J. King was reappointed auditor.

Anniversary Function: The Chairman pointed out that in October 1957 would fall the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the hall and the retiring committee felt that as it had not been possible owing to war conditions etc to hold a Jubilee function in the past, and as the finances were now in a healthy state a function could be held to which all past members available could be invited. It was expected to cost up to £150 and he asked for an expression of opinion from the meeting. After several speakers had supported the proposal J. Hamilton/Westbury moved that it be a recommendation to the committee that an Anniversary function be held as suggested – this was carried by the meeting.

Photo: Mr McMurray suggested that a photo of the committee for the year should be taken in conjunction with the function.

The Chairman expressed a hearty welcome to Mr E. S. Hewer a past member and secretary of the society who had arrived during the meeting. Mr E. S. Hewer expressed his great pleasure in finding the hall in excellent repair and the finances and income of the Society in a very satisfactory condition.

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**01 Jul 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)  
Accounts passed for payment: £63 3s; Credit balance £1077 19s 9d; Receipts £64 16s 6d

Sub-committee on drainage reported that tenders of £133, £128 and £115 had been received and the lowest tender of Mr Earl Billington, Sandford Street, Trentham being £115 was accepted.

Kitchen: The Chairman stated that this sub-committee with a view to improving the kitchen equipment had purchased a warming oven which was offered a considerable reduction and had arranged to have the Power Board advise on other suitable equipment to replace the gas stove and copper. The meeting passed a resolution approving of these actions.

Cupboard space: The Chairman was instructed to arrange for improvements to bar room and a storage cupboard in the gents dressing room.

Roof: The Chairman also reported having given attention to the roof which he felt would require considerable further attention during the summer.

Caretakers: Mr McMurray reported that nine plates were probably at the Rugby Club room and undertook to investigate. It was reported that Wingate Taita Lodge used the main hall until 2am on 20 June.

Grand Lodge RAOB. This body was granted use of the supper room for committee meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 2 to 5pm at 10s commencing 14 July.

Anniversary Celebration: The following sub-committee was appointed to make all arrangements for the recommended function on 26 October – C. W. Hewer, J. Hamilton, J. Searle, G. Gorrie, A. F. Westbury, D. Rout, D. McMurray and Secretary.

Fire insurance: The Secretary reported that Mr McMurray had drawn attention to cheaper premiums available with the State Fire Office. It was resolved that a quote for all policies be sought and that the Society's officers and trustees subsequently meet and decide on the advisability or otherwise of changing the policies from the present insurers.

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**05 Jul 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £64 16s 6d

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**05 Aug 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Standard Insurance £39 16s; Gas £11 4s 2d; Telephone £2 17s 11d; Plates and electric globes £3 6s – total £57 4s 1d  
Credit balance £1035 15s 3d; Receipts £72 6s 6d

Sub-committee report

Drainage work was reported to be nearly completed with provision for extra downpipe etc.  
Kitchen: A multipoint gas heater with gas-ring and extra bench top to suit was recommended.  
Bar room: The provision of a sink with tap was also recommended.

The sub-committee was authorized to proceed with these proposals – also to have preparatory work carried out in levelling the driveway and yard.

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**09 Aug 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £72 6s 6d

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## 02 Sep 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

A written apology was received from Mr A. Hewer on account of illness. The Secretary was instructed to write expressing best wishes to Mr A. Hewer and to Mr F. W. Kitchener who was reported ill in hospital.

Accounts passed for payment: £64 3s 4d City Rates; £134 15s 7d Drainage; £5 14s 1d Goods; Credit balance £957 15s 11d; Receipts £87 3s

Caretakers: Austin Social Club were reported late in vacating the hall, also that an unfortunate incident had occurred at the Dance. It was decided a letter should be sent pointing out that 1pm closing will be expected in future and the hall closed by 1.30.

The Sub-Committee reported that the price of £100 for a concrete drive had been secured which price compared with other estimates and that Mr Hamilton had been requested to have the preparatory excavating and levelling work done which would include levelling the back yard and disposal of concrete blocks and rubbish. These arrangements were approved by the meeting.

Lodges: It was reported that the lodges were not adhering to the conditions agreed to in the letters exchanged in 1956 and the Chairman and Mr Searle reported on a discussion with Mr P. Boyle of Wingate Taita Lodge. A discussion took place and while it was felt by some members that the Lodges should not have further use of the hall it was finally resolved as follows: That the Taita Wingate and the Avalon lodge be advised that the following conditions apply:

- [1] Lodge functions to terminate by 11.30 and hall to be vacated by 12pm unless by prior written application.
- [2] Any member of hall committee to have access to hall after 11.30
- [3] Conditions as previously set out by letter to be strictly adhered to.
- [4] If these conditions or stipulations be diverted from in the slightest degree the use of the hall by the lodge cease forthwith upon written notice being given.

The above resolution was carried unanimously upon the motion of Mr J. Searle seconded Mr P. Battiston

Anniversary Function: The Secretary reported the invitations posted for 26 October and Mr Hewer reported the catering arranged with Mrs Loveridge and with Taita Hotel supplying liquor at merchant prices and providing stewards. It was resolved that a photographer should be arranged for and the opinion was expressed that a press report should be arranged giving an outline of the history of the Hall and the Society.

**Two clippings (newspapers unknown) are pasted into the minute book: Reunion of Hall Committees and Avalon Hall Record Achievement**

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06 Sep 1957 Fri      Bank Deposit £87 3s

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**07 Oct 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Concrete Construction Co. for concrete drive £108 10s; J. H. Hamilton for excavating etc £45; Mr E. Smith for plumbing £10 14s; Power Board for gas heater £72 4s 2d; Telephone £3 1s 11d; J. Partington for carpentry £47 6s; A. McArthur for new tables £19 10s; Hutt Printing for invitations £3 5s; River Board for rates £1 18s 5d – Total £311 9s 9d

Caretakers: It was reported that a general clean up was required before 26 October and this was arranged for 20 October at 9am

Bowls: Taita Social Cricket Club extended an invitation to members to join them with their wives at the end of the season bowls night.

Charges: Mr D. De Menech was granted free use of the hall for 27 September and the Social Cricket Club for 8 October.

Curtains: A discussion took place on the matter of replacing stage curtains. After inspection it was decided to leave the matter until February when a full investigation of the decorative and lighting scheme should be made.

Buffalo Lodges: The Chairman reported that on investigation he had found both the Avalon and Wingate Taita Lodges remaining after the hours stipulated. He reported on discussions held with the officers of both lodges and after consideration of the report it was decided to notify both lodges that the hall would be available in each case for one further meeting only on 10 October and 16 October.

Anniversary Function: Final arrangements were made for 26 October and members asked to be in attendance early.

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**11 Oct 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £83 8s 6d

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#### 04 Nov 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Obituary: On opening the meeting the Chairman spoke of the death of Mr Fred Kitchener a foundation member and trustee of the Society for many years. He pointed out that Mr Kitchener had been in charge of building the hall in 1922 and had given service for about 20 years as a member of the committee until the alterations carried out after the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War were completed. He then served as a trustee until the time of his death. Mr J. Searle and the Secretary also spoke of the valued service given to the Society by both Mr and Mrs Kitchener over many years and members gave expression to their great regret at his passing after an illness of about four months. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr Kitchener.

Accounts passed for payment: Anniversary Fund Expenses – Taita Hotel £75 8s 6d, Mrs Loveridge £81 5s and music, entertainer, doorkeeper etc £17 3s 6d – total £173 17s.

Credit balance £746 10s 3d; Takings for the month £33 1s from rent and £64 3s 4d being a grant in respect of rates by the City Council.

A discussion took place on the function which was attended by about 125 persons and the opinion was generally expressed that the evening had been a far greater success than anticipated. The expression of pleasure which so many past members had conveyed to members during the evening and the spirit of comradeship and friendship which was evident at the gathering had shown that the function had been enjoyed by the guests to a degree which greatly surpassed all expectations. Mr J. Searle moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for the considerable amount of effort they had expended in preparing for the function and this was carried by acclamation.

The Secretary was requested to send letters of thanks to Mr C. Westbury for assisting with violin solos and to Mr White of the reserves Department for the loan of pot plants for decorations. As Mr J. Hamilton had taken a tape recording of the dinner speeches it was decided to have as much as possible put into typewritten form as a permanent record and to obtain a number of photos taken to place in the hall.

Photo of present committee: It was decided to have this taken at the next meeting on 2 December.

Xmas Social: As this had been previously arranged for 2 December and it now was felt that 7 December would be preferable the secretary was requested to try and arrange to have the night changed to 7 December.

Chairs: It was decided that about 25 chairs should be secured and the Chairman and Treasurer were instructed to purchase a suitable number of chairs of a suitable type when these could be found.

At close of the meeting Mr Hamilton kindly produced his tape recorder and members spent an enjoyable time hearing a reproduction of the Anniversary Function speeches and items. **Note: A typewritten record of speeches is held by the Secretary.**

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**07 Nov 1957 Thu**      Bank Deposit £97 4s 4d

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**02 Dec 1957 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £15 4s 6d; Credit balance £640 17s 7d; receipts £30 15s

The Chairman and Treasurer reported on chairs and advised that they had not yet completed investigations.

Photos: Several photos were shown from the Anniversary function and a photograph was taken in the hall of the present committee.

Trustee: As the loss of Mr F. Kitchener had left only three trustees the appointment of Mr C. W. Hewer was approved to fill the vacancy.

Bank authority: It was resolved that a new bank authority be completed to authorize operation of the Society's bank account by any one trustee together with the Secretary and Treasurer conjointly and it was further resolved that the Seal of the Society be affixed to the authority when completed.

Social: Final arrangements were made for the Xmas Social on 6 December and Mr D. McMurray appointed M.C.

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**06 Dec 1957 Fri**      Bank Deposit £30 15s

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**27 Jan 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Credit balance: £630 5s 10d; Receipts £61 10s

Chairs: It was resolved that the sub-committee be instructed to purchase 50 chairs and to bring the tables to a more suitable height that the trestles should be cut down two inches.

Lights and decorations: A sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Hamilton, Rout, Westbury, McMurray, Bertelsen was appointed to investigate and report on lighting and decoration of the hall to an improved standard.

Roof: The Chairman was authorized to arrange for repairs to the iron roof.

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**30 Jan 1958 Thu**      Bank Deposit £61 10s

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**03 Mar 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £4 7s 11d; Credit balance £686 0s 10d; takings £32 8s

Chairs: The Chairman reported that 50 chairs were ordered at £1 10s each, also that Mr J. Partington had arranged to carry out necessary repairs to main roofing iron.

Lights: The sub-committee reported on lighting and was asked to bring a further report on the advisability of changing the main hall lighting completely to fluorescent.

Ceiling: The sub-committee was instructed to secure three tenders for painting ceiling and if reasonable to have the work done.

Yard: Mr Battiston agreed to scythe down the growth in the back yard.

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**07 Mar 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £32 8s

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**31 Mar 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £4 19s 11d; Credit balance £713 10s 11d; Receipts £43 2s 6d

Painting Ceiling: The subcommittee reported having accepted the tender of Painted Ltd of £67 for the ceiling in main hall and were authorized to negotiate further regarding the stage ceiling.

Lighting: The sub-committee reported that it had concluded its investigations into fluorescent lighting in the main hall and made the recommendation that a complete changeover be made using double 5ft tubes connected to the existing wiring. These fittings were quoted by Claude Neon Ltd to cost approximately £100. The committee's recommendation was adopted and the Secretary was authorized to arrange with Mr A. Jackson to install the lights and do other desired work installing lights and points.

Avalon Lodge account: The Secretary reported receiving a final settlement from the Lodge; the amount being approved.

Music: The Secretary was instructed to engage Mr R. Mailman as pianist for 7 June and 6 December.

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**03 Apr 1958 Thu**      Bank Deposit £43 2s 6d**21 Apr 1958 Mon**      Bank Deposit £1 7s 6d

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**05 May 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £75 for chairs, £75 10s for painting, £10 imprest account; Credit balance £753 1s; receipts £28 1s 10d

The Chairman reported the new chairs on hand, the fluorescent lights installed and the main hall ceiling painted and members expressed complete satisfaction with these items.

Old lights: It was decided to offer the old replaced lighting fixtures to the Taita Football Club at a price of £1 each.

Charges: It was decided to charge £3 for Ex POW Annual meeting and £3 3s for dinner function held by Methodist Church

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**09 May 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £28 1s

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**03 Jun 1958 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £134 9s 5d; Credit balance £771 2s; receipts £48 17s 6d

Photos of committee were distributed to members and the matter of lettering in the members names on the enlargement to be hung in the hall was left to Westbury & Rout.

Charges: It was decided to bring before the Annual General Meeting that in the opinion of the retiring committee the charges for the hall should now be raised.

A deputation from the Social Cricket Club was received on the matter of cupboards and the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer appointed as a sub-committee to make arrangements for space.

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**06 Jun 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £42 17s 6d

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## 07 Jun 1958 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

About 25 residents were present. Mr C. W. Hewer presided. Apologies – D. McMurray and E. Ferretti

Obituary: On opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the death during the year of Mr Fred Kitchener, a trustee of the Society who had been a foundation member and had been responsible for the construction work on the building in 1922. Those present stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr Kitchener.

The Chairman spoke of the considerable improvements carried out during the year, also the very successful 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner function which had brought together in the Hall so many past members of the Society and their wives in a happy social atmosphere.

Mr A. F. Westbury pointed out that the rent receipts for the year had set a new record of £637.

New committee to be up to 21 members – the following were appointed – C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, P. Battiston, C. Bertelsen, A. F. Westbury, A. Jenkins, G. Caldart, G. McCallum, D. Rout, D. McMurray, A. McArthur, D. De Menech, E. Ferretti, A. F. Hewer

Mr H. J. King was reappointed auditor.

General business: Mr Searle expressed pleasure that the kitchen equipment had been brought to a high standard. Many expressions of satisfaction from caterers and persons using the hall had reached the committee. Suggestions to the incoming committee were given that a number of smaller plates should be provided in the kitchen and that curtains and pelmets could be fitted to the front windows to add to the inside appearance of the hall.

Charges: It was recommended that the scale of charges be reviewed in view of the considerable improvements made.  
At close of the meeting an enjoyable social was held attended by a large number of residents.

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**07 Jul 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)

Accounts passed for payment: Crockery £39, Insurance £39 16s, Electric power and gas £17 10s, Audit fee £3 3s, Piano tuning £3 0s 5d, Redye curtains £4, Refreshments £14 3s 10d, Music £3 – total £123 17s 10d  
Credit balance £640 0s 1d, receipts £53 10s

The Secretary was instructed to purchase six dozen plates, one dozen tea towels and new sink plugs and hotpoint.

Mr J. Crooks was elected to membership of the Society.

Curtains for front windows: A sub-committee comprising Messrs Hewer, Hamilton and Westbury was appointed to provide suitable curtains.

Trestles: A sample was provided for inspection by Mr Hamilton and examined by members. A discussion on this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Rental charges: The Secretary reported having obtained a list of the charges for the Moera Hall which he felt could be used to give some guide if the committee was desirous of increasing the present charges. The list showed the following comparisons:

Facility and activity	Moera Hall	Avalon Hall
Main Hall – complete (including crockery)		
Dances, parties and weddings to 12pm	£7 5s	
Dances and parties to 12pm		£5 5s
Weddings to 12pm		£6 6s
Supper room (including crockery)		
To 12pm	£4 10s	
Weddings to 12pm		£4
Parties to 12pm		£3

It was felt by the meeting that some advance in charges should be made and members were asked to give the matter some thought until the next meeting on 4 August when a further discussion should take place.

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**11 Jul 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £53 10s

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**04 Aug 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £42 7s 11d; Credit balance £461 5s 1d; receipts £60 14s  
The Chairman extended a welcome to Mr J. Crooks on his rejoining the Society.

The sub-committee on curtains reported having purchased materials which Mrs Hewer had kindly consented to make into curtains, also that it had been decided to fit pelmet boards over front windows and stage opening.

Trestles: This matter was left over to next meeting.

Charges: A lengthy discussion was held on rental charges and the Secretary tabled a list of proposed charges which would compare with the charges for Moera Hall. Mr Westbury moved that this list should be adopted to take effect from 1 January 1959. Mr Gorrie moved an amendment to provide for increases of a lesser amount and Mr C. W. Hewer moved an amendment to provide for a rate which would make a higher charge for weddings than for dances, as had been the practice in the past. Mr Westbury's motion was carried on a show of hands. The list of charges adopted is as follows:

Main Hall complete with crockery and all conveniences for weddings, dances, parties etc up to midnight £7; to 1am £8  
Supper Room with kitchen to midnight £4; to 1am £5; for meetings £1  
Afternoon Weddings – Main Hall £4; Supper Room £3

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**08 Aug 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £60 14s

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**01 Sep 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £86 17s; Credit balance £481 9s 2d; Receipts £49 11s

Trestles: A further sample of trestle was brought for examination and a decision on the most preferable type was left until the next meeting.  
Caretakers reported that two window panes and one window cord broken.

Tennis Club: The Secretary stated that there appeared to be a possibility of the Taita Tennis Club not functioning owing to lack of membership and suggested that the Hall Society might in that case assume responsibility for the property rather than allow the asset to be lost to the district. Mr McMurray undertook to make investigations concerning the title to the property and to report to the next meeting.

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**05 Sep 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £49 11s

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**06 Oct 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £29 10s; Credit balance £428 6s 2d; Receipts £86 15s  
A letter of thanks was received from Grand Lodge RAOB.

Tennis Club: The Secretary stated that on investigating the title to the Tennis Court property appeared to be in no danger at present of being lost, by the fact that a successful club could not be maintained. It appeared therefore that no action was necessary but the situation should be kept under observation.

An invitation was extended to members and their wives to participate in the final night of the Taita Social Club's indoor bowls and the meeting decided to offer the Hall free of rent for the night.

Taita Basketball Club were granted a reduction of £2 2s in rent for their Annual Social.  
Trestles: This matter was left under investigation.

Congratulations were extended to Mr F. Ferretti on his forthcoming Golden Wedding anniversary and best wishes extended to Mr G. Gorrie for his holiday in Australia.

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**10 Oct 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £86 18s

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**03 Nov 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £15 4s 2d; Credit balance £501 0s 5d; Receipts £24 17s 6d rent and £74 15s rates refund.

Trestles: Mr G. Caldart was authorized to supply trestles for tables to a pattern which was approved by the meeting.

Mr Jenkins undertook to patch up a split floor board and a board on front of stage.

Free use of the hall was granted for Mr and Mrs Ferretti's Golden Wedding celebration.

Social arrangements were made for 6 December, D. Rout to be M.C., C. W. Hewer to purchase liquid refreshments, D. McMurray sugar and tea, J. Searle milk.

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**06 Nov 1958 Thu**      Bank Deposit £99 12s 6d



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**01 Dec 1958 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Credit balance: £584 18s 8d; Receipts £21 4s

Caretakers reported that General Motors Body Shop social resulted in a lot of spillages on the floor which should be guarded against next social.

Charges: The following were granted use of the hall free of charge – W. Just for Xmas meeting; Bisons Lodge for Xmas meeting; Mr A. McArthur for wedding  
A charge of £4 was decided for Grimes and Browning Xmas party this year.

Zip Heaters: It was decided to install water heater in the bar and an automatic switch to heater in kitchen.  
Mr Battiston kindly agreed to cut the grass in back yard and Mr Jenkins to repair board fronting stage.

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**12 Dec 1958 Fri**      Bank Deposit £21 4s

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**02 Feb 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Telephone £2 17s 11d; Zip Heaters £28 1s 10d; Trestles £32; W. H. Lees & Co. £23 14s 4d – total £86 14s 1d

Receipts: £66 17s

A letter was received from the City Council setting conditions for renewal of Public Hall licence.

Charges: A charge of £2 was decided on for a booking by H. E. Leightons.

The Rugby Football Club were granted free use of tables during a Queen Carnival.

The Chairman extended the good wishes of the Society to Mr and Mrs D. Rout who were leaving the district and thanked Mr Rout for his services over 2½ years. Mr Rout was accorded a hearty vote of thanks by the meeting.

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**06 Feb 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £66 17s

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**16 Mar 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: 15s for glazing window; Credit balance £601 16s 2d; Receipts £19 16s

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Middleton to re-hinge the door into supper room and to patch wall in long room.

A letter was received from Bank of New Zealand advising that interest would be in future paid at 3% on credit balance and that bank charges would be waived.

Catholic Youth Club: The Secretary reported application by Father Broadbent for the hall on Sundays for youth club activities to commence in April. He had quoted the schedule rate of £2 for Sunday afternoons and reported that they intended to have evening dancing once a month on Sundays until about 11pm and requested that the committee consider the charge that would be made in this case. The Secretary's action in quoting £2 for Sunday afternoons was approved (Searle/Battiston) and with regard to the evening activities the Chairman requested that an application in writing be received from the Youth Club.

Tea Waggon: Mr Hamilton reported that he had ordered a three-tier tea wagon of special design for use in the hall.

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**20 Mar 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £19 16s

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**02 Apr 1959 Thu – Avalon Public Hall – Special Meeting**

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called on urgent representations being made by the Catholic youth club together with Father Broadbent to allow use of the hall for a social evening on 5 April from 7.45 to 10.45pm. Apparently the club had made tentative arrangements to hold the social on this Sunday night. A letter was received from the Club making application for use of the hall on that occasion, and also a letter from Father Broadbent making a personal appeal on the Club's behalf. All aspects pertaining to the application were given the fullest discussion.

Bertelsen/J. Searle      That the application be granted for 5 April only as a trial under special conditions to be specified by the meeting.

The voting was seven for and seven against the motion which was lost on the Chairman's casting vote.

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**05 Apr 1959 Sun – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £12 15s 11d; Credit balance £588 17s 2d; Receipts £28 16s

Letters of thanks were received from Avalon Women's Institute and Taita Football Club.

Clean up of Section: The Chairman undertook to spread salt to kill the growth and Mr McCallum to cut the hedges.

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**10 Apr 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £28 16s**27 Apr 1959 Mon**      Bank Deposit £4 5s 6d

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**04 May 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £1 15s and £10 was authorized for imprest account

Repairs: The Secretary reported that Mr A. Middleton had rehinged the door and patched the wall free of charge and he was asked to send Mr Middleton a letter of thanks.

Mr A. Hewer who was not well sent a report and a listing of property on hand – cups, saucers etc  
The Chairman reported on the Youth Club activities which appeared to be going fairly satisfactorily.  
J. Hamilton kindly accepted the position of M.C. for the annual meeting.

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**15 May 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £16

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**02 Jun 1959 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £2 17s 11d; Credit balance £606 9s 5d; Takings £57 5s

Caretakers: It was reported that the Taita Social Club was using the towels in the bar and the Chairman offered to investigate. It was reported that the steps to the stage were in bad condition with borer and required attention.

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**05 Jun 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £57 5s

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## 06 Jun 1959 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – Annual General Meeting

14 residents were present. Apologies from E. Ferretti, G. McCallum, D. McMurray, G. Gorrie

The Chairman, C. W. Hewer, made comment on the activities of the past year during which for various reasons there had been a decline in the use of the hall. The Treasurer, A. F. Westbury, pointed out that evidently owing to a change in the Auditors staff the rent receipts shown in the accounts for this year covered only 11 months – as 13 months receipts had been shown in last years figures. Mr Searle pointed out that under the circumstances ruling the rent receipts were still very satisfactory as was the general result of the years work.

Messrs King and Grant were reappointed Auditors to the Society.

The retiring committee were unanimously re-elected with power to add to their number. The names of those so elected are as follows: C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti, G. Gorrie, J. Searle, J. H. Hamilton, P. Battiston, A. F. Westbury, C. E. Bertelsen, A. Jenkins, G. Caldart, G. McCallum, J. Crooks, D. McMurray, A. J. McArthur, A. F. Hewer, E. Ferretti.

General Business: C. W. Hewer pointed out that as a result of leakages from the windows the west wall was in need of repairs and replacement of windows and he felt that this work would need to be undertaken during the next summer period.

At the close of the meeting a very enjoyable social evening was held which was attended by about 80 residents.

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**06 Jul 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Standard Insurance £39 16s; Detergent £2 2s; Auditor and typing £4 13s; Lees & Co. £13 2s; Pianist £3; Teapot £1 19s 6d – Total £64 12s 6d.

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)  
New member: Mr Barry Hodgins was elected to membership

Steps from ladies room to stage: The Secretary stated that Mr A. McArthur had inspected the steps and advised that repair would be very difficult without complete replacement. It was decided that injection of the borer holes would hold the trouble in check without replacement at this stage.

Trestles: It was reported that the new trestles required slightly longer tie cords and a slight reduction in width to fit some tables. No action was decided on at the meeting.

Death of Mr George August Senior: It was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the family of the late Mr August who had resided in the district for many years and had been a popular member of the old Taita community.

Repair to West Wall: A sub-committee comprising C. Hewer, J. Hamilton, A. Westbury, G. Gorrie and B. Hodgins was appointed for this work with powers as follows: Selection and engagement of tradesmen for replacement of sashes on west wall and all incidental work in replacement of timbers, wallboard and painting necessary to make a satisfactory job. The sub-committee was directed that the work should be done as soon as possible after Xmas.

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**10 Jul 1959 Fri**          Bank Deposit £41 17s 6d

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**03 Aug 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: City Rates £74 15s, Telephone £2 17s 11d; Credit balance £622 14s 6d; Receipts £24 10s

Sub-committee reported on west wall that an inspection in daylight had shown that weather damage was not as great as had been feared and that the studs appeared to be sound. The sub-committee recommended that five of the sashes be replaced, fitted with trays and new architraves. It was felt that this was all that was required and that the work would not interfere with any bookings. The sub-committee's report and recommendation was approved. Mr Hodgins suggested that rust proofing treatment was desirable on the iron covering the lean to roof.

Caretakers: J. Hamilton undertook to contact Jones Timber Co. concerning missing teaspoons.

Death of Mrs J. Bentley, widow of one of the Society's foundation members was reported at the age of 92. The Secretary reported that on consultation with the chairman a floral wreath had been sent.

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**07 Aug 1959 Fri**          Bank Deposit £24 10s

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**07 Sep 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £17 7s; Credit balance £569 11s 7d; Receipts £94 5s

A letter was received from Mr J. Rice complaining of the condition of the hall when he arrived to hold a function on 15 August. The Secretary was instructed to write expressing an apology to Mr Rice and to offer a refund of £3 on the rent paid. It was agreed by the meeting that this unfortunate happening showed the necessity of examining the hall and dusting the seats before every function. Members were also of the opinion that the hall was not always left in a satisfactory condition after the Taita Social Club's indoor bowls evenings.

The building sub-committee reported that Mr Partington had been engaged to replace sashes and architraves on west wall and make slight repairs to back wall. A report on "Flint Kote" a bitumen coating compound, showed that the cost of coating the iron on the lean to roof would be a very considerable outlay.

Youth Club: The Chairman undertook to see Father Broadbent concerning a chip in the supper room floor. The Chairman reported spreading three bags of salt on the yard and drive.

Xmas Social: The Chairman drew attention to the fact that Mr F. Ferretti's service to the Society now amounted to 21 years of membership and recognition of this service should be given at the Social on 5 December.

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**11 Sep 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £94 5s

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**05 Oct 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £4 15s 11d; Credit balance £652 6s; Receipts £19

Sub-committee on building repair reported good progress with west wall and that arrangements were being made to have part of passage way lined with hardboard, some patching done to roofing iron and some spouting renewed. It was felt also that some interior painting would need to be done on walls where patching had been necessary, also in kitchen and bar room.

A letter was received from Capistrano Club thanking the Society for making the hall available for Sunday afternoons during the winter and requesting use of the hall for one Sunday evening a month during the summer. The application for Sunday evening bookings was declined.

A letter from Avery Kindergarten Association requested use of the hall from 9-12am for Kindergarten classes for about two years until a permanent Kindergarten was established on Avalon Crescent reserve by the Free Kindergarten Association. It was stated that the back yard would be put in lawn with sand pit and swings by themselves. The supper room only would be used for classes and the necessary cleaning and maintenance of the room and back yard done by Kindergarten Association members. The meeting decided in favour of the application at a charge of 10s per week plus power and a sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Secretary and D. McMurray appointed to meet the Association to arrange details.

Caretakers: Reported that the gas ring had been left on and door left open after bowls on 23 September. The vacuum pick up was reported not working.  
Charges: The following reductions were allowed – Basketball Club 25 September £4; Rugby Football Club 19 September £5 5s

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**09 Oct 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £19

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## 02 Nov 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Accounts passed for payment: J. Partington (repairs) £59 11s 3d; Power and Gas Board £16 1s 9d; Linds Radio House £3 13s 6d – total £79 6s 6d

Sub-committee on repairs reported the carpentry work completed and the plumbing work started.

Kindergarten: The sub-committee reported having met representatives of Avery Kindergarten and having made agreement on the following points:

- [1] Kindergarten Association to put yard in and maintain same to suit their requirements, to put in swings, sandpit etc.
- [2] Shed to be sited in yard to approval of Hall committee
- [3] Hall piano to be used, small tables may be left in room except weekends
- [4] Milk stand may be placed near footpath
- [5] Occasional sweeping up after hall booking to be done by Kindergarten Society
- [6] Other arrangements to be made or other room used if any important conflicting booking of supper room
- [7] Toilets to be left clean after use
- [8] Two keys to be supplied and to be in charge of teacher and one Kindergarten Society member respectively
- [9] Towel racks may be left in room when not otherwise booked
- [10] Charge 10s per week excluding holidays – power extra

These points of agreement were ratified by the meeting.

Other matters as follows were referred to the meeting.

- [1] Siting of shed. It was considered that about ten feet from the hall would be suitable.
- [2] Special afternoon kindergarten once weekly to 4pm. An extra 5s charge was decided on.
- [3] Charge for Xmas party Tuesday 15 December – 10s
- [4] Heating milk for cocoa was approved providing power and gas was paid for.

It was reported that some soil filling had already been placed in the yard by the Kindergarten Society.

Caretakers: It was reported that the vacuum pick up was now working well after being repaired, also that the sump grating had fallen in through having no proper support. Mr B. Hodgins said that he felt the hall was generally in a dirty state and cleaning up to the desired standard was beyond the capacity of caretakers unless some special effort was made by the whole committee or unless some other person could be secured on a paid basis to give a general clean up. This opinion was endorsed by other members and it was decided to try and find some person who could do such work when necessary.

Xmas meetings: It was decided to grant free use of the hall to Avalon Women's Institute and to Bisons Lodge for their Xmas meetings.

Invitation: Mr Hewer extended an invitation to all members with their wives to be present at an evening on 21 November after his son's wedding.

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**07 Dec 1959 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £143 7s 3d; Credit balance £587 3s 7d; Receipts £91 19s 6d rent (two months) and City Council grant £74 15s offset rates

Report from building committee stated the roof repairs, spouting etc completed.

Report from Kindergarten sub-committee stated that a charge of £15 for the year had been agreed on for heating etc for kindergarten classes and the meeting approved of this arrangement for 12 months.

It was reported that cleaners had been secured and the necessary work done at a cost of £9 10s 1d.

Caterers: The Secretary was instructed to see Maadi caterers re two missing teapots.

An application for reduced charge for a Saturday afternoon booking for Avalon Free Kindergarten Association was declined.

Cricket Club Jubilee: It was resolved that a letter of congratulation be sent to the Cricket Club on attaining their 25<sup>th</sup> year and that free use of the hall be granted for the Clubs Jubilee evening.

Free use of the hall was also granted for the Hewer/Grills wedding.

The Secretary reported that the drainlayer had altered the sump so that the grating was properly supported without charge being made as this was an oversight when the work was first done.

Members expressed satisfaction with the social held on 5 December at which Mr F. Ferretti was presented with a canteen of cutlery as a token of appreciation for his 21 years service on the committee. The Chairman gave special thanks to those members who assisted and it was decided to make small gifts to Mr A. F. Hewer's two daughters who so ably assisted in the kitchen and to those boys who assisted with refreshments.

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**11 Dec 1959 Fri**      Bank Deposit £166 14s 6d

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**01 Feb 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Electricity and Gas £8 9s 11d and telephone £2 17s 11d; Credit balance £600 1s 5d

The Secretary reported securing the two missing teapots from Maadi caterers. In view of the fact that utensils were at times taken by mistake it was decided to have transfers printed to identify articles as the property of the Hall Society.

A letter was received from Taita Rugby Club declining an offer of light fixtures. Charge of £4 was agreed on for Mr W. Owen's party.

Kindergarten: It was reported that the Kindergarten was operating satisfactorily and the back yard was in good order for them except for the untidiness of the incinerator. After discussion it was decided that the building sub-committee should take the responsibility of making some more suitable provision for the incinerator and for rubbish disposal generally.

The matter of interior painting where necessary was still under attention by the sub-committee and it was felt that the roof painting should be left until after the coming winter.

Condition of street footpaths: The long delay in the Council's commencing the reconstruction of the street, and the inconvenience to those using the hall as a result of it remaining so long in so bad a condition was the subject of complaints by members and in order to get some indication of when the work would be done the Secretary was instructed to write to the Council on the matter.

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**05 Feb 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £37 5s\

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**05 Mar 1960 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: 17s 8d; Credit balance £634 8s 6d; Receipts £27 5s

A letter of thanks was received from Taita Cricket Club for free use of the hall for the Clubs Jubilee function and extending an invitation to their social on 16 April.

A letter from Hutt City Council pointed out that a light should be installed over the rear exit door for fire emergency precaution.

Mr A. Jenks volunteered to reglaze broken sashes and louvres.

Building sub-committee reported the installation of a vent in gents room, the installation of two fluorescent lights in the kitchen having been arranged.

It had been decided to have a slab of concrete and a low wall built for the incinerator and Mr Partington had been contacted concerning this work.

It was felt by the sub-committee that a swing door should be fitted in the gents room to replace the door that had been removed some years ago.

Kindergarten: On a suggestion from the Kindergarten Association for a concrete path at back of hall it was agreed that the Society would pay for material for a path if the work was done by the Association.

Ascot heater: It was reported that this had been adjusted and was now operating satisfactorily again.

Taita Indoor Bowls Social Club: It was reported that bowls would commence on 9 March and the Chairman and Secretary were instructed to meet their officials concerning leaving the hall in unsatisfactory condition after bowls.

For Annual Meeting on 11 June – The Secretary to engage Mr Mailman as pianist.

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**12 Mar 1960 Sat**      Bank Deposit £27 5s

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**04 Apr 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £2 17s 11d; Credit balance £669 15s 4d

A letter was received from Lower Hutt City Council stating that it was expected that work on the reconstruction of Mabey Road would be commenced before the end of the year.

The Secretary reported on a meeting between the Taita Social Club officers and Mr C. Hewer & Mr Bertelsen and stated that as a result of the meeting it was felt that the hall would be left in satisfactory condition.

Mr A. Jenkins reported that he had fixed the broken windows.  
Charges: It was decided to allow 25% reduction to Taita A. A. Club for their dance.

Building sub-committee reported prices tendered for enamelling kitchen as follows: Hayes & Hoosie £34 10s; S. Jackson £20. It was recommended that the tender of Mr Jackson be accepted.

It was felt that if arrangements could be made for special rubbish collection after the weekend functions it would not be necessary to make special provision for an incinerator and that the matter should be left over pending inquiries being made from the Council.

The meeting expressed their concern with the illness of the Secretary's daughter and their pleasure on hearing that she was now out of danger and making a satisfactory recovery.

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**29 Apr 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £41 10s and £4 11s 6d

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**02 May 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £13 6s 4d and £10 for imprest account; Credit balance £712 18s 11d; Receipts £41 10s (April) and £22 15s (May)

It was decided to replace the jugs with tinned copper if these could be secured.

Charges Cricket Club were decided as under Dance 16 April £8; Supper Room 01 April £1 10s

Transfers: It was decided to attend on Monday 9 May to stick transfers on furniture and utensils etc.

Olympic Boxing Club: An application from the Club was received from the Club's Secretary, Mr M. Butler of 16 Reynolds Street, Taita for the use of the side room on Thursday nights from 7 to 10pm. It was stated that the Club's trainer, Mr R. Mitchell, would hold boxing classes for up to 15 boys. The application was approved at a charge of 10s per night.

Refuse Disposal: The Secretary reported having made inquiries from City Council concerning the possibility of having refuse collected on Mondays and stated that the Council's officers had advised that an application should be made by letter to the Council. It was decided to make a request by letter as advised.

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**06 May 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £32 15s

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**06 Jun 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: £25 10s 11d; Credit balance £712 4s 1d; Receipts £18

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## 11 Jun 1960 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Mr C. W. Hewer presided over an attendance of about 25 residents to whom he extended a hearty welcome. Apology from Mr A. McArthur.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the result of the year's work in the service that had been given to the district by the Society and also that in a year when rentals were lower and maintenance took a considerably higher figure, a profit of £47 had still resulted in the accounts. Fortunately the repairs needed to the west wall in replacing sashes etc had not been as extensive as expected at first, and out of the £160 spent, a considerable amount of spouting had been replaced. With regard to the decrease in rents received over the past two years he pointed out that apart from school halls there were now nine City Council halls available for which rentals of nearly £15,000 had been paid. Bookings now were again showing some increase.

The following persons being duly nominated were elected to comprise the incoming committee: C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti, G. E. Gorrie, J. Searle, J. H. Hamilton, B. Hodgins, E. Ferretti, D. McMurray, P. Battiston, G. McCallum, G. Caldart, A. McArthur, A. Jenkins, A. F. Hewer, S. Hewer, D. Reidy, A. F. Westbury, C. E. Bertelsen.

Messrs King and Grant were reappointed auditors to the Society.

Mr C. W. Hewer mentioned the need for repainting the outside walls and roof at an early date and hoped this could be done next summer.

Mr D. McMurray stated that he felt an effort should be made to acquaint the many new residents living within the area comprising the Society's district, with the fact that the Hall is owned by the residents collectively and administered by the trustees and members of the Society duly elected annually at a public meeting of residents of the area. He pointed out that it was not fully known that any male elector resident within the area was eligible for membership of the Society. He moved a resolution that the newly elected committee be recommended to make these matters known to the residents before the next Annual Meeting. This was seconded by G. McCallum and carried by the meeting.

Mr S. Wyper congratulated the Society on the improvements to the kitchen recently effected by the re-enameling and installation of fluorescent lights. J. Hamilton and G. Gorrie paid special tribute to the work of the Treasurer and the Secretary during many years and pointed out that Mr Westbury's years of continuous service to the Society now totaled 30 years.

On the motion of Mr C. Bertelsen the meeting passed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for his valuable service and in seconding this Mr J. Searle spoke also of the helpful work done by the building sub-committee.

The Chairman thanked the meeting for the kind gesture and stated that he, together with other members enjoyed the work and the spirit of companionship which always existed between members of the Society in the fulfilment of this voluntary work which members undertook for the district.

At the close of the meeting those present adjourned to the main hall and a very enjoyable social evening was held until a late hour, the number of residents and guests attending being about 80.

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**17 Jun 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £18

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**04 Jul 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Election of Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), A. F. Westbury (Treasurer), C. E. Bertelsen (Secretary)  
The Chairman welcomed the two new members S. Hewer and D. Ready to their first meeting.

Accounts passed for payment: Lunds Radio House £9 18s; King & Grant £4 13s; Standard Insurance Co. £39 16s; W. H. Lees Co. £19 1s 10d; Pianist for Social £3 10s; Power and Gas Board £11 3s 4d; Laidlaw (piano rep.) £3 15s  
Credit balance: £714 13s 2d; Receipts £61 15s

A letter was received from City Council approving of a special rubbish collection from the Hall each Monday.  
A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr B. Hodgins for the donation of a new mirror for gents cloak room.

Leaks: The Chairman reported having the plumber attend to leaks in kitchen and gents room, also that the building sub-committee had engaged Mr Jackson on an hourly basis on painting interior sashes etc.

Annual Meeting and Social was discussed and members generally expressed satisfaction with the evening. However the opinion was generally expressed that closing down periods in the bar should be more fully observed and the matter was left for fuller discussion at the meeting prior to the next social.

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**08 Jul 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £61 15s

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**01 Aug 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Goods £8 1s 9d; A. Jackson £29 1s; Telephone £2 17s 11d; Credit balance £678 6s; Receipts £36 15s

Cricket Club: As the supper room had been used by the Club's Fiji tour committee on 28 July and left in a very dirty state it was decided to impose an extra charge of 30s. The Chairman undertook to bring the matter before the club's notice to prevent a reoccurrence.

The Secretary reported a cancellation of a social to have been held by the Hutt Valley Ex POW Association at very short notice. It was decided that a charge of £8 10s should be made to compensate for loss of revenue.

Damage to long room wall lining was reported and as this was a re-occurring problem on account of the lining not being of sufficient strength, it was felt that when repairs were made a stronger material should be used. Mr A. McArthur undertook to investigate costs of materials more suitable for the room.

Stage Piano: The Secretary reported that the old piano should be replaced before long and it was resolved that the Secretary be empowered to purchase a suitable piano as available at a price of up to approximately £150.

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**12 Aug 1960 Mon**      Bank Deposit £36 15s

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**05 Sep 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Obituary: On opening the meeting the Chairman spoke of the death in Levin of Mr Vic Pemberton who had for many years been secretary of the Society until leaving the district in 1939. He said that Mr Pemberton had at all times maintained a devoted interest in the Hall and in the Society's affairs and while his health permitted had often journeyed from Levin to attend an annual meeting or social function. The Treasurer and the Secretary also spoke of the late Mr Pemberton's keen interest and valuable service over such a long period. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr Pemberton.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Power and Gas Board £14 5s 4d; Pilchers Floral Service £2; S. F. Jackson £25; City Rates £80  
Credit balance: £671 1s 4d; Receipts £83 12s

The Secretary read outward and inward letters concerning the charge for a social held by Avalon School P.T.A. in which the School Association expressed their satisfaction.

Cricket Club: The Secretary stated that the Club had sent the amount claimed for cleaning charges and a note from the Club's Secretary apologizing for the way in which the room had been left.

Lining bar room: Mr A. McArthur reported that materials he had investigated so far were not available in sizes suitable to make a relining job reasonably inexpensive.

Jugs: Mr Westbury reported that copper jugs would soon be available.

Caretakers: A dinner held by High School Old Boys R. F. C. had been unsatisfactory in that some attending had been sick in the hall, the lav and in the porch, the hall had been in a very dirty state and there had been fighting and bad language in the street. The Secretary was instructed to write on the matter and it was decided to make an extra £2 charge for cleaning.

The Secretary pointed out that a window in the front wall had evidently been leaking and that the sill and part of the wall were in need of repair. It was decided to ask Mr J. Partington to do this work when he had the time available.

Circular to householders: The Secretary submitted a draft of a circular explaining how the Hall was owned and its affairs were conducted for the information of newer residents of the area. It had been a recommendation from the last Annual Meeting that some such information be made available to all householders in the area. The members present expressed their satisfaction with the draft prepared and thanked the Secretary for his effort.

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**09 Sep 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £83 12s



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**03 Oct 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: J. K. Sage £6 17s; River Board £1 18s; Telephone £2 17s 11d

A card was received from the Pemberton family.

The Secretary read copy of a letter to Hutt Valley High School Old Boys Rugby Club re future application for use of the Hall.

The Secretary was instructed to buy one dozen tea towels and one new rubbish bin and further paper towels.

Thistle Club: A charge of £4 was decided on for future use of the hall for all day dancing competitions and the Secretary was instructed to advise Mrs Dalziel accordingly.

Secretarial Position: The Chairman reported that as the present Secretary intended leaving the district next year he had called the trustees together to discuss the matter of finding a suitable person residing near to the hall who would be prepared to take over the duties when required. At the request of the trustees the present Secretary had interviewed Mr W. H. Garrett of Mabey Road who had kindly signified his willingness to be nominated. The meeting approved this action and it was resolved that the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary interview Mr Garrett and invite him to become a member of the Society with a view to taking the position of Secretary later.

Charges: It was resolved that 25% reduction be granted to Rugby Club for 9 September and Basketball Club for 16 September.

Hedge on boundary: Mr J. Searle said that he was apprehensive of the macrocarpa hedge being a fire hazard to the hall and both he and other members said they would be happier if it could be removed on account of the fire risk. It was realized that a suitable fence would have to be provided in its place and that permission would have to be obtained from the owners. The Secretary said he felt that Mr Garrett would be closely concerned in this matter and should perhaps be consulted especially on any proposals for a fence to replace the hedge if it were removed. It was hoped that Mr Garrett would be able to attend at a future meeting when the matter could again be discussed.

Painting: Mr McMurray said he felt it was time to arrange for painting the hall this summer and this was left over until the next meeting on 7 November.

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**07 Oct 1960 Fri**

Bank Deposit £52 17s 6d

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**07 Nov 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: G. W. Barr £2 1s 6d; Goods £6 2s; Piano £50; Cartage glazing £3 5s; Power & Gas £9 14s  
Credit balance £684 15s 10d; Receipts £42 15s from rent and £80 grant for rates refund

A letter was received from Hutt Valley High School Old Boys Rugby Club apologizing for conduct at their dinner function.  
Charges: Mr Caldart was granted free use of the hall for his daughter's wedding.

Macrocarpa Hedge: The Secretary was instructed to arrange for a sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Treasurer and Mr Searle to meet the adjoining owner concerning possible removal of the hedge and replacement with a fence.

Painting: As the proposed reconstruction of Mabey Road was expected to cause a lot of dust if done this summer it was decided to defer painting of the walls for the present but to seek tenders for painting the roof this summer.

Piano: The Secretary reported having secured a suitable heavy piano for £50 and had arranged for a new keyboard to be fitted and the piano examined by Mr Laidlaw.

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**11 Nov 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £122 15s

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**05 Dec 1960 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr H. Garrett was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman and was elected to membership (Bertelsen/Hamilton)

Obituary: The Chairman spoke of the death of Mr A. Knight who had been a previous member of the Society and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect in the memory of the late Mr Knight.

Accounts passed for payment: Telephone £2 17s 11d; Social expenses £12 5s 9d; G. E. Laidlaw £13 7s 6d  
Credit balance £736 8s 4d; Receipts £31 12s 6d

Roof painting: The Secretary reported the following tenders received: Trail Bros £46; Painted Ltd £61 10s; Barclay & McMurray £100. As a price had not been received from Mr S. Jackson it was resolved that the matter of acceptance of tender and arranging for the painting to be done be delegated to a sub-committee comprising the Chairman with Messrs Hamilton, Westbury, Hodgins and the Secretary. After further discussion on colour and method of application it was decided that the roof should be brush painted with red oxide.

A Certificate of Government valuation was received showing the revised valuation as follows: Land £1500, improvements £6,600 – total £8,100  
Avalon Women's Institute were granted free use of hall for their X-mas meeting.

Xmas Social: Members expressed general satisfaction with the social held on Saturday 3 December and a special vote of thanks was accorded Messrs J. Hamilton and D. McMurray for the special efforts they each had made to contribute to the success of the evening.

Piano: The Secretary reported having new keys fitted to the piano and securing a verbal report on its condition by Mr Laidlaw who had expressed his satisfaction with the piano and had stated that there was a certain amount of wear in the action which would be better taken up now instead of leaving it until a complete job would be necessary in some years time. At present it could be put in new condition at a cost of £14. A vote of thanks was accorded the Secretary for the trouble he had gone to in the matter.

Macrocarpa Hedge: The Secretary advised on his conversation with Mr B. Jarden who had stated that the strip of land adjoining was as yet unsold. Mr Jarden was negotiating with the City Council with a view to having the land zoned for a shop site and if he met with success in this matter he had the intention of removing the macrocarpa hedge. The Secretary had then discussed the matter with the Chairman and Mr Searle and it had been considered advisable to let the matter lie until the situation became clearer.

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**16 Dec 1960 Fri**      Bank Deposit £31 12s 6d

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**06 Feb 1961 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

A letter of appreciation was received from Avalon Anglican Church committee.  
Accounts passed for payment: £11 10s 3d; Credit balance £727 9s 4d; Receipts £78

Painting: The Chairman reported that Mr Jackson had submitted a tender of £56 10s and that this had been accepted by the sub-committee and it was expected that the roof would be done at an early date.

Mr Partington was reported to have the matter of the front window in hand.  
Mr Garrett was appointed as Assistant Secretary (C. W. Hewer/J. Searle)

Mr Garrett asked the committee to give consideration to a change of night and in discussion it was found that a change to Tuesdays would be suitable to all and an advantage to several members.

Lining in long room: The Secretary reported that on making inquiries he had found that motor-case ply was available in suitable sizes at about 45s per 100. Members felt that as the matter of lining the room was becoming urgent this material should be investigated. The present sub-committee was delegated to ascertain whether it would be suitable for use as lining for the room.

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**17 Feb 1961 Fri**      Bank Deposit £78

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**06 Mar 1961 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Paper towels & toilet rolls £3 16s; Credit balance £802 11s 5d; Receipts £54 10s

The Chairman reported that he had not yet been possible to investigate the matter of lining for the long room but that early action would be taken.

Roof painting was expected to be undertaken soon.

Repairs to front window wall had been held up pending a window sill of matching type being secured.

Hot Point in Supper Room was reported to be wrongly phased and the Secretary was instructed to ask Mr A. Jackson to put in order.

Avery Kindergarten: The Chairman reported on discussions with Mrs Sage who had said that as a result of new Government regulations concerning kindergartens it would be necessary for the Association to employ two teachers. They proposed increasing the number of children to 30 to make the payments of two teachers economic. Annual inspection by health and fire authorities would be necessary but no difficulties were expected in that direction except perhaps the provision of a chemical fire extinguisher. Further storage space might be required and the Chairman had suggested the unused cupboards under the sink bench. The meeting was of the opinion that these matters would not be any obstacle to the use of the hall by the Kindergarten Association and the Chairman was given authority to offer the cupboards at £1 per year.

Street works: Mr Gorrie raised the matter of delay in reforming Mabey Road and suggested a further approach to the City Council. In discussion the meeting was of the opinion that the delay was unreasonable and the Secretary was instructed to try and arrange a meeting with the Chairman of the Works Committee of the Council to place before him the point of view of members and residents.

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**10 Mar 1961 Fri**      Bank Deposit £54 10s

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**04 Apr 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Roof painting £56 10s; Telephone £2 17s 11d; Credit balance £862 7s 11d; Receipts £38 7s 8d

The sub-committee reported that on inspection the motor-case ply had not been found suitable for lining the long room. A good line of light matai match lining was available at £7 4s 3d per 100 super ft. The sub-committee was requested to make further investigation re materials.

Roof painting was reported completed and repairs to front window in Mr Partridge's hands.

Street works: The Secretary reported contacting Mr R. Torrie chairman of Lower Hutt City Council works committee who had taken up the matter with Mr Bach who gave the assurance that tenders for the work would be called in April. In view of this assurance it was decided to leave the matter until the next meeting.

A letter was received from Avery Kindergarten Association accepting the offer of cupboard space in kitchen at £1 per year.

An application was received from Rimu Indoor Basketball Club for use of the hall for practice one night per week. As numbers were not conversant with the manner of training the Secretary was asked to arrange a Sunday morning demonstration practice after which it was felt a decision could better be reached by members as to its suitability in the hall.

Mr Westbury reported that Mr J. Butler of Levin who had been treasurer of the Society and a member for many years was not in good health. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr Butler on the Society's behalf.

The Annual General meeting was arranged for 10 June with a social meeting to be held after the close of the meeting. As both Mr G. Gorrie and the Secretary would be leaving the district about this time it was decided to take the opportunity of saying farewell to them both at this function. To arrange this matter a sub-committee was elected comprising the Chairman, Mr J. Searle, Mr J. Hamilton and Mr Garrett. Mr D. McMurray was authorized to arrange for musicians for the social.

It was decided to send a circular letter to householders in the district to acquaint the residents with the facts concerning the Society's activities and a draft prepared by the Secretary was approved for publication. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for the printing of 2000 copies and to make inquiries from the Postmaster at Nae Nae Post Office concerning their distribution by mail.

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<b>07 Apr 1961 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £38 7s 6d
<b>21 Apr 1961 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £1 18s 1d

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**02 May 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: J. H. Partington for repairs front wall £12 18s; Crothall & Co. for cleaning materials £3 9s 6d; Imprest account £10  
Credit balance £843 5s 7d; Receipts £17 5s

Lining long room: The sub-committee reported that after full investigation it had decided that the heart matai tongue and groove lining was the most suitable for the job. It was resolved that the sub-committee arrange for the room to be lined in this material (J. Searle/J. Hamilton)

Street work: Mr J. Searle reported having had advice from the City Engineer that tenders would shortly be called for this work. It was decided that no action by the Society would be likely to speed up the work.

Indoor Basketball: The Chairman reported that a good attendance of members had been satisfied with the demonstration of training practice in the hall and that on this tentative approval the club had been advised that training could commence. It was resolved that the Rimu Indoor Basketball Club be allowed use of the hall on Monday nights for training at £1 and that the Secretary's action in advising the Club be confirmed. (W. Garrett/J. Searle)

Mr Westbury reported a visit from Mr Butler who was much improved and had asked that his thanks be conveyed to the Society.

Annual meeting and farewell function: The sub-committee reported that it had decided that a separate function should be held on 19 May for Mr Gorrie and the Secretary. The sub-committee were authorized to purchase refreshments etc as required for the evening.

Annual Meeting: The Secretary was instructed to engage Mr Mailman as pianist for 10 June and to post out circulars to householders on 30 May.

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**05 May 1961 Fri**      Bank Deposit £17 5s

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## 06 Jun 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

A letter was received from the Standard Insurance Division of the National Insurance Company explaining the present relationship of the two companies.

Accounts passed for payment: Lining and repairs £133 5s; Gilbertson Locksmiths £1 17s; Taita Hotel £4 15s; Telephone £2 17s 11d; J. Hamilton for savouries etc £2 7s; Bayleys Secretarial Service £15 10s; W. H. Lees & Co. £23 6s 1d; Floral sprays £2; Music £13; Postage circulars £3 3s 1d

Annual meeting and social: The Secretary reported the circulars distributed by post to householders in the area and Mr R. Mailman engaged to play. The Chairman was authorized to purchase refreshments for the social.

Farewell Social 19 May: Members expressed the view that this evening had been very successful and that many more than expected had been present. The Secretary was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr W. Cunliffe for his valued assistance in dispensing refreshments. Members were concerned with the delay in serving tea and it was pointed out that the Ascot gas heater was not providing hot enough water. The Chairman agreed to have the gas authorities attend to this.

Street Works: Tenders had been called by the Council for this work and Mr J. Searle agreed to find out what provision was being made for parking cars near the Hall.

Hedge: Mr Hamilton agreed to inquire from Mr Rock re the hedge.

Insurance: It was agreed that a policy should be taken with State Fire for members doing voluntary work on behalf of the Society. Mr McMurray was asked to arrange this policy and the Chairman was authorized to sign the proposal. Mr McMurray said he felt that the Public Risk policy should be increased from £5,000 to £10,000 and it was agreed that this was advisable. As premiums on all policies with the Standard Insurance were nearly due for renewal Mr McMurray agreed to secure a quote for all premiums from the State Fire Office.

End of Year: The Chairman tendered special thanks to the retiring Secretary for his work over the past 17 years and the help given him personally. The Secretary said in reply that his association with the Society and its members over the years had become part of his life and was something that he would remember always.

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## 10 Jun 1961 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

Mr C. W. Hewer presided over an attendance of about 25 residents. Apologies were received from A. F. Hewer, A. Jenkins and E. Ferretti.

Obituary: On opening the meeting the Chairman spoke of the death, during the year of Mr A. Knight a former member and Mr V. Pemberton who was a foundation member and who had been Secretary to the Society from 1925 to 1939. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman referred to the circular which had been posted to all householders in the area, giving them notice of this meeting of residents, explaining to them all matters regarding the Hall and inviting them to attend. It was very disappointing that the circular had not resulted in an extra attendance at the meeting. He referred to the very well attended social which had been held on 19 May as a farewell gesture to Mr Gorrie, a trustee of the Society and Mr Bertelsen who had been Secretary for 17 years. A silver tea service had been presented to Mr and Mrs Gorrie and a transistor radio set to Mr and Mrs Bertelsen.

Mr Bertelsen spoke briefly of his regret in leaving the Society and expressed his and Mrs Bertelsen's thanks and appreciation of the Society's farewell evening and of the presentation made to them.

The following persons being duly nominated were elected for the ensuing year with power to add to their number during the year if deemed necessary or desirable: C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti, J. Searle, J. Hamilton, E. Ferretti, D. McMurray, G. McCallum, G. Caldart, A. Jenkins, A. F. Hewer, S. Hewer, D. Reidy, B. Hodgins, P. Battison, A. F. Westbury, A. McArthur, W. Garrett.

Messrs King and Grant were reappointed auditors to the Society.

Mr P. Battison and Mr W. Garrett both spoke of boys obtaining access to the hall roof by jumping from the macrocarpa hedge. The incoming committee was recommended to seek the adjoining owners' cooperation in having the hedge removed.

Mrs Searle said she would like to see the supper room brightened up by the use of more colour and the new committee was recommended to consider this matter.

The meeting closed at 8.30 and those present adjourned to the main hall where a very enjoyable social was held until a late hour.

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### 10 Jun 1961 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – New Committee

Officers elected for the ensuing year were C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), F. Westbury (Treasurer), W. Garrett (Secretary)  
Advice was received that Mr De Menech, a past member of the committee, was in Ward 28 Wellington Hospital and the Secretary was instructed to write expressing the committee's regret.

Accounts passed for payment for the presentation to Mr C. Bertelsen and Mr G. Gorrie:  
Bertelsen – Transister Radio £27 10s; Gorrie – Silver Tea Service £23 15s

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16 Jun 1961 Fri          Bank Deposit £58

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### 04 Jul 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: F. Ferretti, **C. Bertelsen**, B. Hodgins, J. Searle, P. Battiston, A. Jenkins, E. Ferretti, G. McCallum, F. Westbury, D. McMurray, J. Hamilton, W. Garrett  
Apology: G. Caldart  
In the absence of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman took the chair.

Accounts passed for payment: £2 7s 6d; Credit balance £681 9s 9d; Receipts £58 (May), £58 5s (June)

Before proceeding to business regret was expressed at the death of the Chairman's wife and the committee stood for a minute as a token of respect. Several members spoke of the work done over the years by Mrs Rae Hewer and of the loss to all who knew and worked with her. Moved Mr Bertelsen, seconded Mr Searle that the committee regret be recorded and its sympathy extend to Charles and Selwyn Hewer.

Mr J. Crooks was present and it was resolved that he be appointed to the committee.  
Caretakers: Reported door to kitchen (lock) not working and windows broken in bar room.

Insurance: "Voluntary Workers" Compensation was discussed, and it was resolved that a sub-committee comprising the Chairman, Secretary and Mr McMurray look into the matter and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the proposal on the Society's behalf. It was resolved that the existing insurance be transferred from the Standard Insurance Company and as quotes from State Fire Office were virtually the same premium next insurance be taken out with State Fire Insurance in respect of the Hall and its contents.

Xmas Social: Resolved that Mr McMurray arrange the music for the Christmas Social to be held on 2 December.  
Resolved that the Capistrano Youth Club have the use of the hall on Sundays from 1pm to 6pm at a charge of £3 10s.

Advertising: Resolved that an advertisement be placed in the Pomare News advising the new Secretary's address and phone number etc. Mr McMurray to arrange.



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**07 Jul 1961 Fri**

Bank Deposit £58 5s

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**01 Aug 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: C. Bertelsen, J. Searle, S. Hewer, J. Crooks, B. Hodgins, A. Jenkins, D. Reidy, E. Ferretti, P. Battiston, A. Hewer, D. McMurray, F. Westbury, W. Garrett

Apologies: J. Hamilton & C. Hewer

In the absence of the Chairman who was indisposed and the deputy Chairman, Mr J. Searle was elected chairman for the meeting.

Accounts passed for payment: State Fire Insurance Office £39 15s 7d and £1 16s; Taita Pomare News 6s 9d; Post & Telegraph £3 0s 9d; King & Grant £5 19s; Epuni Nurseries £2 1s 6d; Hutt City Council £78 – total £130 19s 7d  
Credit balance £659 11s 2d; Receipts £21

Mr McMurray reported that music was arranged for the Xmas Social to be held on 2 December.

The Secretary reported that the advertisement in the Taita Pomare Times seemed a success and accordingly it was resolved that the advertisement be continued at least for the meantime. Mr McMurray to arrange.

The Secretary reported that the necessary insurance had been arranged with State Fire Office and the premiums paid with the exception of that for “Voluntary workers”- premium £1 16s – cover £15 per week maximum. It was resolved that the insurance of £8,500 on the hall be increased to £12,000, the Secretary to arrange. The Secretary’s action in increasing the Voluntary Workers cover from £12 per week to £15 per week was endorsed by the meeting.

Caretakers: After discussion it was decided to take out of reserve stock sufficient cups to fill the empty trays and saucers to suit. Mr Bertelsen advised that in the past the crockery replacements had been purchased from Gibson and Paterson, 47 Haining Street (57810). Roof over womens toilet leaking. New tin of disinfectant required, two hotpoints on the stage are defective. New fuse wire required. Secretary to obtain 10 and 5 amp fuse wire. The window in the bar room has been repaired.

Hedge: Following further reports of boys on the hedge jumping on the Hall roof the Secretary was authorized to ring the Police the next time he saw the boys on the hedge and ask for the Patrol car to come.

The acting Chairman expressed his and the committee’s pleasure at Mr Bertelsen’s presence and continued assistance.

Lodge Booking: Discussion was held on the Secretary reporting that a Lodge (Hutt City 315) had expressed a wish to book the Hall weekly. The lodge members were to have been present that night but did not attend. It was decided that all bookings by Lodges are to be accepted in writing only and considered by the full committee before any decision is arrived at.

It is apparent that the kitchen floor needs lino and after discussing the question briefly it was decided that Messrs McMurray, Westbury and Hodgins arrange for quotes to be obtained for consideration at the next meeting. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Mr Hodgins to look into and consider the question of renovating the Supper room and get competitive quotes.

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**04 Aug 1961 Fri**      Bank Deposit £21

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**05 Sep 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: State Fire £12 19s 5d; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £13 0s 4d; Mr Laidlaw £15 17s 6d; Taita Pomare Press 6s 9d  
Credit balance £589 13s 11d; Receipts £32

Mr Hamilton presented two colour schemes that were submitted by B.A.L.M. Paints for repainting the supper room. It was resolved that scheme No.2 be adopted and prices called and three tenders obtained. The Secretary to contact NZ General Cleaning Services Ltd and Mr Jackson be approached to tender. The Works committee was empowered to accept the best tender. The Chairman to get in touch with the Kindergarten and make the necessary arrangement re alternative accommodation during repainting. Dulux to be stipulated in the repainting.

A quote of £35 was received from Mr Barclay for laying lino in the kitchen. It was resolved that the tender be accepted. The Works committee was empowered to settle on a suitable colour.

Hedge: Mr Hamilton reported that Mr Rock was prepared to meet half cost of the removal of the hedge along the side boundary. It was resolved that Messrs Searle and Hamilton be empowered to obtain prices for removal and disposal of the hedge and refer the matter to the Works committee.

Caretakers: There were no disturbances during the month. The mens urinal has been repaired.

Piano: It was resolved that the spare piano be sold and ads placed in the Hutt News and Taita Pomare Press. The piano to be sold for not less than £5.

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**06 Sep 1961 Wed**      Bank Deposit £32

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**03 Oct 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt River Board £1 16s 6d; Post & Telegraph £2 17s 11d; Crothall & Co. £2 2s; Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £10 7s – total £17 3s 5d. Credit balance £575 6s 11d. Receipts £65 5s

The Works Committee reported trouble in obtaining prices for renovating the supper room. It was resolved that endeavours to obtain satisfactory prices once again – the works committee having the power to accept the best tender.

Mr Barclay who has undertaken to lay the lino in the kitchen has advised that he is having trouble in obtaining suitable material but hopes the job will be finished over the next weekend.

Removal of the hedge is under action. No further action can be taken by the Society in this direction in the meantime. The Secretary reported that £5 had been received for the piano sold to an ex Naval Mens Association.

Cleaning: It was resolved that Hutt City United Softball Club be surcharged £2 for extra cleaning done when they used the hall on 21 September.

Caretakers: The incinerator is very poor. It was resolved that a new one be obtained – Mr Searle to arrange. Some trestles defective, one collapsed during a function. The Caretakers expressed their opinion that the ex POW evening was very well run and the organisers very cooperative.,

Insurance policies: Resolved that State Fire Insurance Office policies numbered 13/449046, 13/449047 and 13/69134 be lodged in the Bank of NZ for safekeeping.

Mr Hodgins was thanked for having had typed the list of caretakers which will prove of assistance. A copy of the list was pinned up in the committee room. Mr Crooks was thanked for his work in clearing the blocked drain at such short notice, and appreciation was expressed of the time he spent on the task.

Charges: It was resolved that the Taita Rugby Football Club be charged £8 – less 25% for use of the hall for the recent social. It was resolved that the Nae Nae Rugby League Club be charged the normal fee.

It was resolved that Mr D. McMurray be appointed Treasurer on Mr Westbury leaving the district. It was resolved that the correspondence from the Australian Performing Rights Association be received. The Treasurer reported having seen Mr Bertelsen two weeks earlier. He was in good health.

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**16 Oct 1961 Mon**      Bank Deposit £65 5s

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## 07 Nov 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Accounts passed for payment: Barclay £35; Pitchers £1 10s; Briscoes £4 9s 3d; J. Crooks £3; J. Hamilton £25 10s; F. Westbury £5 9s 6d – total £74 18s 9d  
Credit balance £623 8s 6d; Receipts £127 5s (including £78 grant from Lower Hutt City Council)

Before opening the meeting the Chairman reported the death of one of the serving members of the foundation of the Society – Tom Foster and the meeting stood for a minute in silence.

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the committee to the Treasurer for his action in plastering up the holes in the Supper Room.  
It was resolved that a suitable rubber mat be placed in the kitchen to overcome the slipperiness at the supper room door.

It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be forwarded Mr S. Draper for his action in removing the boundary hedge free of charge.  
Letter from Lower Hutt City Council re grant of £78 received.

The Committee received with regret Mr Don Reidy's resignation from the Society and it was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent him expressing the hope that at a later date he may be in the position to return to the committee.

Mr Hamilton advised that at a later date Mr McArthur may be able to return to the committee.

The Chairman reported on discussions with the contractor and the engineer Lower Hutt City Council over the road works now in progress. Following general discussion Mr A. Hewer was authorized to act on the committee's behalf regarding the crossings and sumps.

Caretakers: New jugs required. The trestles have been repaired. Heavy arrestor chain is needed on most of the top windows in the main hall. Two windows in main hall broken. Leak in mens cloakroom (roof).

The Secretary advised that he had been in touch with the Lower Hutt City Council over the rubbish collection. So long as rubbish tins are put out regularly for Monday, rubbish will be collected.

It was resolved that the hall be hired out to Mr Wright for band practice 2pm to 5pm Sundays for 15s.  
Resolved that £2 be refunded to Mr W. R. Smith of 40 Colson Street being refund of hall booking cancelled.  
Booking for Taita Cricket Club approved – long room charge to be £1 10s subject to hall being left clean.  
Resolved that Holy Trinity Church Avalon be charged £2 for use of hall for Gala.

The Chairman presented D. McMurray with a barometer from the Society in view of his approaching marriage to Miss M. Hamilton and wished him and his fiancée all the best for the future. Mc McMurray replied and invited those present to remain following the close of the meeting which was at 10.20pm.

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**08 Nov 1961 Wed**      Bank Deposit £127 5s

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**05 Dec 1961 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Taita Hotel £4 15s, Lees & Co. £17 6s, Smith £2 (refund), McMurray £81, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £8 10s 6d, Walkinshaw £1 (refund), Hamilton £2 13s 4d, Taita Pomari 14s 3d, Knisle monk £3 4s 6d – total £124 1s 6d.  
Credit balance £589 5s 7d; Receipts £37

Resolved that S. Hewer be granted six months leave of absence.

The Chairman welcomed Wayne Cunliffe to the meeting and expressed the committee's thanks and appreciation for his assistance in the past.

It was resolved that the works committee be authorized to settle with the contractor the question finish of paving over width of section including the motor crossing. Appreciation was conveyed to Messrs Jenkins and Westbury in having the damaged windows repaired.

The Secretary was instructed to ring the City Council over the non-collection of rubbish.

To date Mr Barclay has been unable to obtain the good quality rubber mat for the kitchen.

The Chairman expressed regret that only two members of the committee turned up on the Sunday morning after the Hall Social to assist in cleaning up and considered that more of those present at the evening should assist next morning.

The Treasurer advised that the charge for the band for the Xmas Social - £10 – was too much and the committee agreed with this view.

Caretakers: Holes in east wall of supper room (darts) may be cycle club Brocklesby & Co. used hall till 2pm - £1 and charge. No speaker.

It was resolved that no fee be charged the Women's Institute on basis of December meeting.

Resolved that the Girls Life Brigade be charged 5s for use of the hall on 28 November.

Stag Party: The hire of the supper room to Barry Clarke was approved for 19 January 1962.

It was resolved that there be no charge for McMurray hall booking on 25 November.

Resolved that a Zip Heater (same as existing) be installed in the kitchen. Mr McMurray undertook to arrange.

Resolved that two new rubbish bins and two new locks be purchased.

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**06 Dec 1961 Wed**      Bank Deposit £37

**19 Jan 1962 Fri**      Bank Deposit £43

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**06 Feb 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £8 11s 8d, Taita Pomare Press 15s, Zip Heater L.H. £35 3s 8d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d – total £49 8s 3d. Credit balance £623 1s 7d; Receipts £43 (December), £49 15s (January)

Resignation from G. McCallum who is leaving the district for Hawkes Bay – received with regret. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr McCallum expressing regret at the need to resign and best wishes for the future.

The committee also received with regret the resignation of the Treasurer for the last 18 years and a member of the committee for the last 33 years – Mr F. Westbury. This was accepted but that he remain a member of the Society as a Trustee. The motion (Searle/Hodgins) was carried without dissent. The Chairman expressed regret at having to accept the Treasurer's resignation, but as Mr Westbury was leaving for Tauranga he had little option. The Chairman expressed regret at losing both the Treasurer and Secretary within six months. Various members of the committee wished Mr Westbury and his wife the best for the future and it proposed by the Chairman that a small evening be held to farewell Mr and Mrs Westbury on 10 March. It was resolved that a sub-committee comprising Messrs Hodgins, Hamilton, C. Hewer, J. Searle and the Secretary.

Appreciation was expressed of the work carried out by Mr A. Hewer in relation to the new footpaths yet to be installed. Appreciation was also expressed of Mr McMurray's action in cutting back the boundary hedge on the east side of the hall.

Caretakers: Reported that the hammers to the piano had been broken. In addition that there were leaks in both cloak rooms and over the kitchen. The Secretary was instructed to arrange for repairs to the piano to be carried out. Mr Crooks undertook to have a look at the roof.

Due to the retirement of the Treasurer Mr D. McMurray was appointed to take over from 7 February.

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**07 Feb 1962 Wed**      Bank Deposit £49 15s



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**06 Mar 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Falens Furnishing Ltd £8 2s 6d (presentation to Mr F. Westbury), Northern Hardware Ltd £1 2s  
Credit balance £634 5s; Receipts £32 10s

Secretary to get in touch with Mr H. V. Horlor, the sole surviving foundation member and invite him to the send off to Mr Westbury.

It was resolved that the Chairman's action in organizing the levelling of the ground at the front of the hall be approved. In this connection Mr Crooks undertook to procure the drainpipe for the piping to the footpath prior to the laying of the path to the committee room.

Part way through the meeting the ex-Treasurer arrived and the Chairman expressed his and the committee's pleasure at seeing him in such familiar surroundings.

The Rimu Basketball Club were approved to hire the hall on the same terms as last year at £1 per night – Tuesday nights.

Caretakers: Reported that the cover was off the light switch in the mens cloakroom. Mr Hodgins undertook to check and if possible make good. All functions held during the month were orderly and no damage or mess evident, the hall being left in a satisfactory condition. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase four enamel jugs.

It was resolved that the hall booking of A. Jenkins of 17 February be free of charge.

It was resolved that a cheque for £15 be drawn for Social expenses in connection with Mr Westbury's farewell and any balance be rebanked.

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**07 Mar 1962 Wed**      Bank Deposit £32 10s

### 03 Apr 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Accounts passed for payment: Neale Marke £3 15s, Federated Buyers £2 16s 7d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £2 17s, W. H. Lees & Co. £13 5s 10d, Taita Hotel £7 2s 6d, Pitchers £1 10s, De Lisac £4, Taita Pomare Press 6d – total £47 0s 5d  
Balance of Westbury Social £8 8s 1d  
Credit balance £654 18s 10d; Takings for March £27 2s 6d

E. Ferretti has left New Zealand for a holiday to UK and six months leave of absence was approved.

Secretary to write to D. McArthur regretting the error in wishing he and his wife all the best on the golden wedding anniversary – should have been diamond wedding anniversary.

Caretakers: All saucers have been taken out of reserve. One rubbish bin requires repairs and Mr Crooks undertook to attend. It seems that one of the new jugs has already been mislaid – it is hoped by caterers and may be returned. Comment was made by committee members of the fact that the retiring caretakers had scrubbed the main hall.

It was resolved that a charge of £1 per night be made for the non-denominational church gatherings booked for April – the question to be raised before further bookings are considered by the committee.

It was resolved that the clock presented to the Society by Mr F. Westbury be suitably engraved (Mr McMurray to arrange) and hung in the body of the hall.

It was resolved that workers compensation with State Fire Insurance be renewed.

Discussion was had in general on the question of replacements on the committee due to members leaving for various reasons. It was finally decided to leave the matter for the meantime as the Annual Meeting is due shortly.

### 33 Years' Service To Avalon Hall

A very pleasant cocktail party, highlighted by a tasty supper served by the ladies, was held in Avalon Hall last month to farewell Mr. A. F. Westbury after long and valued services to the Avalon Hall Society.

Mr. Westbury's 33 years' services included 18 years as treasurer in addition to a period as hall trustee. The party was attended by about 100 people, including past and present committee members and their wives.

The president (Mr. C. W. Hewer) presented Mr. Westbury with a nest of tables suitably inscribed in recognition of his outstanding work over a lengthy period.

Among other speakers to pay tribute were Mr. H. V. Horlor, sole surviving foundation member of the Hall Society. Now 80 years of age, Mr. Horlor was a member when the hall opened in 1922. Mr. G. E. Gorrie and Mr. J. Searle (present trustees), Mr. B. Matthews (a former chairman), Mr. J. H. Butler (a past treasurer) and Mr. J. H. Hamilton (deputy chairman) endorsed and supplemented the remarks of previous speakers; and Mr. Westbury suitably returned thanks.

The new Avalon Hall Society treasurer is Mr. Dave McMurray.

**03 Apr 1962 Tue**      Bank Deposit £27 2s 6d  
**30 Apr 1962 Mon**      Bank Deposit £16 9s 9d

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### **01 May 1962 – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: J. Hamilton £9 15s, Kirkcaldie & Stains £5 18s, Imprest account £10  
Credit balance £655 13s 5d; Receipts £16 10s

It was resolved that the Chairman's action in conveying regret at the death of Mr Westbury's brother be endorsed.

Mr Crooks was requested to install the necessary pipe from the down pipe to the street guttering. It was noted that the main roof was leaking somewhere along the peak.

Caretakers: The Chairman expressed his appreciation of Mr B. Hodgins taking over his share of the caretaking duties whilst he was indisposed during the month. Mr J. Searle also expressed his thanks for Mr Hodgins stepping into the breach. The caretakers reported a broken pane of glass (top window) on east side of main hall. Castors on trolley have been replaced and mirror fitted in gents cloakroom on the south wall.

It was resolved the hall be given a spring clean (supper room, long room, kitchen, toilets and cloakrooms) and 7pm on 8 May was set for the necessary work to be carried out.

It was resolved that the usual notice re the Annual Meeting be placed in the Hutt News and Taita Pomare Press.

It was resolved that the Nae Nae Indoor Basketball Club be allowed use of the hall for two hours on a Sunday, finishing not later than 4.30pm. Hall to be vacated by that time. No liquor to be permitted. Hall to be swept clean after use. Charge to be £1 for the two hours.

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**01 May 1962 Tue**      Bank Deposit 3d (Exchange paid on Upper Hutt cheque)  
**02 May 1962 Wed**      Bank Deposit £8

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### **05 Jun 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph £2 6s 2d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £6 19s 8d, J. W. Crooks £11 5s, Morris Abraham £1 12s 6d (engraving), Northern Hardware £1 7s – total £23 10s 4d.  
Credit balance £671 5s 11d; Income for May £63 5s.

Roof: Mr Crooks was authorized to check nailing and remedy as required.

Letter and quotation received from Fumigation services was tabled and it was resolved that no action be taken, but sub-committee to check supports of stage. It was resolved that the Secretary follow up outstanding amounts due for use of the hall due from Mrs Mulholland, Mrs Mansfield and Multiplex Industries Ltd.

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**07 Jun 1962 Thu**      Bank Deposit £55 5s

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**09 Jun 1962 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Mr C. W. Hewer presided over an attendance of approximately 20 residents.

After declaring the meeting open the Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the previous Secretary of 18 years and his wife Mrs Bertelsen, who had come down from Tauranga.

The Chairman spoke of the death during the year of one of the foundation members, Mr Tom Foster. The Treasurer referred to the death, also and the last meeting of the Chairman's wife, Mrs Rae Hewer. He referred to the assistance given the Chairman by her, a fact known to older members of the committee. Those present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman expressed the Society's appreciation in the action of Mr Tom Draper and Mr Jim Hamilton in removing the macrocarpa hedge on the boundary at little cost.

The Chairman spoke of his satisfaction with the years work and thanked the retiring committee members for their work during the year. Mr Hewer expressed his and the committee's appreciation of the assistance given the Society by the ladies at the Social evenings in arranging supper.

The electric clock, presented to the Society by Mr Westbury on his retirement from the committee was on display, suitably engraved.

It was resolved that the present committee be re-elected en bloc. This was carried without dissent. The following were also moved and seconded as members of the committee: Ron Campbell, Sante Battiston, George Search, Robert Trimmer, Jeffrey Wagg.

The committee for 1962/1963 were therefore: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), D. J. McMurray (Treasurer), W. R. Garrett (Secretary) and Messrs J. Searle, G. Caldart, B. Hodgins, J. Crooks, A. Hewer, A. Jenkins, F. Ferretti, E. Ferretti, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, G. Search, R. Trimmer, J. Wagg, R. Campbell, S. Hewer

It was resolved that Messrs King and Grant be appointed auditors for the ensuing year.

It was resolved that the ingoing committee bear in mind the question of angle parking and raise it with the City Council at the appropriate time.

The Chairman advised that it may be necessary for the Society to review hall charges and it was decided that the ingoing committee should look at the matter.

Mr Bertelsen congratulated the Chairman and committee on the years work and wished the best for the future. The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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**18 Jun 1962 Mon**      Bank Deposit £42 15s

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**03 Jul 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Music (of meeting) £4, F. Barclay £2 2s 6d, Lees & Co. £17 0s 6d, Taita Hotel (both annual meeting & social) £4 15s, State Fire Insurance Office £55 10s 5d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £11 6s 10d – total £94 17s 3d; Credit balance £711 14s 8d; Receipts £74 5s

Mr Hewer reported that he had inspected under the stage re borer. Only one floor joist affected by borer, rest quite sound. Some stringers and jack studs are affected. Mr Crooks advised that he had not yet inspected the roof but would do so as soon as possible.

Caretakers reported that in the main the functions were satisfactory with the exception of Drapers Social. Mr Hamilton undertook to see the Chairman of Drapers Social Committee.

Purchase of new minute book approved.

The committee spoke in general terms of review of hall charges. Mention was made of the question of heating the hall (main room). Arrangements have been made for placing the electric clock, presented to the Society, at the north end of the main hall.

Mr Hamilton advised that the contractors hope to have the concrete in front of the hall laid before the end of the month. The calling of tenders for the painting of the hall is to be raised at an early meeting.

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**04 Jul 1962 Wed**      Bank Deposit £31 10s

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### **07 Aug 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

In declaring the meeting open the Chairman welcomed to the committee four new members elected at the Annual meeting.  
Officers elected for the year: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. H. Hamilton (Deputy Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer), W. R. Garrett (Secretary)

Accounts passed for payment: Taita Pomare Press 7s 6d, Henri de Lisac £4, Lower Hutt City Council £80 12s, Macs Glass Co. £3 7s 6d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d – total £91 4s 11d  
Credit balance £715 9s 11d; Receipts £64 15s

Mr Searle was authorized to obtain a price from the contractors for concreting the ground in front of the hall and a path to the committee room – average depth of 3". Matter to then be referred to the works committee who were given the power to finalize.

The following to be members of the works committee: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Mr Hodgins and Mr Battison Jnr.

Mr Crooks reported that he had not yet inspected the roof but would do so in the near future.  
The flushing system of the mens toilet had been repaired by Mr Crooks.

The Chairman pointed out to the committee that Mr J. Searle had been doing caretakers duties for something in excess of 25 years, and he thought that it was about time Mr Searle was retired from caretaking. It was pointed out that Mr Searle is a Trustee of the Society and as such would still attend all meetings of the committee. In seconding the suggestion Mr Hamilton pointed out Mr Searle's sterling work over the years and it was unanimously resolved that Mr J. Searle be excused further caretaking duties but that he remain on the committee.

After considerable discussion it was resolved that portion of the ladies toilet be laid in lino or tiles. Mr McMurray undertook to obtain quotes of laying of lino and/or rubberized tiles.

It was resolved that the hall be booked for the Hutt Valley Darts Association for 23 September – charge to be £8. Mr Hewer to get in touch with Mr Trimmer of the Association for further details and any necessary further discussion re liquor question and matter of licence and Police approval.

It was resolved that the Women's Institute be charged £1 10s for eight hours use of the hall.

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### **END OF THIRD HARDCOVER MINUTE BOOK**

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<b>09 Aug 1962 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £64 15s
<b>31 Aug 1962 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £38 10s

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**04 Sep 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Crooks advised that he will be renewing the two down pipes at the front of the hall and would also be attending to the roof.

Quotes were received from Mr Barclay for various materials for laying on the floor in the ladies toilet and it was resolved that the quote for £33 for rubber tiles be accepted. Colour to be left to Mr Barclay (depends on availability).

Accounts passed for payment: Ryan £75, Zip Heater Ltd £5, Taita Pomare Press 7s 6d, globes and minute book £1 1s 3d – total £81 8s 9d  
Credit balance £661 2s 11d as at 4 Sep 1962.

The caretakers advised that the Taita Cricket Club's use of the hall left a lot to be desired. Their behaviour was poor and the hall had not been cleaned up after they used it on 23 Aug 1962. The caretakers also reported that six dozen saucers and a new jug were missing. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase 12 dozen saucers and three dozen larger plates. He was also authorized to buy a length of sash cord. Apart from the Cricket Club the other hirers of the hall had been satisfactory.

It was resolved that the Secretary write and congratulate the Taita Rugby Football Club on the winning of the Hardham Cup.  
It was resolved that a special meeting be held at 7.30pm on 25 Sep 1962 to review the hall charges.

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**05 Sep 1962 Wed**      Bank Deposit £9 10s

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**25 Sep 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Special Meeting – Review of Charges**

Following general discussion it was resolved that the charges for the hall be increased as from 1 Jan 1963 as follows; (up to midnight)

	<u>Socials</u>	<u>Weddings</u>	<u>Evenings</u>
Main Hall	£7 10s (was £7)	£5 (£4)	£10 (£7)
Amplifier	£1 (£1)		
Supper Room	£4 (£4)		£6 10s
After 12	£1 10s (Hall) or 15s (Supper room)		
Regular Bookings			
Kindergarten	£6 10s + £5 power & gas	£11 10s per term (same)	
Motor Cycle Club	£1 5s (same)		
Women's Institute	10s (same)		
Bisons	£1 10s (was £1)		
Basketball	£1 (see next season)		
Taita Social Club	£2 10s (was £2 15s)		
Darts	?		

During the discussion on increase in prices Mr Wagg advised that it would cost approximately £130 - £150 to provide heating for the hall and that it was possible to have it metered. The Secretary was instructed to advise all bookings for 1963 of the increase in charges from 1 Jan 1963.

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**27 Sep 1962 Thu**      Bank Deposit £52 5s Rent

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**02 Oct 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Chairman welcomed back to the Committee Mr E. Ferretti on his return from his holiday overseas.

Mr Crooks reported that two down pipes and the guttering over the entrance porch had been replaced, a WC cistern renewed and several taps repaired.

Accounts passed for payment: J. Crooks £17 6s 6d, Post & Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £13 4s 8d, River Board £1 16s 6d, Northern Floor Surfacing Co. £1 10s, S. F. Barclay £33, Kneale Monke Ltd £10 5s 9d, Taita Pomare Press 7s 6d, Stationery £1 4s 9d – Total £81 13s 7d

Bank balance: £657 11s 6d as at 2 Oct 1962. Receipts for September £52 5s.

Inward Correspondence: The resignation of Mr D. Trimmer was received with regret and it was resolved that the Secretary acknowledge same, regretting his need to resign.

Outward Correspondence: To Taita Cricket Club and Taita Rugby Football Club was approved.

The Chairman reported to the committee on the Works committee's discussion re damage to the interior of the hall with the Rimu Indoor Basketball Club's Secretary and Club Captain. The Club undertook to check among its own members re possible cause of damage. They also undertook to clean down the south end of the hall (around the basket ball net).

The caretakers reported that all functions held during the month were satisfactory and the hall left in good condition on each occasion. They also reported that detergent was running low. The Secretary was authorized to purchase a four gallon tin of Glee Terg from Crothall & Co.

It was resolved that the Society proceed with the heating of the hall and supper room and that Mr Wagg be authorized to call tenders on the Society's behalf for the necessary rewiring and heating equipment and report back to the works subcommittee. Provision to be made in the tenders for metering the power for the heaters.

It was resolved that the Society approach B.A.L.M. colour expert for an opinion regarding the repainting of the exterior of the Hall.

It was resolved that the Secretary write the Lower Hutt City Council asking when it was proposed to seal Mabey Road as the Society wished to carry out the painting of the exterior of the Hall as soon as practicable.

The Treasurer was authorized to purchase two wringer mops and one hand yard broom.

The Secretary brought up the question of repeated purchase of receipt books and account forms which do not have any reference to the Society printed on them. It was resolved that the Treasurer and Secretary be authorized to look into the matter of having adequate receipt books and account forms printed. At the same time arrange for the printing of two dozen notices re prices for hire of the Hall.

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<b>03 Oct 1962 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £5 Rent
<b>05 Nov 1962 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £35 10s Rent

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## 06 Nov 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Secretary advised that the detergent ordered from Crothall & Co. had not arrived and it was resolved that Mr J. Bullock be approached. Mr Jenkins to arrange.

Mr Wagg reported on the proposed heating of the hall. He and an electrician had gone fully into the question and the electrician had submitted an estimate of £35 2s 6d for the necessary rewiring of the hall. It was resolved that the estimate from Valley Electrical of 31 George Street, Stokes Valley be accepted for rewiring the hall and switchboard. Mr Wagg was authorised to advise the contractor accordingly. The Chairman expressed the Society's thanks and appreciation to Mr Wagg for his work in the matter.

Mr Hewer reported on the proposed painting of the exterior of the hall and a full discussion followed on the colour scheme suggested by B.A.L.M. Paints Ltd and it was resolved that Scheme No.1 be adopted.

Tenders for repainting to be called by advertising in the Evening Post – work to be completed not later than 15 Mar 1963. It was resolved that the works subcommittee report back with their recommendation to the next committee meeting.

Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes (NZ) Ltd £3 3s 1d, King & Grant £5 19s, Taita Pomare Press 7s 6d – total £9 9s 7d  
Bank balance: £613 0s 2d as at 5 Nov 1962. Receipts for the month £35 10s.

The caretakers reported that all functions held during the month were satisfactory. Paper towels are required for the ladies cloak room. Detergent has all been used.

It was confirmed that the music has been booked for Xmas Social to be held 1 Dec 1962 and it was resolved that the Chairman arrange refreshments as necessary. Mr Hamilton undertook to arrange the necessary tea and milk etc. The Secretary was instructed to send invitations to Mr & Mrs Gorrie, Mr & Mrs Westbury and Mr & Mrs Bertelsen.

Mr Crooks undertook to check spouting. Mr Hewer drew the attention of the committee to the death of the wife of one of the foundation Trustees Mr Mabey, and it was resolved that a wreath be sent from the Society.

It was resolved that no charge be made to the Taita Social Club for use of the hall on 31 Oct 1962.

It was resolved that the Chairman approach Mr Allen McArthur, an ex committee member of long standing and invite him to the committee Xmas meeting. Messrs Hewer, Hamilton and Searle were appointed subcommittee for any necessary arrangements.

It was resolved that the Secretary write Mr Selwyn Hewer, 82 Gordon Road regretting his inability to attend the committee meetings and extend to him the best wishes of the Society and express the hope that he will be in a position to return to the Society in the near future.

Mr Searle undertook to see a Mr Johnson regarding killing of the long grass and weed in the right-of-way alongside the hall.

It was resolved that the Secretary prepare a draft letter for submission to the authorities for a grant from the Golden Kiwi Art Union.

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**03 Dec 1962 Mon**      Bank Deposit £36 Rent

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**04 Dec 1962 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Before the meeting opened Mr J. Searle expressed the committees regret at the passing of Mrs Hewer (the Chairman's mother) and the members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Mr Mit Riddle, a new member on the committee. A hearty welcome was also extended to old members of the committee – Mr Allen McArthur, a past member and Mr Frank Westbury, a past treasurer and Mr Westbury replied thanking the Chairman and expressing his pleasure at being able to be present.

The works subcommittee action in accepting Mr S. Jackson's tender of £233 10s for the repainting the exterior of the hall and in engaging Mr J. Sage to undertake certain repair work.

The intended spraying of the weeds on the right-of-way is under action – to be done by Mr Jackson.

Accounts passed for payment: J. Crooks £7 12s, Taita Hotel £4 15s, Hartley Stationery £1 5s 6d, Shell Oil £1 12s, Lee & Co. £15 16s, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £10 9s 4d, Petty Cash £4 15s, Presentation (Mr A. McArthur £20) – total £66 3s 4d  
Bank balance £588 10s 4d as at 3 Dec 1962. Receipts for November £36

The Secretary was instructed to charge the Barn Dance organisers £1 10s being portion of the £7 12s cost of replacing the broken WC pan in the mens toilet.

The caretakers reported that functions held during the month were satisfactory and well run.

Inwards Correspondence: Australasian Performing Right Association.

G. Search/F. Ferretti      That the charge of £1 10s to Avalon Women's Institute be rescinded and carried unanimously.

It was resolved that the Chairman and Mr Searle's action in having the electric wiring checked and renewed as necessary be endorsed.  
A note of thanks was carried for the Treasurer's action in decorating the hall for the Christmas Social.

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**12 Dec 1962 Wed**      Bank Deposit £90 17s  
**23 Jan 1963 Wed**      Bank Deposit £39 10s

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**05 Apr 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Accounts passed for payment: Turnbull & Jones (eight electric heaters) £41 13s 5d, Pilchers Florists (Hewer wreath) £1 10s, Hartley Printing Co. £8 2s, Pilcher Florists (Mabey wreath) £1 10s, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 10s, P. & T. £2 17s 11d – total £64 13s 2d  
Balance £660 8s 7d. Receipts for December £137 17s.

The caretakers reported that January was quiet. The December function was well run and the only damage was that caused at the Motor Cycle evening when a window and a glass tube on one of the Zip heaters were broken. It was resolved that on account of the Club's previous good behaviour, only the glass tube be charged for and the sum of £1 16s is to be charged.

It was resolved that no charge be made to the Chairman for use of the hall on 22 Dec 1962.  
It was resolved that the proposed letter to Internal Affairs regarding a grant from the "Golden Kiwi" be deferred.

The works sub-committee reported on progress with the repainting of the hall and advised that Mr J. Sage had replaced the door sill at the front door and jamb to door of outside door of the long room, also window in mens cloakroom. Facing boards and spouting have been replaced on east wall. Two windows, the large ones each of the entrance are in need of replacement. Some ends of galvanized iron over the long room need attending to.

Heaters have been installed in the main hall and supper room. On behalf of the committee Mr Hewer extended appreciation of Mr Wagg's action in arranging for the heaters.

Payment of the electricians account for installing heaters was approved for payment, subject to Mr Wagg being satisfied as to the amount charged and it approximates the original quite (£35 2s 6d).

The rope on the curtains on the stage has broken and the Treasurer was authorized to purchase 100' sash cord.  
The Treasurer was authorized to order 100 copies of the scale of charges and to be on card board.

The question of broken ridging over the supper room to be raised at the next meeting.  
It was resolved that if Mr Jackson requested payment before the next meeting the Chairman be authorized to arrange payment.

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<b>06 Feb 1963 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £7 10s
<b>26 Feb 1963 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £51 10s

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**05 Mar 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Before declaring the meeting open the Chairman reported the death of Mrs J. Bertelsen, mother of the previous Secretary and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

It was resolved that the ridging over the supper room be replaced as required and ends of corrugated galvanized iron over long room be also replaced as required.

It was resolved that the Lower Hutt Ballet Society be advised that they could have the hall each Sunday from 1pm to 6pm from 17 March 1963 to 28 July 1963 inclusive at a charge of £1 10s per day; the hall to be left clean and tidy after use.

Accounts passed for payment: S. Jackson (repainting exterior) £233 10s, J. Wagg £1 18s 9d replacing fuses etc, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd £1 1s 9d (cord), Taita Press 7s 6d – total £236 18s  
Balance £626 5s 6d. February receipts £75 10s

It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent Mr S. Jackson thanking him for the excellent job done of the repainting and his co-operation. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase paper towels and a four-gallon tin of detergent.

The caretakers reported that, with the exception of the “Barn Dance” night on 23 Feb 1963, all functions were satisfactory. They advised that though the dance was alright the organisers had no control over the crowd outside. A brawl occurred at the end of the evening. The fact that “pass outs” were issued did not help matters.

It was resolved that Mr Warwick be written to and advised that so long as the present circumstances obtained that the committee was not prepared to let the hall. A copy of the letter to be sent to Inspector Quarterly of the Lower Hutt Police. It was further resolved that Mr Warwick be charged £2 10s for damage to the mens toilet.

It was resolved that 1<sup>st</sup> Taita Scout Group be allowed the use of the hall on 4 Mar 1963 and 7 Mar 1963 free of charge.

It was resolved that appreciation be recorded of Mr McMurray’s action in cutting the hedge on the eastern boundary and Mr A. Hewer for clearing the rear corner. The question of marking the road for angle parking is to be raised by Mr Hamilton with the Lower Hutt City Council.

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**07 Mar 1963 Thu**      Bank Deposit £24

**02 Apr 1963 Tue**      Bank Deposit £30 15s

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**02 Apr 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Crooks undertook to see to the roof repairs as required.

The Secretary advised that an account for £2 10s had been sent Mr Warwick for damage to wall lining of the mens toilets and that Mr Warwick had been written to advising him that for the present the Society was not prepared to hire the hall out to him and that a copy has been sent to Inspector Quarterly of Lower Hutt Police.

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board 15s 6d, J. K. Sage £41 16s, Hartley Printing £3 10s, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd £5 3s 2d – total £54 2s 7d.

Balance £419 2s 9d. March receipts £30 15s

The caretakers reported that all functions held were satisfactory and the hall left in good condition. They reported that the mops were not lasting and recommend that the question of obtaining better quality ones be looked into. Mr Hodgins undertook to make inquiries.

The question of angle parking is to be raised at the next meeting.  
It was decided to commence the meetings at 7.30pm for the winter months.

Mr P. Battiston advised that he would be going overseas for a six month holiday and requested and was granted leave of absence.

The Chairman advised that the deputy Chairman was also leaving for overseas and that on his return to New Zealand would not be living in the district. It was resolved that a presentation be made to Mr Hamilton at the May meeting in recognition of many years of service to the Society. The question of a suitable gift was left to a subcommittee comprising the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary (with power to co-opt if required) and that up to £20 be authorized for purchase of the presentation.

It was resolved that the Hutt Valley Indoor Basketball team be allowed the use of the hall on a Tuesday night from 6.30 to 7.30 and if the Rimu Indoor Basketball team did not require the hall the YWCA team be permitted to stay until 8pm. Charge to be 10s per night and all damage including breaking of heaters to be made good.

The Treasurer advised that Garth Till Co. had been told of the non-sealing of the spouting on the east wall and had verbally undertaken to make good.  
It was resolved that the books for the year be closed on 30 Apr 1963.

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**30 Apr 1963 Tue**      Bank Deposit £24 11s 6d

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**07 May 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Hodgins undertook to ascertain the address of the makers of the “wringer mop” and the Secretary was instructed to write and ascertain the address of any local agents.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Lower Hutt City Council requesting the provision of angle parking in Mabey Road especially about the hall. It was decided that the Lower Hutt Ballet Society be charged £1 10s for use of the hall on 25 Apr 1963.

The caretakers reported that the functions in the main hall were in the main well run but the hall was left untidy by the Motor Cycle Club following their social. As they had used the main hall for part of the evening it was resolved that they be charged £5 10s. Mr Jenkins thanked Mr Hodgins for doing the caretaking duties on Easter Saturday. The guage on the Zip heater had been broken by the Kindergarten and any charge will be met by them. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase a further mop head.

Accounts passed for payment: H. deLisac £5, J. Crooks £8 8s, Pursers £9 1s 3d, Careys £1 5s, £5 18s 9d – total £29 13s  
Balance £424 0s 1d. Receipts for April £42 6s 6d

The Secretary was instructed to send advise of the Annual Meeting to Messrs Gorrie and Westbury (trustees), Bertelsen and McArthur. Notice of meeting to be inserted in the Hutt News one week before the meeting.

The Chairman was authorized to purchase six glass jugs and up to four dozen nip glasses.

Chairman/A. Jenkins That no charge be made Mr J. Coldart for use of the hall on 27 Jun 1963.

On the occasion of Mr Hamilton leaving the Hall Society the opportunity was taken to present to him a travelling rug and bag. For his remarks the Chairman referred to the fact that Mr Hamilton had been on the committee since 1945 and deputy chairman for a number of years. He expressed the Society’s appreciation of Mr Hamilton’s work, done in such a willing manner and referred to the numerous ways he had helped the Society. Mr Searle endorsed the Chairman’s remarks and he referred to the considerable work done by Mr Hamilton on various subcommittees. On behalf of the Society the presentation was made and best wishes extended to him for the future. Mr Hamilton replied and expressed his appreciation of time spent with the committee members over the years and to friendships made.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9.25pm following which Mr Hamilton invited those present to remain for a short time and partake of some light refreshment.

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<b>08 May 1963 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £17 15s
<b>27 May 1963 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £40

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#### **04 Jun 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

On opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed Mr F. Westbury as past treasurer for many years to the proceedings. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Lower Hutt City Council and request angle parking in Mabey Road. The Avery Kindergarten are to be charged £1 0s 11d being the cost of replacing the broken glass guage to the Zip heater.

Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes (NZ) Ltd 15s 6d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Zip Industries £1 0s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £9 17s 8d, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd 18s – total £15 10s  
Balance £452 2s 1d. Receipts for May £57 15s

The caretakers reported that in the main all functions were satisfactory though once again the Taita Cricket Club did not leave the hall properly clean and tidy. Future bookings by that club's committee will be subject to a surcharge if the hall not left thoroughly clean.

It was resolved that the question of sealing and staining the supper room floor be gone into and Mr Hamilton undertook to make enquiries regarding the recent staining of the Wilford School.

Mr Hodgins undertook to enquire re new “stacking” chairs (cost etc)

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## 08 Jun 1963 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Before an attendance of 24 residents the Chairman, Mr C. W. Hewer, opened the meeting and extended especial welcomes to Mr C. Bertelsen, the previous Secretary and Mr F. Westbury, the previous Treasurer, and Mrs Westbury, all down from Tauranga.

Apologies: Mr and Mrs J. Searle, Mr and Mrs A. Jenkins, Mr and Mrs J. Wagg.

The meeting recorded with regret the passing during the year of Mrs Hewer, the Chairman's mother, and Mrs Bertelsen, Mr Bertelsen's mother and the meeting stood for a minute in respect of their memory.

The Chairman presented the annual report and balance sheet. He expressed the Society's appreciation of the work done by Mr J. Wagg in arranging the installation of the heaters in the main hall and supper room and referred to the appreciation expressed by various users of the hall. Mr Hewer took the opportunity of thanking Mr J. Hamilton for his services over the years to the Society and wished him well on his trip overseas and his future.

The Treasurer advised that the Auditors had drawn attention to the fact that for the second year in succession expenditure exceeded income and this would have to be watched in the future.

B. Hodgins/F. Ferretti That the present committee be elected "en bloc" with power to add – carried.

Committee: C. W. Hewer, J. Searle, B. Hodgins, J. Caldart, F. Ferretti, G. Search, M. Riddle, A. Jenkins, A. Hewer, S. Battiston, P. Battiston, J. Crooks, J. Wagg, D. McMurray, W. Garrett, W. Smith, G. Barr, F. Barclay, E. Ferretti

On behalf of the committee, Mr J. Hamilton thanked the Chairman for his guidance and help during the year. As he was retiring from the committee Mr Hamilton took the opportunity of thanking the members for friendships formed over the years and expressed his continued surprise at the large attendance at each committee meeting that has been maintained throughout the years.

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<b>17 Jun 1963 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £42 17s 6d
<b>01 Jul 1963 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £21 10s 11d
<b>03 Jul 1963 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £5 1s Heater meter box receipts

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**02 Jul 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

On opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the passing, on 29 June, of Mrs Ferretti, wife of Mr F. Ferretti Snr and mother of Mr E. Ferretti, both present members of the committee, also mother of F. Ferretti Jnr, a past committee member. Mr Ferretti has been a committee member for more than 20 years and Mrs Ferretti's support of her husband and family in their Society work was known and appreciated.

The Chairman also brought to the attention of the committee of the passing of Mrs Kitchener, wife of the late Mr Fred Kitchener (a foundation member and architect of the hall). Mrs Kitchener was the mother of Mr Bert, a former committee member. The committee endorsed the Chairman's action in sending floral tributes to the families concerned, and stood in silence for a minute in respect of the memory of Mrs Ferretti and Mrs Kitchener.

The Chairman advised that Mr F. Ferretti Snr had been admitted to Hutt Hospital and the Secretary was instructed to write Mr Ferretti wishing him a speedy recovery.

The Chairman welcomed to the committee Mr Bill Smith and Mr Graham Barr, two new members elected at the Annual meeting and briefly outlined the committee's duties.

The Secretary was instructed to contact the Headmaster of the Wilford School and make enquiries regarding the staining and sealing of that school's assembly hall.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Justice Department and Ventube Manufacturing Co. and obtain prices for 50 stacking chairs.

Accounts passed for payment: State Fire Insurance (Building) £48 19s 10d and (Furnishings) £1 16s, (Public liability) £3 16s 7d, W. H. Lees & Co. £19 11s 6d, Henry de Lissac £1, Taita Pomare Press £1 2s 6d, Taita Hotel £4 15s, Mauri Bros & Thompson (Glasses and Jugs) £7 8s, Petty Cash £9 18s 8d – total £98 8s 1d

Bank Balance £494 0s 6d. Receipts for June £64 8s 5d. Takings from the heater meter (1<sup>st</sup> clearance) were £5 1s

Officers elected for the year: Chairman C. W. Hewer; Deputy Chairman J. Searle; Secretary W. R. Garrett; Treasurer D. McMurray  
It was resolved that a works and any other subcommittee be elected as required during the year.

The caretakers reported that all functions held during the month were satisfactorily run, but some eight or nine tea towels were missing after the Social held on 29 June. The Treasurer undertook to see Mrs Unsworth.

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<b>24 Jul 1963 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £46 10s
<b>05 Aug 1963 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £23 15s

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### 06 Aug 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

On declaring the meeting open the Chairman welcomed Mr F. Barclay to the committee and briefly outlined the committee's duties.

It was resolved that a subcommittee be formed to investigate and report back to the committee regarding the sanding and sealing of the supper room. The subcommittee to comprise C. W. Hewer (ex officio), B. Hodgins, F. Barclay, J. Searle and report back to the next committee meeting.

The caretakers reported that all functions for the month were satisfactorily run and the hall left in order.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £16 11s, Post Office £2 17s 11d, Macs Glass £2, Pilchers £3, Lower Hutt City Council £71 9s, State Fire £2 5s, J. Wagg £5 – total £103 2s 11d  
Bank balance £475 13s 5d. Receipts for July £75 6s

The Chairman reported that the stage curtain cords had been renewed.  
The Treasurer advised that the tea towels had been returned by Mrs Unsworth.

It was resolved that a note of appreciation be recorded in appreciation of the action of those wives of committee members in washing tea towels from time to time.

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<b>09 Aug 1963 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £22 10s
<b>02 Sep 1963 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £44 17s 6d

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### 03 Sep 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Accounts passed for payment: King & Grant £5 19s, Burns Philp £2 13s 6d – total £8 12s 6d.  
Bank Balance £439 18s. Receipts for August £44 17s 6d.

The Caretakers reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in order. One mop was broken and disinfectant low. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase a new wringer mop and disinfectant (one gallon tin).

The Secretary was authorized to arrange to have the broken glass in the Long Room repaired.,  
It was resolved that Mrs Mansfield be charged a total of £15 for the use of the hall on 20 and 21 September.

Mr Barclay reported in detail on treatment (Bourne Seal) for the supper room. After general discussion it was resolved that a working bee be formed in January 1964 for the sealing of the floor – Mr Barclay to be convenor – formation of subcommittee and purchase of sealer to be discussed at the next meeting and Mr Barclay was authorized to purchase the sealer as it became available.

The question of replacement of the urinal is to be raised at the meeting.

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**30 Sep 1963 Mon**      Bank Deposit £41 10s                      balance as of this date £437 7s 9d

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**01 Oct 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The meeting recorded with regret the passing of Mr Barr's grandmother.

The Chairman welcomed Mr F. Westbury (past treasurer) to the meeting and expressed the pleasure of the committee in his being present.

Accounts passed for payment: Macs Glass £1, River Board £1 17s 10d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £15 18s 2d, Post & Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd £3 16s 8d – total £25 10s 7d

Bank balance £478 17s 9d. Receipts for September £41 10s.

Caretakers reported that with the exception of Zip Industries, all functions were run satisfactorily. It was resolved that Zip Industries be charged an additional £7 10s as a cleaning charge as they did nothing to assist in cleaning up the hall after use. The caretakers reported that approximately ten large plates were missing and the Secretary was instructed to contact Mrs Mansfield re these. As there was a shortage of saucers and large plates the Treasurer was authorized to purchase 12 dozen saucers and three dozen large plates, also one dozen tea towels.

A hammer of the piano was again broken and the Secretary was authorized to have Mr De Lisac repair same.

It was resolved that for the next few months meetings commence at 8pm.

It was resolved that Mr Bowker be permitted to use the hall for a maximum of 2½ hours November to January 1964 on mutually acceptable nights for £2 per session and Secretary was authorized to arrange.

After discussion the works subcommittee was authorized to obtain quotes (for renewal of the urinal in stainless steel) and if possible report back to the next committee meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to have Mr Johnson spray the grass on the western side of the hall with a weed killer (on a charge basis).

It was resolved that no charge be made to Mr C. W. Hewer for the use of the hall on 28 Sep 1963.

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**21 Oct 1963 Mon**      Bank Deposit £54

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## 06 Nov 1963 Wed – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Secretary reported that Mr Bowker (Star nighters band) had not used the hall as booked. The Secretary was instructed to check and report to the next committee meeting.

Grass Spraying: The Secretary was instructed to write and invite Mr and Mrs Johnson to the Society's Xmas social.

The committee received with regret Mr M. W. C. Riddle's resignation from the Hall Society and the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge same with regret and invite Mr and Mrs Riddle to the Xmas Social.

Urinal: The subcommittee reported that two tenders had been received for alterations to the mens cloak room – Homedale Building Co Ltd £217 and J. K. Sage £216. After considerable discussion it was resolved that Mr Sage be approached by the works committee on the basis of a member of the hall committee doing the plumbing – supplying plumbing at cost and labour. The subcommittee was empowered to proceed in the best interests of the Society. Secretary to advise unsuccessful tenderer (on advice from subcommittee).

Accounts passed for payment: Toop & Neilson £5 12s 10d, Macs Glass £1 5s, Post Office £2 17s 11d, Henri de Lisac 10s – total £10 5s 9d  
Balance £507 7s 2d. Receipts for October £142 11s 6d – includes £71 9s refund of rates from City Council.

Quotes for stacking chairs (50) – prices each  
Ventube (Ch-Ch) £1 13s 9d plus freight  
Steel Web (Hutt) £1 15s to £4 plus freight  
D. M. Shipherd J. Frederick H. £1 10s plus freight  
Rickston Ltd £1 15s to £2 10s plus freight; £5 5s for 6' stacking form  
Celhi Billman £2 5s plus freight

The Secretary advised that no pamphlets had been issued except from Ventube Mg. After considerable discussion it was resolved that 50 be purchased from Messrs D. M. Shipherd Ltd and at the same time the two broken chairs be repaired. The Treasurer was authorized to arrange.

It was resolved that the works subcommittee comprise Messrs C. W. Hewer, J. Searle, B. Hodgins and D. McMurray with power to co-opt.

The Caretakers reported that in the main all functions were satisfactory, with the exception of Rosedale League. Rather a rough crowd, messy and not over helpful in cleaning up; late arriving on Sunday morning etc.

The Treasurer undertook to arrange the music for the Xmas Social and the milk tea and sugar required for supper. The Chairman was authorized to arrange the usual refreshments. Social on usual basis – ladies a plate and committee members wives savouries or sandwiches. MC to be Messrs S. Battiston and F. Barclay. The Secretary was instructed to write and invite Mr and Mrs Gorrie, Mr and Mrs Bertelsen and Mr and Mrs Westbury to the social.

Mr Barr was authorised to check and fix the roof where it is loose.

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<b>08 Nov 1963 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £98 11s 6d
<b>02 Dec 1963 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £41 10s

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### **03 Dec 1963 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

On opening the meeting the chairman extended a welcome to Mr J. Hamilton, a past member of the committee who was present at the meeting. Fifty chairs had been received from Messrs D. M. Shipherd Ltd. Also two broken chairs had been repaired.

The Treasurer reported that Mr Middleton had been engaged for the social on 7 Dec 1963. Mr Barr advised that the western leanto roof had been renailed as requested at the last meeting.

It was resolved that the new urinal be now 6' long. The work is progressing satisfactorily. Mr Barr doing the necessary plumbing work and arranging delivery of unit. Mr J. Sage had agreed to meet the subcommittee and is now proceeding with the carpentry work.

It was resolved that the subcommittee be authorized to attend to the rear (supper door) "panic bolt"; louvre to ladies toilet; door jamming in ladies cloak room; fix ¼ round on rear of seating in main hall; missing bolt; fanlight in main hall and to check the main entrance door.

The caretakers reported that all functions were satisfactory and the hall left in reasonable order generally.

Accounts passed for payment: Chaning charge £7 10s, Macs Glass £1 3s, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board and C. B. £12 11s 4d  
Bank balance £595 12s 3d. Receipts for November £58.

The Chairman reported that the Kindergarten desired to increase the shed at the rear of the hall from 8' x 6' to 8' x 10'. Work to be done by Mr Sage. This was approved in principle, the shed to be painted to match the hall on completion. The Chairman undertook to advise Mrs Bognuda of the Kindergarten Society.

The Chairman reported that one electric plug had been taken out of the kitchen (to prevent overloading and subsequent blowing of fuses) and the rubber mat in the kitchen again glued down by Mr Barclay. Mr Barclay undertook to make enquiries regarding castors for the piano.

Prior to the meeting closing Mr Hamilton thanked the committee for the invitation to be present at the Xmas meeting and extended Xmas greetings to all.

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<b>10 Dec 1963 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £16 10s
<b>15 Jan 1964 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £33 15s

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#### **04 Feb 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Before declaring the meeting open the Chairman referred to the passing since the last meeting of Giovanni Caldart a Society member since 1956. The Chairman spoke of Mr Caldart's always pleasant manner and quiet but ever willing worker. Mr B. Hodgins also spoke and expressed his appreciation of the assistance given him personally during caretakers duties and other times of the years.

The Chairman also reported the death of the mother of Mr A. Jenkins since the previous meeting and extended the committee's condolences to Mr Jenkins; following which the committee stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, J. Sage (Urinal) £68 10s, J. Wagg £1 15s, Pilchers £3 18s – Total £76 10s 11d  
Balance £562 13s 1d. Receipts for December and January £60 15s.  
Letter received from Lower Hutt City Council re License Fee (£2 pa) to be charged.

It was resolved that Mr McMurray's action in painting the wall and windows following alterations and Mr Hodgins tending to the interior be recorded as was Mr F. Ferretti's punching the nails in the supper room floor and Messrs McMurray, Barclay, Hodgins and Searle in sealing and staining that floor. Mr Searle also cut back the hedge along the eastern boundary. Thanks and appreciation of the various members actions were expressed by the chairman and endorsed by the committee. The supper room is looking particularly smart and should make cleaning much easier.

The caretakers reported that the functions held during December and January were satisfactorily run and the hall left in good condition. They advised that the roof over the kitchen was leaking and accordingly Mr Barr was authorized to make good before the next meeting. The fact that users of the hall doubted that caretakers carried out their duties voluntarily was once again mentioned and it was resolved that the following notice be prepared and placed in the kitchen, long room and supper room. Mr Hodgins undertook to arrange.

AVALON HALL SOCIETY  
In this Hall Custodians Duties  
Are carried out voluntarily  
Please assist

Once again the keys of the piano had been broken and the Secretary was authorized to have Mr De Lusac repair it and obtain an estimate of the cost for reconditioning.

The Secretary was authorized to discuss possible booking of the long room for a Darts Club on a suggested basis of say £1 per hour with a minimum charge of £2 per night.

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<b>10 Feb 1964 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £10 10s
<b>21 Feb 1964 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £21 5s
<b>03 Mar 1964 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £22 10s

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**03 Mar 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The question of new castors for the piano was left for the next meeting in the absence of Mr Barclay.

The Secretary advised that Mr De Lisac had reported that it would cost at least £40 and possibly more and even then there would be no guarantee as to how long it would last and he recommend that the existing piano be sold “as is” and a replacement purchased. It was decided after considerable discussion to consider the matter after the end of the financial year, but in the meantime committee members are to watch for a suitable replacement; further discussion at the next meeting.

Accounts passed for payment: de Lisac (Piano) £1 15s, All floor surfaces (Supper room) £11 10s, F. Barclay (Bourne seal Supper room) £13 10s, Briscoe (NZ) Ltd £3 14s 10d, G. Barr (Urinal) £130 4s, Roof (East wing) £30 – Total £190 15s 4d  
Balance £511 19s 9d. March receipts £53 15s.

Mr Barr reported that the roof of the east wing was sagging. Flashings now all OK and there should be no further leaks from that part of the roof. The caretakers reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

The Chairman reported that the Avalon Tennis Club proposed forming a Table Tennis Club and the Secretary was authorized to handle any enquiry from the proposed Table Tennis Club on the basis of £1 per night for the 1964 season, charges to be reviewed in 1965. Letter to come from the club first and final negotiations to be confirmed in writing.

Until further notice it was decided that meetings commence at 7.30pm.

There was discussion on a suggestion that meetings be held two monthly and it was finally decided that meetings continue to be held monthly as at present.

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**07 Apr 1964 Tue**      Bank Deposit £55 10s

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**07 Apr 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Correspondence from Avalon Tennis Club re hiring the supper room for Table Tennis was received and the Secretary was instructed to write acknowledging same – charges to be £1 per night for this season – charges to be reviewed next year. Tennis shoes must be worn.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 4s 6d, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd £2 14s 9d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Mac's Glass £2 10s – Total £9 7s 2d.

Balance £340 12s 3d. March receipts £55 10s.

The Chairman referred to the action of Mr Hodgins in the cleaning of the ladies toilets and expressed the committee's thanks and appreciation. The Chairman's action in authorizing the replacement of toilet seats was approved.

The Caretakers reported all functions held during the month were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

The Treasurer was authorized to purchase a paper towel holder for the men's toilet; plastic teaspoons, 12 dozen saucers and a carton of paper towels.

The Secretary was authorized to finalise negotiations with the St John Brigade at 15s per night for a 1½ hour period – 6.30 to 8pm.

The question of replacement of the existing piano is to be left until after the Annual meeting.

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**30 Apr 1964 Thu**      Bank Deposit £6 0s 10d

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### **05 May 1964 – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Chairman on opening the meeting welcomed to the meeting a past treasurer, Mr F. Westbury, who was down from Tauranga. Mr Westbury suitably replied.

The Chairman advised that the question of use of paper towels by Kindergarten children had been taken up with the head teacher who will endeavour to ensure that the children do not use it. The Chairman also reported that Mr Sage had undertaken to replace the door step in the long room that was broken recently.

Outward correspondence to Avalon Tennis Club was approved.

The Caretakers reported that all functions had been run smoothly and no trouble caused and on the whole, the hall left in reasonable condition. It was resolved that Miss Caldart be given use of the hall at no charge in view of her late father's service on the committee.

Accounts passed for payment: £33 2s 11d

The Secretary reported that he, with the Treasurer had removed the damaged lock from the Heater meter and that there was only 5s in the box, although it had not been cleared since July 1963. Accordingly it was obvious that the money had been stolen and the purchase of a Yale type lock was approved. It was resolved that the meter be cleared at each monthly meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to send formal notice of the Annual Meeting and Social to Mr and Mrs Gorrie, Mr H. V. Horlor, Mr Westbury undertook to remind Mr and Mrs Bertelsen. The Secretary to also invite regular users of the hall and the Kindergarten, Bowls Club and Table Tennis Club. Notice of meeting to be inserted in the Hutt News. The Chairman undertook to arrange necessary refreshments, final details to be arranged at next meeting.

The kitchen was badly in need of a clean down and it was resolved that a working bee be held on Tuesday 19 May 1964, all members to be present.

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**02 Jun 1964 Tue**      Bank Deposit £61 0s 6d

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## 02 Jun 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Chairman referred to the very poor response to the working bee for cleaning the kitchen when only four members attended. While some members had advised of their inability to attend the Chairman felt that it was not fair to leave it to so few.

During the meeting the meter box was cleared (3s being taken and making receipt for the month from the meter £2 1s.  
As both caretakers were absent no report was received.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power & Gas Board £6 8s 6d, A. Jenkins (purchase of tea towels) £1 7s – total £7 15s 6d  
Bank Balance: £367 10s 9d. Receipts for May £61 0s 6d.  
The annual report and balance sheet were discussed in brief and approved for presentation to the annual general meeting.

A short discussion was held on the question of an approach to the “Golden Kiwi” authorities and it was decided to leave the matter until after the annual general meeting.

The Treasurer reported that a Mr Moses had been booked as pianist for the social. It was arranged that the Treasurer obtain sugar and milk etc and dance prizes and the Chairman undertook to arrange for refreshments. MCs for the social are to be Mr F. Barclay and Mr S. Battiston.

It was resolved that the Avalon Scout Group be allowed the use of the hall on 23 June 1964 free of charge on the occasion of the presentation of a Queen’s Scout Certificate to a local boy – Malcolm Kent.

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**06 Jun 1964 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 41<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Before an attendance of some 16 residents the Chairman declared the meeting opened and extended an especial welcome to Mr C. Bertelsen, past Secretary, and Mr H. V. Horlor the sole surviving foundation member.

Apologies were received from E. S. Ferretti and J. Searle.

Before business proceeded the Chairman referred to the passing, since the last Annual Meeting of Mrs F. Ferretti, the wife of Mr F. Ferretti Snr and also Mr J. Caldart. At the same the chairman referred to the passing of Mr Fulford, a committee member in the 1930s and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman thanked those responsible for the various improvements to the hall, especially to the supper room and mens urinal. After discussion of the annual report in general the Chairman moved the adoption – seconded B. Hodgins and carried. There was little to discuss on the statement of accounts, apart from the small loss, £23 15s 6d on the years activities. The Treasurer reported that the Auditor had expressed satisfaction with the accounts. Speaking to the statement of accounts and the report in general, Mr Bertelsen expressed his pleasure at the continued improvements to the hall and congratulated the committee on the results achieved.

D. McMurray/A. Jenkins	That the statement of accounts be adopted – carried
A. Jenkins/D McMurray	That Messrs King and Grant be appointed auditors – carried
S. Battiston/G. Search	That the present committee be re-elected en bloc with power to add
S. Battiston/G. Search	That Mr Adrian Harding be nominated and appointed to the committee subject to his acceptance

Committee: C. W. Hewer, A. Hewer, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti Snr, W. Smith, J. Searle, B. Hodgins, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, G. Search, A. Jenkins, J. Wagg, G. Barr, F. Barclay, D. McMurray, J. Crooks, A. Harding & W. Garrett

W. Garrett/B. Hodgins	That the ingoing committee consider applying to the Golden Kiwi authorities for a grant to carry out necessary repairs and alterations to the hall - carried
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**22 Jun 1964 Mon**      Bank Deposit £32 16s 6d

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## 26 Jun 1964 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Election of officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle (Deputy Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer), W. R. Garrett (Secretary)  
Works subcommittee: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, B. Hodgins and S. Battiston with power to co-opt

On taking the chair the Chairman welcomed to the committee Mr Adrian Harding the new committee member.

It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the ladies of the Avalon Tennis Club for entertaining with their parody on TV commercials at the annual social.

The caretakers reported that all functions were conducted satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

Bank balance: £452 9s 3d. Receipts for June £40 6s 6d. Meter box cleared at the meeting - £4 11s  
Accounts passed for payment: W. H. Lees & Co. £17 5s, King and Grant £5 19s, State Fire Public Liability £3 15s, State Fire Hall £48 17s 10d, State Fire Contents £1 16s (State Fire total £58 8s 10d), J. K. Sage £8 14s, J. Wagg £13, Pilcher (Florists) £1 10s, ~~W. H. Lees~~ Taita Hotel £4 19s 6d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £18 19s 8d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d – Total £127 13s 11d

It was resolved that a subcommittee comprising the works committee plus the Secretary, Treasurer be appointed to fully consider the immediate and future needs of the hall, repairs, renovations and such work as may be deemed necessary or desirable in maintaining the hall at a high standard – the scope of the subcommittee's work to be limited only by any restrictions appertaining to an application to the Golden Kiwi authorities for a grant. The subcommittee to present a preliminary report by the next committee meeting.

The Chairman advised that a pianist (Mr Moses) and a drummer had been booked for the Xmas Social.

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<b>07 Jul 1964 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £7 10s
<b>29 Jul 1964 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £72 6s Rent

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**04 Aug 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Outward correspondence to Avalon Tennis Club was approved.

The Caretakers reported that all functions held during the month had been satisfactory and hall left in tidy condition after use. They reported that 32 large plates were missing and the Chairman undertook to check with one of the caterers. Detergent is in short supply and Mr Barclay undertook to obtain some stocks. Paper towels and toilet paper were both reported as getting low and the Treasurer was authorized to purchase some, also three new brooms.

The Chairman undertook to see the Taita Social Club and ask them to ensure that the chalk dust left by them was cleared up before they vacated the hall.

Accounts passed for payment: Lower Hutt City Council (Rates) £71 9s, De Lisac (re Piano) £3 15s – total £75 4s  
Bank balance £396 19s 4d. Receipts for July £85 8s 6d

The subcommittee advised the following approximate estimate of cost for renovations, repairs and/or new work.

[1] Lino tiles (ladies and gents toilets and cloak rooms) £88

[2] Re roof £500 12s

[3] Toilets £40 15s (new cisterns)

[4] Sink tap kitchen (no return) £107 7s.

To date no estimate had been received for the proposed interior painting, but this item should be ready by the next committee meeting.

Mr Hodgins advised of a piano that may possibly suit the hall committee and he was empowered to make preliminary enquiries on the committee's behalf.

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**05 Aug 1964 Wed**      Bank Deposit £2 17s meter money and £13 2s 6d rent

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**01 Sep 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Chairman and Secretary both advised that they had not been able to trace the 32 missing large plates.  
Balance £337 14s 10d. Meter receipts £1 13s. Receipts (bookings) for August £35 3s.  
Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes £4 16s, J. Wagg £3 15s

The caretakers reported that all functions for the month were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.  
After considerable discussion it was decided that before positive action was taken regarding purchasing a replacement piano that the Secretary ask Mr De Lisac to submit a price for repairing (if required) and otherwise tuning the present piano up to a reasonable standard. Also to ask Mr De Lisac for his recommendation as to the value of having necessary repairs carried out.

The Treasurer reported the purchase of four dozen large plates and half gross of plastic spoons and one gallon of cleanser.  
Following discussion the draft of the proposed submission to the Great Golden Kiwi Lottery authorities in connection with the application for a grant was approved and the Secretary was authorized to sign the application on behalf of the Society.

F. Ferretti/A. Jenkins Before sending the application the subcommittee to take up the question of referring the matter to the Mayor for his support

The Chairman reported the deaths recently of Mr V. Peck, a former member of the Society and of the wife of Mr Gill McCullum who was also a former member. He advised that appropriate telegrams had been sent and that he had attended Mrs McCullum's funeral on the Society's behalf.

It was resolved that until further notice meetings would commence at 8pm.  
The Secretary and Treasurer undertook to bring the list of members up to date in the reasonably near future.

It was decided to hold a working bee on 5 Sep 1964 and commence the staining and sealing of the stage.

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<b>02 Sep 1964 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £33 10s rent and £1 13s meter money
<b>17 Sep 1964 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £62 7s 6d Rent

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**06 Oct 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Chairman thanked those committee members who had carried out the cleaning and staining of the stage. Mention was made of the damage caused to new work by the Taita Social Club and it was resolved that the Chairman, Secretary and Mr Hodgins meet the Social Club office holders on 7 Oct 1964 at 8pm and point out the damage being caused.

The thanks of the Society were expressed to Mr Hodgins by the Chairman for his action in arranging for signs to Ladies and Gents cloakrooms. Also for membership list. It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr Tenquist thanking him for printing the roll.

It was resolved that a four gallon tin of Johnstons Floor wax be purchased – Treasurer to arrange.  
The draft letter to the Mayor re application for grant from Golden Kiwi Funds was read and approved for dispatch.

The caretakers reported that in the main all functions were run satisfactorily and hall left in good order.

Accounts passed for payment: Wellington Floor Surfacing £8, Radio Sound and Service (microphone) £5 13s, Briscoes £7 6s 6d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, J. & W. Young £11 2s, River Board £1 17s 10d, Power Board £14 15s – Total £51 12s 3d  
Bank balance: £421 18s 1d. Receipts for September £77 3s 6d including meter money of £1 6s

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<b>07 Oct 1964 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £13 10s Rent and £1 6s meter money
<b>12 Oct 1964 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £71 9s refund of rates and £15 15s rent



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**03 Nov 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Library – Committee Meeting**

On opening the meeting the chairman referred to the passing of the mother of the Deputy Chairman, Mr Searle, and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

On behalf of the committee, the chairman thanked Mr McMurray for his action in waxing the floor of the main hall which is looking so much better for his work.

The caretakers reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order.

Searle/Hodgins            It was resolved that Mr De Lisac be asked to fix the piano and at the same time secure top and front  
The chairmans action in authorizing the remedial work to the blocked drains was approved as was the installation of an inspection chamber.

Bank balance £472 11s 4d. October receipts £15 13s including 3s meter money.

Accounts passed for payment: Johnstons (floor wax) £4 0s 6d, Petty cash £5, Piano (De Lisac) £1 5s

The Chairman advised that he was checking that the pianist booked last June was in fact booked for the Society's Xmas Social. The Chairman would also arrange for savouries and the necessary liquid refreshments. Mr G. Barr was appointed as MC for this function. The Treasurer undertook to purchase tea, sugar, milk, prizes etc.

The Secretary was directed to write and invite the members of the Avalon Tennis Club and the management committee of the Taita Rugby Football Club – admission – ladies a plate – gents as usual. Also to write to Mr and Mrs Gorrie, Mr and Mrs Bertelsen and Mr and Mrs Westbury.

The wiring in the kitchen required adjusting and Mr Wagg was authorized to rearrange as required and in keeping with requirements.

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**04 Nov 1964 Wed**      Bank Deposit £15 10s rent and 3s meter money

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**01 Dec 1964 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Barr advised that the Kia Tiki Band had been booked for the Xmas Social.

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £9 9s 8d, G. Barr £26 2s 1d, Pilchers £1 10s

Bank balance: £477 18s 10d. November receipts £52 7s 6d

Letter received from the Mayor re Golden Kiwi and the Secretary was directed to write and accept the Mayor's offer of a covering letter for forwarding to the Golden Kiwi Lottery authorities.

The caretakers reported that all functions held during their period were satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. Care of the hall by the Bisons has not been good.

On behalf of the committee the chairman thanked Mr Barr for making additional cigarette butt boxes.

It was resolved that no charge be made to Mr W. Smith for use of the hall on 21 November.

It was resolved that the Hutt Valley Darts Association be charged £2 10s for their use of the hall.

It was resolved that 5s per hour on a Sunday and 7s 6d per hour at night be charged for use of the hall for hand practice.

It was resolved that the floor polisher be sent to Mr Knowles of Kings Crescent in the new year for overhaul

As two cisterns in the ladies toilets were defective it was resolved that the existing cisterns be replaced. Accordingly Mr Barr was authorized to carry out the necessary work.

As the next meeting would not be until February the Secretary, Treasurer and one Trustee were authorized to pay any urgent accounts.

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**01 Dec 1964 Tue**      Bank Deposit £52 7s 6d rent

**22 Dec 1964 Tue**      Bank Deposit £33 15s rent

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**02 Feb 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Barr undertook to take the floor polisher to Mr Knowles for an inspection and any necessary maintenance.

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Lees & Co £9 6s 1d, G. W. Barr (Ladies toilets) £36 13s 8d, Pilchers (Wreath) £2 2s – total £50 19s 8d

Bank balance £560 9s 3d. December/January receipts £58 5s

The Caretakers reported that all functions were run satisfactorily. Due to Mr Wagg being sick Mr Barr substituted for him during December/January as required.

It was resolved that no charge be made for the Barr wedding held 23 Jan 1965.

The Caretakers reported that the Gas Caliphont light had been adjusted and that two window cords had been broken, also two holes in North wall of supper room (by exit door).

The Secretary was instructed to have Mr De Lisac quote re piano in main hall.

It was resolved that the works subcommittee bring down recommendations to the next meeting as to priority of repairs and maintenance required.

Following discussion upon the last Xmas Social, at which it was considered too many strangers were present, whereas the original purpose for the socials had been for members and their friends, it was decided that the matter be borne in mind – with the possibility of restricting the members attending and type of evening to be decided at a later date.

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**02 Feb 1965 Tue**      Bank Deposit £24 10s rent

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## 02 Mar 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

On opening the matter the Chairman referred to the passing, since the last meeting of Mr D. De Menich, who had been a committee member for some 12 years. The meeting rose and stood as a mark of respect to his memory.

In the absence of Mr Barr the Secretary was directed to ascertain from him whether or not the floor polisher had been taken to Mr Knowles for a check.

Outward correspondence – to Golden Kiwi Authorities was approved and inward, being a letter from His Worship the Mayor was received. The Secretary was directed to acknowledge Mr Dowse's letter and thank him for his supporting letter to the Golden Kiwi Authorities.

Accounts passed for payment: Macs Glass £4 15s, V. Middleton £28 10s, Lower Hutt City Council (Hall licence) £2, Pilchers (wreath) £2 2s, V. Middleton (re John Spencer) piano purchase £45 – total £81 15s  
Bank balance: £539 10s 7d. February receipts £30 10s

It was resolved that the subcommittee's action in having the Joh. Khuse piano tuned and repaired by Mr Middleton be endorsed.

It was resolved that the second piano (in the supper room) be sold to Mr Wilmhurst for £10

It was resolved that the Society act upon Mr Middleton's recommendation and purchase the John Spencer piano referred to above at a cost of £45

The question of regular tuning of both pianos was left for discussion at the next meeting.

Due to bookings being lost through late cancellations it was resolved that for all future bookings, including those made by committee members, the usual booking fee be payable – fee to be refundable if hall is re-let following cancellation of a committee members booking.

The caretakers reported that all functions for the month were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order.

The Secretary's action in advising Miss Moynihan (as discussed with the chairman) that the hall would no longer be available to her from 1 March 1965 was confirmed.

The Chairman and the works subcommittee reported upon discussions with Mr R. Simpson and agents for the developing company, of the land adjacent to the hall, previously market gardens and now being developed as residential sites as to fencing and share in costs of that fencing. In the absence of the plan, quote and covering letter promised for the subcommittee meeting of Sunday 21 February 1965 and still not to hand, it was resolved that no action be taken by the Society pending advice from the developing company or their agents.

The works subcommittee recommendation that the walls of the ladies toilets be given first priority and that in view of the expenditure on the pianos other expenditure be deferred for the time being was approved. It was decided that Mr McKeitch who had quoted for the job of attending to the walls, be asked to meet Mr Hodgins who would outline more fully the Society's thoughts on the matter. The subcommittee was given power to finalise.

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<b>02 Mar 1965 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £30 10s rent
<b>30 Mar 1965 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £65 17s 6d rent

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**06 Apr 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

There were no accounts for payment.

The Caretakers reported upon the damage to the recently purchased piano. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the piano not be locked and that the caretakers check it after each function and note any damage. The caretakers reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

The Chairman reported upon the developments regarding fencing the hall property and that the correspondence between the developing company and the Society had been placed in the hands of a Solicitor (Mr N. Carter of Hogg, Gillespie, Carter & Oakley) with instructions to Mr Carter to watch the Society's interests.

The Chairman reported that the sole surviving foundation member, Mr H. V. Horlor, was in ill health and the Secretary was directed to write wishing him a speedy recovery.

It was resolved that the Chairman arrange to meet the Taita Social Club's management on the state the hall is left in – Secretary and Treasurer to accompany him at the discussion (proposed for 7.30pm 14 April 1965)

Bank balance: £551 19s 6d. March receipts £65 17s 6d  
It was resolved the books be closed as at 30 April 1965.

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**30 Apr 1965 Fri**      Bank Deposit £32 5s rent

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#### **04 May 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Searle undertook to approach a Mr Mason of Tennyson Avenue re tuning etc of the pianos.

There was general discussion on the question of funding and it was decided that no action be taken until quote received for the erection of a legal post and wire fence.

It was resolved that the Darts Association be charged £2 10s for use of the hall.

The Caretakers reported that all functions held during the month were satisfactorily run and the hall left in good condition. Mr Harding was unable to assist during the month and Mr Battiston was thanked for doing the bulk of the work during the period.

An account from Pilcher's Floral Service for the purchase of a wreath was approved for payment. In moving that the account be paid the chairman advised of the passing of the wife of Mr Arthur Hewer, a committee member and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Accounts passed for payment: £10 be paid to the imprest (Petty Cash). Post and Telegraph, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board accounts to be passed at next meeting. It was resolved that this years annual meeting be held on 26 June and that Messrs Gorrie, Bertelsen and Westbury be advised of the change in date. It was further resolved that a cocktail evening be held following the annual meeting; details to be arranged at next meeting. Advertisement re annual meeting to be referred to next meeting.

Mr E. Ferretti was granted six months leave of absence as he was proceeding overseas. He stated his willingness to stand for the committee once again. On behalf of the committee the Chairman and Treasurer wished Mr Ferretti a good trip.

Bank balance: £546 9s 3d. April receipts £32 5s.

The Treasurer's action in arranging for repairs to broken windows and replacement of broken chains was approved. The Treasurer undertook to purchase paper towels, disinfectant, light globes. Mr Jenkins undertook to purchase teepol.

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**25 May 1965 Tue**      Bank Deposit £59 rent

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## 01 Jun 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

On declaring the meeting opened the Chairman welcomed Mr F. Westbury, a past Treasurer to the meeting and also welcomed back Mr A. F. Hewer who had recently been ill.

The Secretary & Vice Chairman actions in having Mr Mason tune the piano after repairs was approved.  
It was decided not to take any action in respect of the fence until something is heard from Mr Carter, Solicitor.  
Mr Barr undertook to fix sash cord and chain as required to the windows in the main hall.

Correspondence was read from the Lower Hutt City Corporation advising that before the next permit would be issued, it would be necessary to have the floor in the mens toilet covered with lino or some like material. It was resolved that the requirements of the City Corporation be met, further discussion at the next meeting.

The caretakers reported that all the functions held during the month were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

Accounts passed for payment: Capital Glass £5 9s 6d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £10 2s 8d, Electrician £1 3s 6d – total £19 13s 7d.

The Secretary was directed to make enquiries regarding the installation of a slot telephone near the hall, or possibly in it. Prior to enquiries being made the Chairman undertook to see a Mr Kerr.

It was resolved that the Annual meeting be followed by a cocktail hour.

The Secretary was authorized to place the required advertisement in the Hutt News and the Chairman to purchase the necessary refreshments, members to bring a plate and the Treasurer to purchase savouries.

Bank balance: £593 9s 3d. May receipts £59

Mr F. Westbury advised that Mr Bertelsen would not be down for the Annual meeting and sent his regards and best wishes.

It was resolved that the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary be authorized to carry on business until the next committee meeting and the appointment of office bearers.

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**26 Jun 1965 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Before an attendance of 15 residents of the area. The Chairman declared the meeting opened and in doing so referred to the passing during the year of Mr V. Peck and Mr D. De Menech, two former committee members, Mrs Hewer, the wife of Mr A. Hewer, a present committee member and Mrs McCullum, the wife of a former member. The sincere sympathy of the meeting was extended to them in their sad loss and the meeting stood for a minute in silence as a mark of respect.

Apologies: Jenkins, E. Ferretti, Mr and Mrs Bertelsen

The Chairman spoke to the annual report and enlarged upon various items, in particular the fencing of the property following the recent subdivision adjoining the hall.

The Secretary advised the position regarding the application to the Golden Kiwi Authorities for a grant and the reasons for the decline of the application. In seconding the adoption of the report Mr Searle referred to the work done by Mr Hodgins, often at times most unexpected and outside of his turn at caretaking duties.

The Treasurer advised that a favourable report had been received from the Auditors.

Barclay/Barr                      That the committee members prepared to stand be re-elected en bloc with power to add.

The Secretary advised that F. Barclay, G. Search and A. Harding had resigned from the committee.

The committee therefore comprised – C. W. Hewer, J. Searle, B. Hodgins, F. Ferretti Snr, E. Ferretti, A. Jenkins, S. Battiston, P. Battiston, C. Barr, J. Wagg, J. Crooks, A. Hewer, W. Smith, D. McMurray, W. R. A. Garrett.

It was recommended to the incoming committee that the question of increasing rental charges and the question of payment for caretaking duties, possibly on a part time basis be looked into.

Messrs King and Grant were once again appointed auditors

It was recommended to the incoming committee that an appropriate sign be displayed showing the hall as the Avalon Public Hall and that the question of placing the phone number in the yellow pages of the phone book be considered.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman referred with pleasure to the presence at the meeting of two past committee members, Mr Bert Kitchener and Mr Bill Walters and expressed the hope that they would attend future meetings.

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**06 Jul 1965 Tue                      Bank Deposit £29 5s**



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## **06 Jul 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Officers elected: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), J. Searle (Vice-Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer), W. Garrett (Secretary)

It was decided that no action be taken over the boundary fence until such time as the fence had been accurately measured.

The Chairman had discussed the question of approaching the Post Office regarding a telephone near the hall. It was decided that no action be taken on the matter for the meantime.

The Treasurer suggested that prior to the next Annual General Meeting that Mabey Road, Holyoake Crescent and Rosebank Avenue area be circulated setting out the ownership, object and aims of the Society.

The question of laying lino in the men's toilet as required by the Lower Hutt City Corporation before the issue of the necessary permit was raised in correspondence and the Treasurer undertook to see Mr Barclay.

The Secretary read resignations from the committee of Mr G. Search and T. Barclay. The resignations were received with regret and the Secretary was directed to write to them both, thanking them for their services and expressing the hope that they will see their way clear to rejoin the committee at an early date.

Bank balance: £573 5s 8d. June receipts £29 5s and meter receipts £3 6s

Accounts passed for payment: W. R. Knowles (scrubbing machine) £5 7s 6d, State Insurance £56 15s 10d, Industrial Services £9 10s, Lower Hutt City Council £2 (permit), Olympic Hotel £3 15s, Lees & Co. £18, M. Mason (tuning piano) £4 10s. A donation of £1 15s toward the Social fund was reported by the Treasurer.

The decision of the Golden Kiwi Lottery Authorities to decline the Society's application was read to the committee and the subsequent discussions with an officer of the Authority by the Secretary.

The caretakers advised that all functions had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

The question of (a) sign on hall (b) placing phone number in yellow pages of telephone book and (c) payment of a caretaker on a part time basis was deferred until the next regular meeting.

The recommendation of the Annual Meeting that the hall prices be reviewed was agreed to in principle and accordingly a special meeting was called for the sole purpose of discussing the matter, the meeting to be held on 12 July 1965 and the Secretary was directed to ring all members not present at the meeting.

The caretakers pointed out that the electric clock in the main hall was defective and the Treasurer undertook to take it to Wellington for repairs.

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## **12 Jul 1965 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Special Meeting**

The following were appointed to the works subcommittee: C. W. Hewer, J. Searle, B. Hodgins, G. Barr, D. McMurray and W. Garrett.

The main purpose of the meeting was review the existing hall hire charges. There was considerable discussion with all members contributing. It was finally decided that hall charges as per the attached be charged; the new charges to operate from 1 Sep 1965; the Secretary was directed to advise existing bookings accordingly.

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<b>21 Jul 1965 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £3 6s meter money
<b>30 Jul 1965 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £65 10s rent

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**03 Aug 1965 Tue** Quotation for work at Avalon Public Hall from S. F. Barclay, 967 High Street, Lower Hutt (letter enclosed in Ledger book)

Dear Sir, Please find below prices for floor covering as instructed:

Gents Toilet	Cemented and covered with "A" grade Linoleum if available (£45), general grade vinyl tiles (£41), "C" grade Linoleum (£37 10s)
Gents Cloakroom	Cemented flat by "A" grade Linoleum if available (£30), general grade vinyl tiles (£26), "C" grade Linoleum (£24)
Ladies Cloakroom	Cemented flat by "A" grade Linoleum if available (£45), general grade vinyl tiles (£40), "C" grade Linoleum (£37 10s)

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**03 Aug 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Treasurer advised that the electric clock was with Messrs Turnbull & Jones for repairs and should be ready in the next few days. He will arrange to pick it up accordingly.

The Treasurer advised that the new charges recently approved were being printed by Gyles & Co. Ltd. And should be ready for collection in a few days.

The caretakers reported that the functions held during the month were well run with the exception that during one social there was damage caused to the mens toilet wall. Apart from this the hall was left in good condition.

McMurray and S. Battiston undertook to make enquiries regarding a suitable hall sign.

Bank balance: £571 8s 4d. July receipts £65 10s.

Accounts passed for payment: Lower Hutt City Council rates £73 9s 10d, Mr Kutch £41 12s 3d, Industrial Services £4 4s, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £12 9s, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, King and Grant £6 14s – total £141 7s

A quote of £45 from Mr F. Barclay for laying "A" grade linoleum was read to the committee. Before reaching a decision on the matter it was resolved that a further quote be sort, together with estimated time for completion.

The Treasurer advised that once again the cords to the stage drapes had broken.

The Treasurer read to the committee a letter received from Mr E. Ferretti, at present travelling in the U.K. in which he extended his best wishes to the Society.

The Chairman advised that he had recently met three former committee members, Frank Westbury, Jim Hamilton and Charlie Bertelsen, all sent their regards and best wishes to the Society.

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**16 Aug 1965 Mon** Bank Deposit £3 11s meter money and 5s 10d refund tolls and £65 9s rent

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**07 Sep 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

It was understood that the question of the Hall sign was under action by the Treasurer.

Lino had been laid by Mr Eagle in the men's toilet. A most satisfactory job had been done but something was required at the doorway to prevent damage by shoes etc and something required where the lino meets the urinal stand, to prevent water seeping under.

The stage drapes had been attended to and were once again satisfactory.

Accounts passed for payment: A. Eagle (lino laying) £40, Standard Press (new charge prices) £5 2s, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Turnbull & Jones (repairs to clock) £2 2s

The caretakers reported that functions held during the month had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

The Waiwhetu College Old Girls are to be charged a total of £4 for use of the hall ie usual charge plus £1 for damages and less £1 as hall was vacated at 10.30pm.

The meter box was cleared and the sum of £3 6s collected. August receipts £69 5s 10d. Bank balance not given. Until further notice meetings be set down for 8pm.

Mr Hodgins was authorized to purchase the necessary glass and replace the broken glass in the men's toilet.

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**24 Sep 1965 Fri**      Bank Deposit £3 6s meter money and £63 2s 6d rent

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**05 Oct 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Hall Sign: This is under action by the Treasurer.

The Lino in the men's toilet had lifted slightly and Mr Hodgins undertook to seal.

Payment for work done to the hall was discussed and it was resolved that payment would not in future be made until the job was completed to the Works Subcommittee's satisfaction and if progress payments were made, such payment not to exceed the value of work done.

The caretaker reported that all functions held during the month had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. It was reported that the microphone stand was missing and had been for the previous two weeks prior to the meeting.

Mr Hodgins reported upon the work done in the hall and outlined his future programme as regards cleaning of the hall and table tops etc.

Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes £1 15s 4d, Falks 17s, Hutt River Board £1 15s 1d, Macs Glass 14s 6d, Industrial Services £8 8s, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £17 6s, B. Hodgins 10s. Payment for B. Hodgins of £13 15s net for period 1 Sep 1965 to 5 Oct 1965 was also approved. Bank balance: £523 5s 2d. Meter money £1 5s. Donation to social fund £2 5s.

Correspondence regarding sale of R. O. W. (from Hogg, Gillespie, Carter & Oakley) was received – It was decided that no action be taken pending sale price and information regarding garage and lease.

As 18<sup>th</sup> December had not been booked it was decided to hold Society's Xmas social on that date. Following discussion it was resolved that the Secretary write and invite the following to the social – Management committees of Taita Rugby Club, Avalon Tennis Club, Taita Cricket Club, Avery Kindergarten, Women's Institute, L. E. O. B. Invites also to Mr and Mrs Gorrie, Mr and Mrs Westbury and Mr and Mrs Bertelsen.

Mr A. Jenkins undertook to try and book Mr N. Jones for music for the evening.

The piano required tuning again and the Secretary was directed to ring Mr Mason and ask him to attend to the piano as required.

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<b>07 Oct 1965 Thu</b>	Bank Deposit £1 5s meter money and £97 9s 10d rates refund and rent
<b>01 Nov 1965 Mon</b>	Bank Deposit £35 2s rent

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### **01 Nov 1965 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

On opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed back Mr E. Ferretti on his return from a trip to England.

The Treasurer advised that street sign regarding the hall had been completed by Mr Manderson and was ready for erection. The Treasurer undertook to have the sign put up at the corner of High Street and Mabey Road.

The caretaker (Mr Hodgins) advised that the lino in the gents toilet had been sealed. He also advised that the microphone stand had been returned.

Outward correspondence was approved and inward (re Right of Way) received. The Secretary was directed to thank the Solicitors for the information regarding the value of the right of way etc, and to advise the solicitors that the Society regretted it was not in a position to purchase at a price any where near the given valuation.

Bank balance: £577 9s 1d. October receipts £35 2s.

Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes £3 6s 5d, B. Hodgins (repairs) £1 15s, B. Hodgins (period 6 Oct 1965 to 2 Nov 1965) £11

The subcommittee reported upon the painting of the Long-room. After discussion the matter was referred back to the subcommittee to obtain a further quote. If acceptable, the subcommittee was empowered to finalize.

The Caretaker and Mr S. Battiston reported that all functions were satisfactorily run and the hall left in good condition.

Mr Hodgins expressed appreciation of Mr Wagg's action in repairing the defective heaters at short notice. On behalf of the committee the Chairman also expressed appreciation.

The Chairman extended thanks to Mr Searle for donating the lino and to Mr Hodgins for laying it in the committee room.

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**07 Dec 1965 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Apology: F. Ferretti – Due to ill health Mr Ferretti could not attend the meeting and the Secretary was directed to convey the committee's best wishes for a speedy recovery to him.

Bank balance: £596 9s 8d. November receipts £44 14s – giving a total of £641 3s 8d

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Stokes Valley Hardware £1 13s 9d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £11 11s 11d, Johnsons Wax £8 18s 6d, Donsen and Grant (Painting longroom) £45 10s 6d, J. Wagg (Electrical work) £2 15s, B. Hodgins wages (2 Nov to 7 Dec) £13 15s, B. Hodgins (work and materials) £6 5s – total £95 5s 1d

The Subcommittee's action regarding the painting of the long room was endorsed. The work being carried out by Donsen and Grant Caretaker reported that all functions were run satisfactorily.

The Chairman undertook to arrange the refreshments for the Social. Mr Jenkins undertook to confirm re the Band. Mr Searle undertook to oversee the supper arrangements.

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<b>10 Dec 1965 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £44 10s rent and 4s meter money
<b>01 Feb 1966 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £70 5s rent

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**01 Feb 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Xmas Social was considered to be a good one with little trouble.

The committee endorsed the subcommittee's action in authorizing the painting of the ladies cloak room by Donsen and Grant at a cost of £85. The finished work was considered a good job. Also the installation of an additional fluorescent light in the kitchen and in ladies cloakroom was approved. Mr Wagg did the necessary electrical work.

Bank balance: £439 11s 11d plus December/January receipts £70 5s.

Accounts passed for payment: G. Barr £76 10s 6d, J. Wagg £10 15s, B. Hodgins £8 10s 6d, B. Hodgins (wages December/January) £22, W. Lees & Co. £12 12s, Olympic Hotel £5 12s 6d, Donsen and Grant £85, Income Tax £1 7s 6d, Petty cash £3 – total £164 18s

The Caretaker reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order.

Kindergarten Rails: The Chairman and Mr Hodgins undertook to see the Kindergarten regarding the provision by them of a portable towel rack in the ladies cloakroom.

Appreciation was expressed of Mr Barr's action in providing an incinerator. This has already proved a great asset.

It was decided that the ladies cloakroom floor be tiled and accordingly the subcommittee was empowered to approach Mr A. Eagles for a price and if acceptable were authorized to finalise.

The suggestion that consideration be given to the formation of a Hall Social Club was deferred and is to be brought up at the next meeting.

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**01 Mar 1966 Tue**      Bank Deposit £62 10s rent



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## 01 Mar 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Towel rail: The Chairman advised that the question of a satisfactory coat hanger was being looked into by the Kindergarten as the existing one was far too heavy.

Ladies Cloak Room Floor: The action of the subcommittee in accepting the tender from A. Eagles (£39 15s) was endorsed. The work had been completed and was satisfactory.

In the absence of Mr Wagg the question of a social club was deferred for the meantime.

Correspondence from Messrs Hogg, Gillespie, Carter and Oakley regarding the wooden fence on the eastern and northern boundaries and a quote from R. Tokird (dated 2 Mar 1965) were read. Quote £95. It was resolved that a subcommittee comprising Messrs C. W. Hewer, J. Searle and B. Hodgins see the solicitors and report back to the next meeting.

Bank balance: £443 18s 11d plus February receipts £62 10s – total £506 8s 11d

Accounts passed for payment: A. Eagles £39 15s, B. Hodgins (wages 1 Feb – 1 Mar 1966) £11 5s – total £51

The Caretaker reported that all functions held during the month were run satisfactorily. Mr Searle undertook to assist as required for the month of March.

The Caretaker raised the question of the installation of an exterior tap to enable the hosing down of the outside of the hall. It was resolved that Mr Barr be requested to arrange after discussion with Mr Hodgins.

J. Searle / B. Hodgins That Charles William Hewer, Chairman and Trustee, be given written authority to uplift from the bank (as required from time to time) any document needed in the course of business on behalf of the Society. It was further moved that the previous authority in the name of A. F. Westbury be withdrawn. The authority to be signed by a Trustee, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

Until further notice the meetings commence at 7.30pm.

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**05 Apr 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The kindergarten had replaced the previous unsatisfactory towel rail.

A new authority, authorizing the chairman, Mr C. W. Hewer, to uplift documents from the bank was signed and handed to the Chairman for depositing with the bank. The Secretary was directed to write to Mr F. Westbury, past Secretary and previous authority advising him of this.

The subcommittee reported upon discussion with the Society's solicitors (Mr N. Carter). The Solicitor was authorized to write to the Sunshine Land Development Co. Ltd and offer them £30 in full settlement of the claim of half cost of the close boarded fence. The subcommittee's action was approved and endorsed.

The Caretaker reported that all functions held during the month were satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. He advised that complimentary remarks had been passed in respect of the tiling and painting of the ladies cloakroom.

The works subcommittee reported on the kitchen sink and bench, and its possible replacement. After considerable discussion it was resolved that their recommendation that a stainless steel bench with 8" upstand and two sinks, be installed at an estimated cost of £140. It was also resolved that the east wall of the kitchen be relined to take the new bench and the necessary alteration to pipes etc.

In the absence of the Treasurer there was no financial report. The only account passed for payment was that of Mr Hodgins wages for the period 2 March to 5 April 1966 (5 weeks) £13 15s.

It was resolved that the books close for the financial year as at 30 April 1966.

The format of the Social to follow the annual meeting on 11 June was left over until next months meeting of the committee.

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<b>13 Apr 1966 Wed</b>	Bank Deposit £36 10s rent
<b>29 Apr 1966 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £69 10s rent

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**03 May 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Apologies: J. Wagg, F. Ferretti (in hospital), S. Battiston (in Australia)

The Caretaker reported that all functions had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. The Treasurer was authorized to purchase three dozen large paper plates (as a trial) and also the purchase of disinfectant mop refills and applicator refills were approved.

Mr Barr advised that the new sink will be available mid-May. There was general discussion on the subject and the matter was left to be finalized at a later date.

Bank Balance: £539 13s 9d including April receipts £69 10s.

Accounts passed for payment: Johnsons Wax Ltd £2 14s, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd £2 6s 6d, B. Hodgins (Wages 6 Apr to 3 May) £11 5s, petty cash £10 0s 10d. Total £26 5s 6d.

The Secretary was directed to write and invite Mr and Mrs Gorrie, Mr and Mrs Westbury, Mr and Mrs Bertelsen and Mr B. Kitchener to the cocktail evening following the annual meeting. The Chairman was authorised to purchase liquid refreshments and order the necessary savouries and cakes.

Mr Searle advised that Mr Dowse (the Mayor) had raised with him the question of a Golden Kiwi "Grant". After discussion the Secretary was authorised to contact Mr Dowse and arrange an appointment for him to see the Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer were authorised to convey the Society's views.

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<b>07 May 1966 Sun</b>	Receipt No.407 £4 4s _ Prov High Gathering (Digital image)
<b>03 Jun 1966 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £89 4s rent and £2 meter money

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## 07 Jun 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

In the absence of the Secretary Mr McMurray acted as Secretary.

New Sink Top: The subcommittee reported that the stainless steel sinks and bench tops had arrived. Mr Barr, Mr Hodgins and the Chairman have been carrying out the necessary dismantling and alterations. It was hoped to have the bulk of the work finished before the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer reported that he had procured five dozen paper plates, three light tubes, a four gallon tin of disinfectant and mop refills. The copies of papers in connection with the Golden Kiwi Grant application were ready for forwarding to Mr Dowse by the Secretary. Mr and Mrs Bertelsen would not be able to attend the Annual Meeting.

J. Searle / G. Barr That the solicitor be advised in writing to advise the Sunshine Land Development Co. Ltd that the Society's original offer of £30 payment in respect of the fencing on the east and north boundaries stands effective up to and including 31 July 1966.

Invitations were sent to approximately 20 past committee members including Messrs Westbury, Gorrie, Kitchener and Bertelsen to attend the social following the Annual meeting when it was proposed to present Mr C. W. Hewer with a token of appreciation for his 21 consecutive years of service to the Society.

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Power Board £10 19s 2d, B. Hodgins (wages) £14 1s 3d.

The Caretaker reported that the hall was left in a satisfactory condition after each booking. All the teaspoons had disappeared, presumably taken by a client. Spoons had been replaced from stock on hand. The caretaker advised that on the evening of Pilkington Bros Social on 28 May 1966 a lady injured her foot when a table fell over on her.

The annual report and financial statement was discussed and passed for presentation. The Treasurer advised that the books were still at the auditors and accordingly he was unable to give his usual monthly report.

The Chairman raised the question of setting money aside, on an annual basis, toward the 50 year jubilee in 1972. There was considerable discussion on the matter, possibly placing the money on fixed deposit. It was finally decided to leave the matter over for the meantime.

The commencing time for the annual meeting was set down for 7.45pm.

Mr Barr offered to provide a formica sink top and a stainless steel bowl for the "spirit" room. The offer was accepted with thanks.

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### 11 Jun 1966 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – Annual General Meeting

Before an attendance of 21 residents of the area. The Chairman, Mr C. W. Hewer, declared the meeting opened and in doing so extended a special welcome to Mr and Mrs Westbury who were down from Tauranga.

Apologies: Mr F. Ferretti Snr, J. Crooks, A. Jenkins, Mr and Mrs Bertelsen.

The Chairman spoke upon matters arising from the minutes and outlined the position in respect of the fencing and the Golden Kiwi Lottery Grant application.

In presenting the Annual Report the Chairman enlarged upon various items and also extended the appreciation of the Society in the action of Mr J. Searle donating the lino for the committee room and Mr Hodgins laying it. Reference was made to the various improvements carried out during the year. The Chairman advised that Mr Barr had donated a formica sink bench and stainless steel sink for the “Spirit” room. It was accepted with appreciation and the Society’s thanks extended to Mr Barr. Mr J. Searle expressed the Society’s appreciation to Mr Hodgins for his sterling work around the hall. His work had brought nothing but credit to the Society.

The Treasurer presented the Statement of Accounts and advised that the Auditors were pleased with the financial state of the Society, despite the financial loss. King and Grant were re-appointed auditors to the Society.

F. Westbury / Mr Hodgins            That the present committee, with the exception of Mr Crooks, was re-elected en bloc. Mr Crooks had intimated that he would be leaving the area.

Committee: C. W. Hewer, J. Searle, B. Hodgins, W. Smith, J. Wagg, F. Ferrett Snr, A. Jenkins, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, E. Ferretti, G. Barr, A. Hewer, D. McMurray, W. R. Garrett.

E. Ferretti / S. Battiston            Mr D. Bognuda was elected to the committee  
J. Searle / B. Hodgins                Ln L. Searle was elected to the committee

The meeting recommended to the ingoing committee that consideration be given to the setting up of a “Jubilee Fund” in anticipation of the Society’s 50 Jubilee.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm following which a social evening was held during which a presentation was made to Mr C. W. Hewer in recognition of his 21 consecutive years service to the Society.

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**25 Jun 1966 Sun**            Receipt No.424 £1 10s Phillips \_ Basketball (Digital image)

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**05 Jul 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Officers elected: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), S. Battiston (Vice-Chairman), W. Garrett (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

Mr J. Searle, Deputy Chairman for many years advised that he would be leaving the district during the year and accordingly wished to decline nomination.

Before moving to formal business reference was made to the sterling work carried out by Messrs Hodgins, Barr & C. Hewer in connection with the installation of the new stainless steel sinks and bench.

Sunshine Land Development Co Ltd. The Society raised the question of a reply to the Solicitor's letter and after discussion it was resolved that the Society's offer of £30 remain open until 30<sup>th</sup> August 1966 – Solicitor to be advised accordingly.

The question of a Jubilee Fund was discussed in brief and it was decided to leave the matter for the meantime.

The Caretaker advised that the Hall had been left in satisfactory condition after use, but the Darts players used chalk for scoring and the resultant dust meant that extra cleaning was required especially around the seats. He also advised that there was the possibility that the Darts may want the Hall on a Sunday – possibly a regular booking. Apart from the breakage of six cups and seven saucers all equipment was in order.

Works subcommittee appointed – L. Searle, G. Barr, S. Battiston plus the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Caretaker.

Bank balance: £553 12s 7d.

Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes 17s 1d, Electric Lamphouse £7 10s, State Insurance (Public liability) £3 15s, (Hall) £48 19s 10d, (Contents) £1 16s (Employer liability) £4 3s 10d, B. Hodgins (kitchen alterations) £7, G. W. Barr (installation and supply of sink and bench) £206 3s 3d, Lees £25 16s 3d, Silver plates (for presentation clock) £3 15s, Fluorescent tubes £2 10s, Presentation clock £16 17s 6d, B. Hodgins (wages) £11 11s 3d, Refreshments AGM £7 9s – total £348 4s

A further £5 14s was collected from the meter box.

It was advised that the small gas stove had been cleaned and a water (hose) tap installed outside the kitchen door.

It was resolved that copies of all correspondence be handed to Mr Dowse, together with a covering letter. The Treasurer undertook to arrange delivery of the papers to Mr Dowse.

The question of renovations to finish off the kitchen is to be considered by the works subcommittee at a later date and bring their recommendations forward

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<b>05 Jul 1966 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £43 rent
<b>12 Jul 1966 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £5 14s meter money

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**02 Aug 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Inwards correspondence: Letter from Lower Hutt City Council re permit  
Outwards correspondence to Hogg, Gillespie, Carter and Oakley re fencing

The Caretaker reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. One plate and one sugar basin were missing and the microphone was not working properly. The Chairman undertook to see Mr Wagg with a view to having the microphone tested. Mr P. Battiston was appointed to assist Mr Hodgins for the month of August.

It was resolved that a deposit of £5 paid by Mr Ralton for a booking 29 Oct 1966 be refunded as the booking had been cancelled and adequate warning given of the cancellation.

Bank balance: £271 0s 1d. July receipts £68 5s

Accounts passed for payment: Lower Hutt City Council £78 18s 8d (rates), £2 (permit), Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £17 17s, King & Grant (auditors) £8 10s, Tregaskis (window repairs) £7 17s 6d, B. Hodgins (wages) £11 5s, refund of deposit £5 – total £136 6s 1d

The Caretaker undertook to check the fire hose and report back to the committee.

The Avalon Venturer Scouts had booked the hall for Sunday 16 October from 8 to 10.15. It was resolved that they be charged £1 for the use of the hall subject to it being left clean and tidy.

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**02 Aug 1966 Tue**      Bank Deposit £68 5s rent

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**06 Sep 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The microphone was now in working order. The fire hose had been tested, was still working satisfactorily. The caretaker advised that the hose reached all parts of the hall.

Correspondence from Hogg, Gillespie, Carter and Oakley re fencing on the northern and eastern boundaries was read. It was resolved that a cheque for £30 be forwarded to the Solicitors for payment to Sunshine Land Development Co Ltd, covering letter to be sent to the Solicitors.

The Caretaker reported that all functions had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. There were five cups and one saucer short, but one large plate and two sugar basins had been returned. Mr G. Barr was appointed to assist Mr Hodgins for the month of September.

Accounts passed for payment: D. P. McKenzie (refund of deposit and charge for hall already paid but refund requested due to shift to Auckland) £13, Hogg Gillespie Carter and Oakley re fence £30, B. Hodgins (labour and material) £2, J. Wagg (re Zip) £1 0s 10d, B. Hodgins (wages) £13 15s, Industrial Service Co Ltd £3 12s 6d, Refund (Ralton approved 2 Aug 1966) £5 – total £68 17s 6d

It was resolved that no charge be made Mr P. Battiston for use of the hall on 6 August.

The Secretary was directed to send an account to the Taita Rugby Football Club (Mr K. Morton) for £3 3s in respect of the late cancellation of the booking for 13<sup>th</sup> August.

It was resolved that from October meeting, meetings commence at 8pm until further notice.

Warming Oven: The question of new trays was discussed and it was resolved that Mr Wagg go into the question of the cost of replacement. The Chairman and Mr Wagg were authorized to finalise.

As the Treasurer was unavoidably absent the financial position was not given.

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**06 Sep 1966 Tue**      Bank Deposit £91 5s rent and £2 10s meter money



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**04 Oct 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Secretary advised that G. Barr would be in Australia for approximately two years and had requested two years leave of absence. This was approved. On declaring the meeting open Mr Hewer welcomed back Mr F. Ferretti Snr after an absence of ten months due to ill health.

The Committee learned with regret that Mrs J. Searle was in Bowen Street Hospital. The Chairman was authorized to arrange for flowers to be sent to Mrs Searle from the Society, wishing her a speedy recovery.

Warming oven trays: The Chairman was authorized to finalize purchase of the necessary trays at an approximate cost of 12s 6d each. The Caretaker advised that all functions held in the previous month were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order. Mr E. Ferrett to assist in October.

Bank balance: £381 18s 8d. September receipts £135 13s 8d

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt River Board (rates) £1 11s 6d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £14 16s, B. Hodgins (wages) £11 5s, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d – total £30 10s 5d

The question of a replacement cupboard for the use of L.E.O.B. (Loyal Elizabethan Order of Bison) was considered. It was resolved that the caretaker check and confirm the size of the proposed cupboard and if acceptable advise the L.E.O.B. accordingly.

The Treasurer undertook to check with the State Fire Office re possibility of a refund of past premiums and a reduction in future ones due to the hall having had, for some years a useable fire hose.

Due to Mr Barr being overseas there was a vacancy on the works subcommittee. Mr J. Wagg was appointed to the position. It was decided that the Xmas Social take the form of a dance. The Treasurer undertook to contact Mr Bert Kitchener.

The question of additional lighting for the Long Room was raised by Mr Jenkins. The matter was referred to the works subcommittee who arranged to meet at 9.30am on 9 Oct 1966. In addition to the lighting, the question of completion of the renovations to the Kitchen was to be considered. The subcommittee was empowered to finalize matters in respect of the Kitchen and report back re the lighting of the Long Room.

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<b>04 Oct 1966 Tue</b>	Bank Deposit £135 13s 8d rent and refund rates
<b>21 Oct 1966 Fri</b>	Bank Deposit £18 rent and £2 11s meter money

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## 02 Nov 1966 Wed – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Warming oven trays – no action to date – to be raised at the next meeting.

The question of a possibility of a reduction in the insurance premium to be looked into on the return of the Treasurer from holidays.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary advised the financial position as follows: Balance £353 19s 11d, since booked £21 1s and cash in hand at £27 – total £402 0s 11d.

Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes (NZ) Ltd re kitchen £6 7s 10d, Solicitor re fence £10 10s, B. Hodgins for labour in kitchen £11, B. Hodgins for wages £11 5s – total £40 16s 4d

The report of the works subcommittee on the kitchen renovations and repainting was considered and it was agreed that Donson and Grant's quote for painting the kitchen be accepted, subject to the work being completed before the Xmas break. The quote was £52 10s. Colours to be: Ceiling white, Walls pastel green to tone with bench top, cupboard doors to be finalized in conjunction with the painter, by the chairman and caretaker.

The Caretaker reported that all functions held during the month were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. J. Searle to assist in November.

The Chairman undertook to see the Treasurer regarding music for the Xmas Social and ascertain whether or not Mr Kitchener had been engaged. The Secretary was directed to send invitations to the Social to Mr and Mrs Bertelsen, Mr and Mrs Gorrie, Mr and Mrs Westbury, the executive of the Women's Institute, the L.E.O.B and the Avery Kindergarten and Mr D. Urry to be extended invitations to be present. The Chairman undertook to arrange for the usual liquid refreshments. He would also see the Treasurer regarding ordering of savouries, milk etc and prizes. Mr McMurray was appointed MC for the evening with Mr L. Searle assistant MC.

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**29 Nov 1966 Tue**      Bank Deposit £77 7s 6d rent

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## 06 Dec 1966 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The works subcommittee reported upon the work carried out since the last meeting. The kitchen had been repainted and now looks up to date. Favourably commented upon by all the committee and users of the kitchen.

There was a very poor attendance at the Xmas Social. Only six committee members. About 40 present. There was considerable discussion and it was agreed that the matter be given thought and the question of further socials be considered at a later date.

The Caretaker advised that all functions had been satisfactory and the hall left in good condition. D. Bognuda and D. McMurray were appointed assistant caretakers for December and January.

It was resolved that the Olympic Hotel be charged a booking fee of £5 for 9 November although the hall was not used. The action of the works subcommittee in arranging to have additional lights installed in the Long Room and front porch was confirmed. Mr Wagg undertook to do the work.

Accounts passed for payment: Lees & Co. £17 4s, Savouries £1 4s, Taita Hotel £5 12s 6d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Power Board £9 7s 5d, Donsen & Grant (painting) £52 10s, B. Hodgins (labour in kitchen) £1 12s, B. Lang (kitchen) £7 2s 11d, J. Wagg (oven trays) £4, B. Hodgins (wages) £13 15s, Tax 6s 3d – total £115 12s.

Balance: £414 19s 2d. November receipts £77 7s 6d

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## 07 Feb 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

On declaring the meeting opened the Chairman welcomed back Mr F. Ferretti after an extended illness. The Chairman advised that he had recently seen F. Westbury, the previous Treasurer, who conveyed his best wishes to the Society.

Inwards Correspondence: Letter from the Mayor re Golden Kiwi application was received. After discussion it was resolved that the Chairman, Mr Searle and Mr Hodgins arrange a appointment to see the Mayor and put forward the Society's objective in applying for a "Grant".

The Caretaker advised that all functions had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order. The caretaker was thanked for laying the tiles in the kitchen and \_\_ The Treasurer also was thanked for the repainting in the Supper room. Mr J. Searle to assist for February.

Bank Balance: £327 17s 5d. Receipts for December and January £56

Accounts passed for payment: Pritchard (tiles) 15s, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd £1 2s, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £9 7s 5d, B. Hodgins (labour) £2 15s, J. Wagg (Electrical work) £9 4s, F. Barclay (tiles) £1 4s 9d, J. Wagg (electric work and tubes, Long Room) £26 16s, B. Hodgins (wages and tax) £14 6s 3d.

Special Business: The Chairman thanked Mr Searle for weed spraying the area along the boundaries.

The works subcommittee was directed to meet and report back to the committee meeting following the Social in March. After considerable discussion it was decided that the function to be held on 18 March be a private one restricted to the Hall Society and members. Chairman advised that both C. Bertelsen and F. Westbury hoped to be attending. A subcommittee comprising L. Searle, D. McMurray, C. Hewer and W. Garrett was appointed to handle the necessary arrangements for social. Mr McMurray undertook to contact Mr Pickles (pianist) for the evening.

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### **06 Mar 1967 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Chairman, together with Messrs Hodgins and J. Searle advised that they had seen Mr Dowse relative to the Golden Kiwi application and would report more fully at the next meeting.

It was resolved that the works subcommittee meet 19 March following the farewell function to Mr J. Searle on 18 March.

The Caretaker advised that with the exception of one plate and two cups missing all crockery was accounted for. However four chairs were missing. Mr Wagg appointed assistant caretaker for March.

It was decided that the deposit paid by Mr Fowler be retained in full, although the hall was not used.

Accounts passed for payment: B. Hodgins (wages) £11, Hutt News £3 14s (invitations)  
Bank Balance: £369 14s. February receipts £80 12s 6d.

The piano in the main hall requires retuning. Mr J. Searle undertook to see Mr Mason accordingly. The Treasurer confirmed that Mr Pickles had been engaged for the Social on 18 March. The Treasurer undertook to arrange to have two broken windows repaired.

In closing the meeting the Chairman referred to the sterling work of Mr J. Searle during his 32 years with the Society including a long term as Deputy Chairman and Trustee. On behalf of the committee Mr Hodgins endorsed the Chairman's remarks. Mr Searle suitably replied.

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#### **04 Apr 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

There was a short discussion on the merits of lodging a further application with the Golden Kiwi authorities and it was decided that the matter be left in abeyance for the meantime.

The Caretaker reported that all functions had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. With the exception of four chairs still missing and one tea towel short all the inventory was complete. McMurray appointed assistant caretaker for April.

The works subcommittee is to meet at 10.30am on 16 April and consider the question of alterations to the front entrance porch. They were given power to proceed with any initial work deemed necessary.

Bank balance: £408 4s 4d including £48 10s received during March.

Accounts passed for payment: Pilchers £1 17s 6d, Post and Telegraph £2 17s 11d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £1 17s 10d, Refund of fee (Hewer) £4 (re Quirke), Marshall (jewellers) £12, J. Wagg (re Zip) £2 10s, Social (supper) £9 13s, Taita Hotel £8 18s, Presentation Clock £5 12s 6d.

It was resolved that a vote of appreciation be recorded in respect of the supper provided by the ladies concerned by Mrs L. Searle at the send off to Mr and Mrs Searle.

The question of the appointment of a further Trustee was raised and the Chairman pointed out that only the Trustees had power to appoint a replacing member. The Chairman advised that he hoped to be in a position to advise further at the next meeting of the committee.

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## 02 May 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Caretaker reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order. After discussion it was resolved that the caretaker only report upon items broken or missing when giving his monthly report. P. Battiston appointed assistant caretaker for May.

The subcommittee reported upon their meeting and recommendations as to the entry porch alterations. After sighting the work involved and following discussion it was resolved that the work already done (the removal of the ticket box division) be approved and that the tender from Messrs Donson & Grant of the necessary painting (£18 10s) be accepted. Mr Hodgins undertook to advise the painters.

It was resolved that the price of new main doors to the hall be ascertained and if price considered reasonable doors to be fitted.

It was resolved that a price be obtained from A. Eagles regarding laying tiles on the floor of the entrance. Price to include “kick strips”. Mr L. Searle undertook to ascertain the cost of floor sanding the area involved. The subcommittee was authorized to finalize. Mr Hodgins undertook to make enquiries and ascertain the price of a suitable mat for the entrance.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Plumbers £5 18s (block drain), Hutt Plumbers £5 11s (renewal of tap, gents toilet), Lees Ltd £3 15s, Capital Glass £4 0s 4d, B. Hodgins (wages) £11 5s – total £30 9s 4d  
Bank Balance: £393 5s 11d. April receipts £28 10s.

It was decided that a small social be held in the Supper Room following the Annual General Meeting to be held 10 June 1967. The Chairman was authorized to purchase the necessary liquid refreshments.

It was resolved that the ingoing committee be recommended to consider the setting up of a subcommittee to once again review the hall charges, such review to take place after July 1967.

It was resolved that the charge to the Avery Kindergarten for the use of the Long Room be reduced by 15s to 5s.

Messrs Hodgins and McMurray undertook to go into the question of the cost of a suitable “Avalon Public Hall” sign for attachment to the hall in a prominent place. They are to report progress at the next meeting.

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## 06 Jun 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The replacement of the doors to the main hall was under action by Mr L. Searle. Cost of doors £6 each (plus fitting). Mr McMurray advised that the hall sign was under action and would possibly be completed before the next meeting.

The Caretaker reported that all functions held during the month were satisfactory and the hall left in good condition. Mr McMurray was appointed assistant for June.

Accounts passed for payment: Industrial services £6 18s 6d, Post and Telegraph £3 13s 4d, State Insurance Office £1 4s, Briscoes (nails etc) 11s 6d, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board £10 3s 7d, Northern Floor Surfacing Co. £2, A. F. Eagle (lino to entrance) £32, B. Hodgins (labour) £2 10s, B. Hodgins (wages) £13 15d and tax 6s 6d – total £73 2s 5d  
Bank Balance: £344 5s 7d. May receipts £41 plus meter money £2.

There was considerable discussion as to the need to repair or replace the roof. It was firstly resolved to approach Hutt Plumbers Ltd (Mr Gillies) to request that they check and advise on the condition of the roof and give an estimate of the life of it and a rough cost of renovations required (if any). Mr Hewer undertook to arrange.

It was resolved to recommend to the ingoing committee that consideration be given to the setting up of a Reserve and 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Fund. The amount to be determined from time to time by the committee. Any such account opened to be as a separate account and with the Post Office Savings Bank as a No.2 account. Such funds as set aside to be used if required for the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee or any special circumstances arising.

The Treasurer advised that the Auditors still had the books of account and that they would be available with the balance sheet in time for the Annual meeting.

Mr S. Battiston extended the congratulations of the committee to the Chairman on his recent marriage. This was heartily endorsed by the committee.

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## 10 Jun 1967 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Before some 15 residents of the area the Chairman welcomed those present and in doing so referred to the small attendance.  
Apologies: J. Wagg, A. Jenkins, G. Barr

Before proceeding with the business the Chairman tendered a special welcome to Mr and Mrs J. Searle from Levin.

The Chairman spoke on various matters arising from the minutes, especially the work of Mr Hodgins the caretaker, the question of the Reserve & 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Fund and the Golden Kiwi application.

In presenting the annual report the Chairman enlarged upon various items and once again stressed the thanks due to Mr Hodgins for his sterling work on behalf of the Society. Reference was also made to appreciation expressed by users of the hall for the continued improvements being made, especially recently to the kitchen. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Society to the ladies, headed by Mrs L. Searle in arranging the supper at the farewell of Mr and Mrs J. Searle.

The Treasurer advised that the Auditor said the accounts showed a healthy state of affairs. Messrs King and Grant were re-appointed auditors.

The present committee, with the exception of G. Barr (at present in Australia) be re-elected en bloc with power to add. Mr G. Barr was granted a further twelve months leave of absence.

Committee: C. W. Hewer, W. Smith, J. Wagg, B. Hodgins, F. Ferretti Snr, A. Jenkins, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, E. Ferretti, A. Hewer, D. Bognudo, L. Searle, D. McMurray, W. R. Garrett.

It was resolved that it be recommended to the ingoing committee that one member be on duty, on a roster basis, to assist Mr Hodgins in the caretaking duties.

It was resolved to recommend ingoing committee that the cost of a telephone listing in the yellow pages of the phone book be gone into or alternatively a phone in the hall.

Mr Hodgins raised the question of use of the hall on a regular weekly basis by the Hutt Valley Darts Association who would require the hall from March to August of each year on a Thursday night. The suggestion was favourably received and Mr C. Hewer, together with Mr Garrett undertook to see Mr Tristram of the Hutt Valley Darts Association.

Mr and Mrs J. Searle offered to donate a suitable table for the entrance lobby. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Chairman on behalf of the Society.

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## 04 Jul 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Officers elected: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), S. Battiston (Deputy Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer), W. R. A. Garrett (Secretary)

It was noted with pleasure by the committee that the new doors to the hall had been fitted and that the Avalon Public Hall Society sign was in place on the street frontage. The committee's thanks for the work in connection was expressed to those concerned and Mr McMurray has specially requested to convey the Society's appreciation to Mrs F. Barclay for her action in painting the sign. The Chairman advised that he had the question of the state of the roof under action with Hutt Valley Plumbers.

A letter from Mr J. Wagg requesting twelve months leave of absence was read. This was agreed to and the Chairman undertook to advise Mr Wagg accordingly.

Mr A. Westbury, a Trustee of the Society tendered his resignation as he was residing in Tauranga and was the furthest away, Before taking action in the matter the Secretary undertook to check the rules in this respect and report to the next meeting. It was resolved that copies of the Annual Report be sent to those Trustees who were not present at the Annual meeting.

Bank balance: £394 17s 6d.

Accounts passed for payment: L. Searle (foyer doors) £15 5s, Edmeads & Macaskill 15s, King & Grant (auditor) £10, Mrs Barclay £2 10s, Hutt Timber & Hardware 17s 6d, B. Hodgins (wages) £11 5s, Lees & Co. £16 5s, Taita Hotel £2 16s 3d, Joyce Miller services (annual report) £1 13s 6d, State Insurance Office £48 19s 10d and £3 15s and £1 16s, Lower Hutt City Council (Licence) £3, Zip Industries £3 – total £112 7s 7d.

The Caretaker reported all was in order. S. Battiston appointed assistant caretaker for July.

It was decided that further consideration be given at the next meeting to the setting up of a Jubilee & Reserve Fund as recommended by the 1967 Annual General Meeting.

The question of having a listing in the yellow pages of the phone book. After discussion it was agreed that no further action be taken until the Treasurer had seen the Post and Telegraph as to having a slot phone placed in the hall. Mr Hodgins undertook to see Mr Plunket of Central marts regarding a table suitable for the foyer.

The Committee agreed in principle to the Hutt Valley Darts Association having the hall on a regular basis as from the commencement of the Darts season 1968. Charges to be determined at a later date (suggested \$10 – less 25% for sporting body). Booking on a weekly basis to be on a Thursday night. It was decided that the Chairman, Secretary and Mr Hodgins see the L.E.O.B. and come to some satisfactory arrangement. Subcommittee meeting set for 7pm on 6 July.

It was resolved that subcommittee comprising C. Hewer, B. Hodgins, W. Garrett meet and bring down recommendations to the next meeting as to suggested hall booking charges.

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## 01 Aug 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The question of Trustees was raised and the Rules of Society were handed to the Chairman who undertook to check the position. The Chairman advised that the roof had not yet been checked by the plumbers. It was hoped to have a report before the next meeting.

The Treasurer reported upon his discussion with the Post Office. It was apparent that both a phone in the hall or a listing in the phone book (\$80.60 per annum) would be too expensive. After considerable discussion resolved that the question re telephone in the hall be deferred until a later date. A vote of thanks was extended to the Treasurer for his efforts.

The purchase of two chairs and a mirror for the foyer was approved (as purchased). The question of a suitable table was left in the hands of the Chairman and Mr Hodgins who undertook to look into prices of one that would suit the foyer.

The Secretary advised that the Hutt Valley Darts Association had agreed to a charge of \$10 per night for the use of the main hall and long room on a Thursday night during the 1968 season. The building of a cupboard to store the Darts Association's gear is to be considered at a later date.

The hall charges as recommended by the subcommittee were approved. It was resolved that future charge for use of the hall by the Highland Dancing Groups be \$10 per day – hall to be vacated by 5.30pm.

A subcommittee comprising the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Mr Hodgins was elected to draw up recommended "conditions of hire".

Bank balance: \$749.36. July receipts \$199.30. Meter money amounted to \$6.  
Accounts passed for payment: Central Markets (chairs and mirror) \$10, Lower Hutt City Council (rates) \$171.59, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$33.21, Johnsons \$12.80, Post and Telegraph \$7.47, Briscoes \$1.96, B. Hodgins (wages) \$22.50, Shop and office decorations \$37, J. Wagg (electrician) \$3.50, Belmont Furnishing \$12.88 – total \$302.91

It was resolved that a Revenue & Jubilee Fund be opened in the Post Office Savings Bank and an initial deposit of \$20 made. The question of signatures for withdrawals to be decided after ascertaining the Post Office requirements.

Caretaker reported all was in order. E. Ferretti to be assistant for August.  
It was decided that this year the Xmas Social be held on Tuesday 8 December instead of a Saturday as previously.\

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## 05 Sep 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apologies: C. W. Hewer due to illness and P. Battiston out of the district.

A letter from Hutt Plumbers Ltd on the state of all roofs was tabled. After discussion it was resolved that the matter be left over until the next meeting in the expectation that the Chairman would be present. The works subcommittee undertook to check the ceilings and report back to the next meeting.

Mr Hodgins advised that nothing further had been done about the foyer table, but he had had a recent discussion with Mr J. Searle in the matter and enquiries were to be made regarding a new table.

The Vice-Chairman advised that the Chairman had not determined the question of replacement Trustees. It was resolved that the Chairman be requested to approach the three other trustees, pointing out the position and arranging the appointment of other Trustees. Mr Hodgins undertook to advise the Chairman of the committee's views.

There was discussion on suggested conditions of hire. It was resolved that the recommendations be approved and 200 copies printed – a copy to be handed to users of the hall when the deposit is paid. The Treasurer undertook to arrange for the printing of the conditions and also the hall hire charges recently approved.

It was resolved that the signatories for the Post Office Saving Bank account be the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

Accounts passed for payment: Briscoes \$1.62, B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12

Bank balance \$405.97. August receipts \$102. It was further resolved that \$20 be paid into the Post Office Saving Bank account.

The caretaker reported that all functions held during the month were well run and the hall left in good order.

Cloak room partition: After discussion over the proposed cupboard for use by the Darts Association it was decided that preliminary enquiries be made as to cost of materials etc. Mr Hodgins undertook to make the initial enquiries, particularly re timber casts.

The Treasurer handed in finger plates for the main door. The plates had been donated by G. H. Hall? (per Mr I. M. Mathews)

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### **03 Oct 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

On declaring the meeting opened the Chairman announced the passing of the last of the foundation members of the Society, Mr H. V. Horlor, and referred to his work in the civic sphere of the Valley, including the City Council and Hutt River Board. The Secretary was directed to convey the regrets of the Society to Mr H. C. Horlor.

The Chairman then extended a warm welcome to Mr J. Searle (Trustee) to the meeting and expressed the pleasure of the committee at Mr Searle's ability to be present.

The table presented by Mr and Mrs J. Searle for use in the foyer was inspected and the thanks of the Society were expressed to Mr J. Searle by the Chairman.

After considerable discussion on the matter of Trustees Mr F. Westbury's resignation as a Trustee was accepted with regret and the Secretary was directed to write Mr Westbury accordingly and also advise him that he had been elected Patron of the Society in recognition of his long service to the Society.

The Treasurer advised that the printing of the conditions of hire and increased hall charges was under action and should be available by the next meeting. Mr Hodgins advised that the cloakroom partition was under action.

Bank balance: \$798.39. September receipts \$332.09. It was resolved that \$60 be paid to the Reserve Fund account at the Post Office Saving Bank. Accounts passed for payment: Office Decorators \$4.80, Industrial Service Co. \$13.85, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$34.05, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Hutt River Board \$3.33, Hutt Plumbers \$3.90, J. Wagg \$2, B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$22.50 – total \$91.76.

The caretaker reported that all functions had been well run and the hall left in good condition.

Roof: Following discussion it was resolved that the works subcommittee check and report back to the next meeting.

It was resolved that until further notice meetings be set down for 8pm.

It was resolved that Mr P. Battiston be authorized to concrete the strip along the eastern boundary of the driveway.

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## 07 Nov 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

It was resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr and Mrs Searle thanking them for the donation of the table in the foyer. The Secretary advised that as far as he was aware the conditions of hire and new scale of charges had not been received from the printers.

The cloakroom partition (for use by the Darts Association) had been completed and was very favourably commented upon by the committee and Mr Hodgins and his helpers were thanked for the work in this connection.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the committee to Mr P. Battiston for his doing the concreting on the eastern side of the drive. The path is a vast improvement.

Bank balance: \$806.63. October receipts \$160  
Accounts passed for payment: B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$28.12, B. Hodgins (labour on partition) \$11.30, L. Searle (materials for partition) \$39.84

On behalf of the works sub committee the Chairman reported the various issues. The main roof looked reasonable but is sagging in places. The western lean to roof is the worst but should last some time. After discussion it was decided that no action be taken for the present. The subcommittee considered that the floor of the long room should be a priority and recommended accordingly. It was resolved that quotes be called for sanding the floor of the long room and bar and for sealing the floor of the bar and painting of bar. The subcommittee was empowered to finalize.

The caretaker advised that all functions held during the month had run satisfactorily and the hall left in order.

As Mr F. Westbury's resignation as a Trustee had been accepted this left a vacancy. On the nomination of the remaining Trustees, Mr B. Hodgins was appointed a Trustee of the Society and this was endorsed by the committee.

The Xmas social to be held on 8 December in the supper room. Messrs L. Searle, C. Hewer, S. Battiston and B. Hodgins all undertook to endeavour to arrange for a pianist. The Chairman undertook to arrange the liquid refreshments – ladies to bring a plate. The Secretary was directed to send invitations to those Trustees who were living out of the district. The question of savouries was left to be discussed at the next meeting.

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**05 Dec 1967 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

New hall charges and conditions of hire approved. 200 copies to be ordered. Treasurer undertook to arrange.

The subcommittee reported on the long room and bar floor. Matters in hand. It was approved that the sanding and sealing of the floors proceed. The subcommittee was empowered to finalize.

S. Battiston arranging for a pianist for the Xmas Social. The Treasurer undertook to arrange re savouries and the Chairman re liquid refreshments.

Bank balance \$727.37. Reserves Fund \$100. November receipts \$115

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$18.87, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Briscoes \$4.86, McMurray Water Heaters \$26.75, P. Battiston (driveway) \$15.05, B. Hodgins (wages Nov & Dec) \$45, Reserve Fund account \$40, Briscoes \$1.31 – total \$119.17

The caretaker reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order. One window had been broken (caused by wind) and repaired by Macs Glass and that eight plates were missing following the booking 11 Nov 1967 (Kay). To be charged 50c per missing plate. Avalon Scouts to be charged \$2 for use of the hall. D. Bognuda and D. McMurray were appointed assistant caretakers for December / January

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**12 Dec 1967 Quote from Shop and Office Decorators**

Quote for painting of bar at end of long hall at Avalon Public Hall. Work - wash down, seal all, varnish and undercoat and finish in enamel. Cost would be if accepted £11.10 or \$23

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**No date – Quote from C. F. Angus of Northern Floor Surfacing Co. Ltd, 173 Wellington Road, Wainuiomata Phone 7371**

As asked for, this is the quote for the Long room at Mabey Road. The job will be sanded on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 1968, and the cost Long room \$13, Bar room \$1.

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## 06 Feb 1968 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

On declaring the meeting opened the Chairman welcomed the committee members and expressed the hope that the ensuing year would be a good one for all.

The bar room floor had been sanded and stained and was an improvement. A quote from Shop & Office Decorations for \$23 for painting the bar room was read. It was agreed that this work be deferred until a replacement sink and bench were installed. The Treasurer advised that he had under action the question of a replacement sink and bench. It was agreed that this work be commenced as soon as possible.

1967 Xmas Social – Due to the mix up of own music for the last social it was resolved that in future firm arrangements be made for music for social functions in adequate time.

Inwards correspondence was received from Mr Murray T. Sullivan re booking of the Hall for Housie. The subcommittee reported upon discussions held with Mr A.Y. Wray re hiring the hall on a regular basis Monday-Wednesday inclusive from approximately mid-March 1968 for three hours per night. After discussion it was resolved that the Secretary write to Mr M. T. Sullivan advising that the Hall Society was prepared to let the hall on the basis of \$8 per night (inclusive of use of microphone) payment for use of the Hall to be made at end of each month and that the usual requirements as to cleaning up etc apply. Subcommittee was empowered to finalize.

The Caretaker reported that all the functions held since the last meeting were well run, and the hall left in good order. No assistant caretaker was appointed for February, but McMurray and E. Ferretti agreed to assist during March.

Bank balance: \$840.70 which included January receipts of \$108. Reserve Fund \$140.

Accounts passed for payment: Northern Floor Surfacing \$14, Hartley Print \$12.50, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$16.82, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Shop and Office Decorators \$53.95, B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$28.12, Olympic Hotel \$9.84 – total \$142.36

The state of the grounds in the section adjoining the eastern boundary and lack of drainage from the garage was again raised and the Secretary was directed to write to the Lower Hutt City Council asking that steps be taken to remedy the position.

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## 27 Feb 1968 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

A new sink and bench top (formica) has been installed in the bar room and the room is now ready for repainting. The work has been carried out by Mr L. Searle and is a vast improvement. The painters have been advised that they may now carry out the necessary repainting.

After discussion it was agreed that two assistant caretakers be appointed each month to help the caretaker with the closing of the hall after each function. This has become necessary because of the increased use of the Hall.

Correspondence to the Lower Hutt City Council re the state of the ground in the right of way and to Mr M. T. Sullivan re Hall booking for Housie was read and approved.

Correspondence was read re polishing brush and the Secretary was directed to order a brush, complete with metal backing plate, from A. M. Sathwaite & Co., Christchurch at a cost of \$16.60 ex store.

The Chairman was authorized to see Mr Wagg re installing an outside light at the front of the hall. Subject to cost not exceeding \$15 the Chairman was empowered to finalize.

The caretaker reported that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition.

After discussion it was agreed that in the meantime, meeting night be changed to the second Tuesday night of each month and that from April meetings commence at 7.30pm.

Bank balance: \$712.98. February receipts \$119.50. Reserve Fund \$140.

Accounts passed for payment: B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$22.50, J. Wagg (electrical work) \$33.50, Briscoes \$1.96, L. Searle (labour and materials re bar room) \$7, State Insurance \$4, Petty Cash \$5. In addition a further \$40 was passed for transfer to the Reserve Fund.

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### 09 Apr 1968 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Right of way. It was noted that long grass adjoining the western boundary had been cut and removed. However there was still no downpipe and stormwater connection from the shed. Accordingly the Secretary was directed to write to the Lower Hutt City Council on the matter, referring to previous correspondence.

Brushes. It was resolved that if nothing had been heard from A. M. Sathwaite & Co. re the polishing brush ordered by 23 April that they be written to.

After considerable discussion it was resolved that until further notice the meetings be held on the first Monday in each month, commencing May 1968.

Mr Hodgins informed the meeting that Mr A. Wray of the Housie group had advised him that they tentatively wished to retain three nights per week, but may have to cancel Tuesday nights. This however would be determined by the attendance. However, they agreed that until cancelled, any nights booked would be paid for.

The caretaker reported upon functions held during the past month and advised that all were run well and that hall left in good condition. J. Searle, D. Bognuda and P. Battiston were appointed assistant caretakers for April and May.

Taita R. F. C. It was resolved that as a special case and because of the recent fire at the Taita Rugby Football Club rooms that they be granted the use of the hall on 4 May 1968 without charge. The Chairman was authorized to advise the Taita Rugby Football Club accordingly.

Rebates. After discussion it was resolved that LOCAL sporting bodies be charged the usual rates but that a 25% rebate be given as was the previous practice.

One set of three keys (kitchen door, kitchen cupboards and microphone) had been given to Mr A. Wray to be returned if Housie finishes. The Chairman's action in arranging to have the broken hammer on the piano in the main hall repaired by Mr Mason, who also did the tuning, was approved.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$11.22, Briscoes \$6.94, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Bourne Floor \$3, B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$28.12, Reserve Fund \$85 – total \$122.74

Bank balance \$719.78. Post Office Savings Bank balance \$180

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## 06 May 1968 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Inward correspondence from Lower Hutt City Council was received and outwards approved in connection with lack of stormwater drainage from the garage on the right-of-way. The storm on 9 April 1968 caused four broken windows, damage to roof over western side lean to and damage to ceiling of the store room and gents toilet. The roof had been repaired at a cost of \$45 and the necessary insurance claim lodged with the State Insurance Office. The windows were still under action.

Caretaker Report: All functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. L. Searle & D. Bognuda to be assistant caretakers for May.

On the suggestion of the caretaker and after discussion it was resolved that a 8 foot "LYTE" folding step ladder be purchased. The Secretary undertook to make the necessary purchase following initial inquiries by Mr Hodgins (authorized to \$35).

Bank balance: \$944.42. Post Office Reserve Fund \$265. Petty cash \$2.49. May receipts \$190. Receipts from meter for heating \$4.80  
Accounts passed for payment: B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$22.50, Shop and Office Decorators (bar room) \$13, Transfer to Reserve Fund \$112, Petty Cash \$10, Mason (Piano) \$4.75

The Chairman advised that the table tops and trestles had been ordered (five full and two half tops plus the necessary trestles) and these would be ready in the near future. It was agreed that the old and excess tops be given, without cost to the Lower Hutt St Johns Ambulance, after receipt of the new ones.

The Secretary reported that a Miss Hare was considering hiring the Hall for training models. It was agreed the following charge be made: Supper Room \$3, Long Room \$2, Hall \$8. The use of the kitchen to be 50c additional. These rates special concession for 15 week period.

Letter Ex Lower Hutt City Council 15 Feb 1968. The Chairman had made inquiries of the Lower Hutt City Council and it appeared that EXIT signs were required over the main door inside the hall and also in the supper room. Mr Hodgins was authorized to arrange with Mrs Barclay and have two signs prepared.

The Annual General Meeting was set down for 8 June 1968 and the Secretary authorized to have the usual notice inserted in the Hutt News.

After a short discussion it was agreed that a leaflet be prepared and placed in the letter boxes of houses in the area from Frederick Street to Percy Cameron Street inclusive. The Treasurer and Secretary to arrange.

As the next committee night falls on Queens birthday it was resolved that the meeting be held on Tuesday 4 June 1968.

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#### **04 Jun 1968 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The LYTE ladder, approved at the last meeting had been purchased and the expenditure was approved.

The caretaker advised that all functions had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good condition. However the children from the Kindergarten had been making a mess in the kitchen. The matter had been taken up with those concerned and no further trouble is reported. Assistant caretakers for June: S. Battiston and A. Jenkins.

Bank balance: \$759.52. Post Office Reserve Fund \$378.80. May receipts \$114.30. Meter money \$3.50

Accounts passed for payment: Post Office \$7.33, Macs Glass \$9.16, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$32.11, State Insurance \$1.60, Satherwaite & Co. (brush for polisher) \$17.40, Public Service Investment Society (Ladder) \$27.57, B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$22.50, B. Hodgins (materials and labour – new tables) \$4

After discussion it was resolved that the Society meet the cost of petrol, up four gallons per month as from 1 May 1968.

The question of the local Cancer Society booking the hall for Housie was discussed and the Chairman was empowered to advise Mrs Pearce that the hall could be booked on a Tuesday night – charge \$8.

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## 08 Jul 1968 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Apologies: Mr and Mrs J. Searle, A. Jenkins, F. Westbury and W. Smith

Before 15 residents of the area the Chairman, Mr C. W. Hewer, declared the meeting open and referred to the disappointingly small attendance, particularly in view of the circulars issued inviting residents to attend. The Chairman mentioned in particular the continued use of the hall and the sterling work done by Mr B. Hodgins, the caretaker and those who assist him and the maintenance and improvements still being made. He also referred to the passing of the last of the foundation members, the late Mr H. V. Horlor and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Although hall charges increased from January 1968 there had not been any decrease in the demand for the hall.

Although the storm on 10 April 1968 occurred after the period covered by the annual report, the Chairman advised that some damage had been caused, mainly to the roof of the lean to on the western side and some broken windows. A claim for this damage had been lodged with the appropriate authorities.

The Auditors were satisfied with the way the Society was handling its financial affairs and the healthy state that was apparent. King and Grant were reappointed Auditors to the Society.

L. Searle / S. Wyper	Mr F. Westbury was reappointed Patron of the Society
F. Ferretti / P. Battiston	Committee was re-elected en bloc with power to add
B. Hodgins / J. Wagg	Mr S. Wyper was elected to the committee

Committee: C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti Snr, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, L. Searle, D. Bognuda, S. Wyper, B. Hodgins, E. Ferretti, W. R. Smith, D. J. McMurray, W. R. Garrett, A. E. Jenkins, J. Wagg

It was recommended to the incoming committee that:

[I] That a special subcommittee be set up to arrange a social function in December.

[II] That a works subcommittee be set up to check the building at regular intervals and report to the committee and that priority be given to the gents room

[III] That the committee look into the question of having "AVALON HALL" sign painted on the roof at the next meeting

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## 01 Jul 1968 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Searle (Deputy Chairman), W. Garrett (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

Mr Hewer welcomed to the meeting Messrs Westbury and McArthur, committee member of past years. Mr Westbury expressed his thanks for being reappointed Patron of the Society. The Chairman also welcomed Mr S. Wyper back to the committee.

The Chairman advised that he had been in touch with Mrs Pearce regarding the use of the hall for “Housie” in connection with Cancer Funds. Mrs Pearce to advise the position at a later date if Housie does start.

It was suggested that the Society’s name be stamped on the new metal ladder. No decision made.

Bank balance: \$749.85. Reserve Fund \$378.80. June receipts \$318.40. Social fund stood at \$22.21 and petty cash \$8.15

It was agreed that insurance policy No. 13/449047 be increased to \$2,000 and that policy No. 13/449046 be altered to \$24,000

Accounts passed for payment: State Insurance Office \$3.60 and \$7.50 and \$97.98, S. W. Peterson & Co. \$7.20, Jacksons Joinery (table tops and trestles) \$87.70, B. Hodgins (wages) \$22.50, W. H. Lees & Co. (re AGM) \$28.25, Hutt Plumbers \$45.85, Petrol \$1.56 – total \$311.30. In addition \$72 to be transferred to the Reserve Fund and \$6 to Lower Hutt City Council for hall permit.

Caretaker Report: Mr Hodgins reported, by note, of the friction between the L. E. O. B. and the Darts Association. At the Chairman’s suggestion a subcommittee was authorized to discuss the matter with Mr Tristram in order to clarify the position, particularly regarding the limit the hall is available to the Darts. The Chairman, Treasurer and Caretaker to comprise the subcommittee. S. Battiston and S. Wyper appointed assistant caretakers for July.

It was agreed that the Social Committee be decided upon at the next meeting.

It was resolved that a subcommittee comprising the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Treasurer, Caretaker and S. Battiston approach the Kindergarten regarding the arrangements and extent of the proposed alterations to their shed and concrete at rear of the hall.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the committee the fact that the washhand basin in the ladies toilet was leaking, also that a leak had developed in the taps over the kitchen sink. The Chairman undertook to contact Mr Gillies re the necessary repairs.

As nothing had been done to date regarding stormwater disposal from the garage the Chairman agreed to take up the matter direct with Mr Dunn of the Lower Hutt City Council.

It was agreed that an add be placed in the Hutt News advising of the availability of the hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Mr McMurray undertook to arrange.

After closure of the meeting those present enjoyed refreshments supplied by Mr F. Westbury.

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## 05 Aug 1968 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

On declaring the meeting open, the Chairman referred to the passing of Mr J. Wagg who had been on the committee for six years. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect. The Secretary's action in writing to Mrs Wagg was endorsed.

Jeffrey William Wagg, of 78 Garden Road, died 30 Jul 1968 aged 38yrs; survived by wife Elspeth Margaret

The subcommittee reported upon discussions with Mr Tristram of the Hutt Valley Darts Association and advised that there should be no further trouble.

The subcommittee advised that they had discussed the request for consent to lay a concrete strip from the kindergarten shed. This had been agreed to subject to the concrete being taken to the eastern fence. For the present the kindergarten intended only to repair the shed. The proposed additions would not be carried out.

The Chairman advised that he had asked Mr Gillies to check and advised the position regarding the leaking basin in the ladies cloak room.

Storm water drainage: A letter from the Lower Hutt City Council was read and it was agreed that the position be watched closely and that if no action had been taken the matter be referred to the Council once more.

It was resolved that the Secretary write to the Kindergarten and advise them that their mat is to be rolled up and furniture stacked at the end of the hall each day and stored away for the weekend.

The Women's Institute had apologized for the inconvenience caused recently and undertook to see it did not re-occur.

The caretaker reported that all functions had been well run and the hall left in satisfactory condition. However a large number of saucers were missing. The Caretaker was authorized to check the saucers and order sufficient to bring stocks up to the necessary numbers. He was also authorized to purchase plastic spoons.

Accounts passed for payment: B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$47.79, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Lower Hutt City Council (rates) \$143.73, Petrol \$1.56 – total \$228.53

Bank Balance: \$848.63. Reserve Fund \$450.80. July receipts \$169.

The treasurer advised the position regarding the new insurance policies which were under action.

The Treasurer undertook to approach Mr E. Wilson as to whether he would carry out the necessary electrical work to the hall, including repairs to the microphone.

The question of a social subcommittee to be considered at the September meeting.

The works subcommittee agreed to meet at 10am on 11 Aug 1968 to inspect the Hall.

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### **15 Aug 1968 Thu – Loyal Elizabeth Order of Bison, 17 Magnolia Grove, Maungaraki, Lower Hutt**

Dear Mr Garrett, The Officers and Sisters of Taita No.4 wish me to write and apologise to you for any inconvenience we caused you when we had our open and close meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, it was a misunderstanding on our part, but we had extended an invitation to the Men's Lodge, in reply to two invitations we had received from them we are truly sorry and if we ever have another open and close meeting we will inform you before hand. Yours fraternally A. T. Fenton, Secretary Taita No.4

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### **02 Sep 1968 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Bank balance: \$620.10. August receipts \$170. Reserve Fund \$450.80

Accounts passed for payment: King and Grant \$21, Bayleys \$7.50, State Insurance \$4.56, B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$22.50, C. Geoffrey & Co. \$4.70 – total \$60.26

Due to the illness of the caretaker there was no caretakers report. However the hall was in good order and no damage reported or seen. E. Ferretti and P. Battiston were appointed assistant caretakers for September.

D. McMurray, S. Wyper and A. Jenkins were appointed to act as a subcommittee re social on 6 December. Suggested charge \$1 per head as basis to work on.

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### **07 Oct 1968 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The quote of \$290 from Mr L. Searle for re-roofing the western lean to in corrugated galvanized iron (long run) was read. It was agreed that renewal of badly rotted timber be charged additional.

A letter from the Lower Hutt City Council re permit was received.

The caretaker reported that the hall had been left in good condition and the “panic bolt” in the supper room was loose. He agreed to fix if possible. He reported that there were six sugar basins missing and was authorized to purchase a dozen new ones. Mr L. Searle to assistant caretaker for October.

Bank balance: \$1047.03. September receipts \$307.23. Post Office Bank Account (Reserve Fund) \$450.80

Accounts passed for payment: River Board \$4.02, Hutt News \$2.88, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$28.09, Briscoes \$4.52, B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12, Hutt Plumbers Ltd \$24.55. Transfer to Reserve Fund \$100.

A. Jenkins reported upon progress to date in respect of the Xmas Social. Music had been arranged 8pm to 1am – charge \$24. The subcommittee recommended a charge of \$1.50 per head – a caterer to supply supper and that two \_ be arranged. The arrangements to date were endorsed by the committee.

The caretaker advised that all the hall furniture had been stamped AVALON HALL.

There was discussion regarding concreting the small portion at the rear of the driveway to the eastern boundary. The Treasurer undertook to see Mr Vasta.





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#### **04 Nov 1968 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The roof over the lean to on the western boundary had been re-roofed by Mr L. Searle at a cost of \$298.  
The question of concreting at the rear of the hall to be discussed at a later meeting.

The caretaker advised that all functions held during the month had been satisfactory and the hall left in good order. Purchase of one dozen sugar basins was approved.

On behalf of the Social subcommittee Mr Jenkins advised on arrangements to date. Tickets being printed and covering letter sent to various local and sporting organisations. Action to date was endorsed.

In the absence of the Treasurer... Bank balance \$847.64. Post Office Saving Bank \$550.80. October receipts \$100.  
Accounts passed for payment B. Hodgins (wages and tax) \$23.62, Briscoes \$11.77, L. Searle (western lean to reroofing) \$298, Petty cash \$2 – total \$334.89

D. Bognuda undertook to try and arrange removal of the excess soil. Its at the northern end of the empty section adjoining the western boundary.  
It was agreed that the old iron from the roof be disposed of.  
It was agreed that until further notice meetings be held at 8pm.

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#### **02 Dec 1968 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr McMurray undertook to see Mr Vasta re concrete along rear to rear boundary.

As the owner of the section on the western boundary had cleared the grounds no action was required by Mr Bognuda. The scrap iron from the western lean to has been disposed of.

After discussion it was agreed that the tender by Shop & Office Decorators Ltd of \$84.40 for repainting the mens cloak room be accepted. Mr Hodgins undertook to advise them accordingly.

The caretaker advised that all functions had been run well and the hall left in a satisfactory condition. E. Ferretti & D. McMurray to assistant caretakers for December and January.

Bank balance: \$614.75. Post Office Savings Bank \$550.80. November receipts \$117. Petty Cash \$3.95  
Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$24.11, Bayleys \$1.40, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Hartley Print \$5, B. Hodgins \$73.12 – total \$110.96

The Social subcommittee reported on progress to date with the arrangements and advised that to date there would be 90 present. The position re white paper to be checked and Mr Hodgins undertook to advise Mr Jenkins if more required. Mr Hewer offered to supply tomatoes to supplement the supper.

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### **03 Feb 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Appreciation was expressed to Mr L. Searle who acted as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary at the December meeting.

The Gents Cloak room had been repainted and looks well – big improvement.

The Xmas function was a success. It was decided that consideration be given at the appropriate time to holding a similar social in December 1969.

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Briscoes \$3.03, Johnson Wax \$11.48, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$19.81, Shop and Office Decorations \$84.00 - total \$125.65

Bank balance: \$628.29. December receipts \$67, January receipts \$114. Post Office Savings Bank \$550.80 and \$30 in hand as cash from advance for social

Caretaker reported all functions OK and hall left in good order. The floor of the supper room had been treated by the Treasurer and looked vastly improved. The Treasurer was thanked for his efforts and the appreciation of the committee expressed. Assistant caretaker for February – S. Wyper

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### **03 Mar 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Bank balance: \$646.24. February receipts \$44.75. Post Office Savings Bank \$550.80. It was agreed to transfer \$50 to the Special Reserves account in the Post Office Savings Bank.

Accounts passed for payment – wages and tax \$22.50

The caretaker reported that all functions had been run well and the hall left in a satisfactory condition, although from time to time confetti caused considerable work. It was resolved that Miss F. Barclay be approached to paint a suitable sign advising “No confetti to be used in hall.” The Treasurer undertook to arrange. Assistant caretaker for March – L. Searle

The Secretary mentioned possible leak at downpipe in northeastern corner of the supper room. Mr Searle undertook to look into the matter.

Once again the question of a telephone in the hall was raised. Mr Jenkins undertook to check the possibilities re telephone listings and cost.

A light was defective and the Treasurer undertook to see Mr Wilson.

Mr Hodgins raised the question of the concrete work to be done along the rear fence. This will be attended to as soon as possible by Mr Vasta, who will do it when his ordinary work permits.

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### **08 Apr 1969 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Searle advised the position regarding the downpipe at the northwest corner. He will carry out the necessary work (ie brackets to the spouting). The caretaker reported that all functions had been well run and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretaker for April – S. Wyper.

The Treasurer advised receipts for March were \$40. The Bank had been closed (due to Easter holidays) and he therefore was not in the position to advise the bank balance. However the balance in the Special and Reserve Fund in the Post Office Savings Bank was \$600.80. Accounts passed for payment totalled \$92.96.

There was discussion on interior painting and it was agreed that the works subcommittee go into the matter, get a colour consultant and report and if possible advise the next committee meeting.

A letter from Mr M. Demuth re hiring of the hall for practice by the "STATUS SYMBOL" band. It was agreed that the Secretary advise the band that the minimum charge would be \$2 and the hall to be used for up to three hours at a time. Hall to be vacated by 9pm at the latest.

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### **05 May 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Searle advised that the downpipe at the northwest corner had been cleared and the spouting realigned.

Caretaker report: Mr Hodgins advised that all the functions had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order. S. & P. Battiston were appointed assistant caretakers for May.

Bank balance \$634.60 (including \$90 April receipts). Special account POSB \$600.80

Accounts totalling \$22 (wages) were passed for payment.

It was agreed that Petty Cash be re-opened with \$10.

As Mr P. Battiston was going overseas it was agreed that he be given leave of absence.

The works subcommittee reported on the discussions with the Colour consultants as to the repainting of the interior of the main hall. After a short discussion it was agreed that the subcommittee report back to the next committee meeting with recommendations as to repainting. It was resolved that BALM paints be specified in quotes called for repainting.

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### 03 Jun 1969 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Caretaker advised that all functions were run satisfactorily and the Hall left in order. Assistant caretaker for June – A. Jenkins

It was resolved that the post at the entrance to the drive be replaced in hardwood and angle iron. The Chairman undertook to approach the Taita Rugby Football Club on the matter.

Bank balance: \$759.98 (including \$148 May receipts). Post Office Savings Bank \$600.80

Accounts passed for payment: Mr Mason (piano repairs) \$6.50, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Briscoes (NZ) Ltd \$7.25, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$24.25, Wages \$22

The works subcommittee reported on the repainting of the interior of the hall and recommended that [1] colour scheme No.1 be used, [2] small side curtains be fitted to the stage and the two front windows, [3] the interior hall doors be modernized and repaired as required. The recommendations were adopted following discussion, tenders to be called closing 25 July 1969 and to be advertised in the Evening Post of 14 Jun 1969. Mr Searle undertook to arrange the necessary advertisement. Mr McMurray undertook to arrange to have additional copies of the specifications made.

The Treasurer and Chairman respectively undertook to purchase the usual requirements for the evening of the Annual General Meeting. Authority to carry on was approved to the present office holders until the July meeting.

In closing the meeting at 9.15pm the Chairman thanked the committee for their work during the year and stressed that work done by Mr Hodgins had taken a big load off the other committee members.

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## 07 Jun 1969 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Before an attendance of 15 local residents

Apologies: Mr and Mrs F. Westbury, Mr and Mrs J. Searle, Mr P. Battison and Messrs F. & E. Ferretti

On opening the meeting the Chairman referred to the passing of Mr J. Wagg, a committee member for six years and the help he had been to the Society, even before he was a member. The meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

It was recommended to the ingoing committee that when the roof is repainted the sign "Avalon Public Hall" be painted on the roof.

Reference was made to the successful social held last Christmas and the thanks of the meeting were extended to the Social Club Committee which comprised Messrs S. Wyper, A. Jenkins, and D. McMurray.

The Chairman advised that tenders were to be called for repainting the interior of the hall, the stage curtain was to be disposed of and new side curtains purchased. The acceptance of any quote would be up to the ingoing committee. The Chairman referred to the sterling work carried out by the caretaker, Mr B. Hodgins, who maintains the Hall so well and lightens the work required from the committee members.

Messrs King and Grant were reappointed Auditors to the Society

Mr A. F. Westbury was re-elected as Patron of the Society

The committee was re-elected en bloc with the addition of S. F. Hewer.

Committee: C. W. Hewer, F. Ferretti Snr, L. Searle, P. Battison, S. Battison, D. Bognuda, B. Hodgins, E. Ferretti, A. E. Jenkins, D. T. McMurray, W. Smith, W. R. Garrett, S. Wyper and S. F. Hewer

It was recommended that the ingoing committee that Social Club committee be formed and organize a Xmas Social on the lines of the one held last year. The Treasurer advised that a copy of the financial statement had to be sent to the Secretary of Incorporated Societies.

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### **07 Jul 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Searle (Deputy Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer), W. Garrett (Secretary)

The Chairman advised that he had discussed with the President of the Taita Rugby Football club the question of replacement of fence post in the drive and that the matter is under action.

Tenders for repainting the interior of the main hall had been called (advertised in the Evening Post). It was resolved that any tenders be considered by the works subcommittee and referred to the next committee meeting with a recommendation.

The caretaker advised that all functions held during the past month were well run and the hall left in good order. Wyper and S. Hewer to be assistant caretakers for July.

Bank balance \$682.35 (including July receipts \$176.75). POSB Account \$600.80

Accounts passed for payment: State Insurance Office \$116.88 (public liability \$7.50, plant and equipment \$8.16, building \$97.92, employer liability \$3.30), E. Wilson (electrician) \$7.50, Briscoes \$1, Lower Hutt City Council (License) \$6, B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12, L. Searle \$19.30, Evening Post (advertisement re tenders) \$4.80 – total \$218.48

After discussion it was resolved that an Infrared wall heater be installed in the kitchen. Mr McMurray undertook to approach Mr Wilson and the matter to be discussed by the Chairman with the electrician.

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### **04 Aug 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The question of the replacement of the damaged fence post was discussed briefly and it was decided to leave the matter until the Chairman could advise the position.

The Infrared heater had been installed in the kitchen (by Mr Wilson at a cost of \$36.80) and has proved highly successful.

After discussion on the tenders received for the repainting of the interior of the main hall it was resolved that the tender of \$585 from Donson & Grant be accepted. Mr Searle undertook to advise the successful tenderer and the others who tendered, of the position.

The Caretaker advised that with the exception of the booking of Smith on 19 Jul 1969 all functions were well run and the hall left in good condition. It was agreed that Mr Smith be charged \$5 for additional cleaning charges due to the state of the hall after use. The Treasurer undertook to see the electrician re attending to the defective lights in the main hall. E. Ferretti and McMurray to be assistant caretakers for August.

Bank balance: \$750.92 (including July receipts \$110.30). POSB Account \$600.80

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$31.94, Lower Hutt City Council (rates) \$147.41, B. Hodgins (wages) \$22, E. Wilson \$36.80, King and Grant (auditors) \$34.50, Bayleys \$2.70, Petty Cash \$10 – totalling \$285.35

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### **01 Sep 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The fence post at the entrance to the drive had not yet been fixed. The Chairman reported on verbal discussions held with the Taita Rugby Football Club on the matter and undertook to ascertain the present position.

Accounts passed for payment:\$74.90 including a refund of deposit of \$10 to Mrs Lane?

Bank balance: \$465.57 plus August receipts \$99.60 – total \$565.17. Balance in special POSB account \$614.24

The Caretaker reported that all the functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Bognuda & L. Searle to be assistant caretakers for September. It was agreed that the concrete base to the hall be repainted. Mr Hodgins undertook to see Donsen & Grant accordingly.

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**06 Oct 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The fence post had not been repaired and the Chairman undertook to see the Taita Rugby Football Club once again. The caretaker advised that all functions had been well run and the hall left in good order. Bognuda and Searle to be assistant caretakers for October.

Bank Balance: \$529 plus September receipts \$271.16. Special account POSB \$614  
Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$36.76, Hutt River Board \$3.98, Post Office \$7.33, B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12, Briscoes \$2.94 – total \$79.13

It was resolved that a Social club committee comprising L. Searle, convenor, Messrs Wyper, Jenkins, McMurray and S. Battiston act in connection with the Christmas social to be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the function to be similar to that held in 1968.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the additional charge of \$5 made in connection with booking of the hall on 19 July 1969 stand.

It was suggested that sporting bodies in the Valley be advised that the hall had been repainted and of the hall charges. Action to be taken on completion of the repainting of the interior.

There was discussion regarding the booking of the hall for a full weekend from PM Friday to PM Sunday by a Gisborne representative Maori rugby team in 1970 – suggested basis for negotiations \$70 – subcommittee comprising Chairman, Secretary, S. Hewer and B. Hodgins to meet the Wellington Maori Rugby subcommittee who would be arranging the match etc. S. Hewer undertook to arrange the meeting.

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**06 Oct 1969 Mon – Mrs B. Ferretti, Avalon Country Women’s Institute**

Mr Secretary, Would it be possible for the Hall Custodian to place forty chairs beside the stage for our Wednesday Meeting, we will manage to put them back where they were collected from. At our last meeting, one of our Members somehow upset the loaded trolley, with the result she has two very bruised and sore legs.

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### **03 Nov 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

On declaring the meeting open the Chairman welcomed Mr P. Battiston on his return from overseas and Mr S. Wyper after his recent illness. The Chairman advised that the Taita Rugby Football Club had the matter of the replacement of the concrete post in the driveway under action. Mr L. Searle advised progress to date in regard the Xmas Social and tickets \$2 single. Action taken to date was endorsed.

After discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer and Secretary advise the various sports bodies of the availability of the hall, its facilities and charges etc under covering circular.

The committee was advised that the Gisborne Maori Rugby Football Club would not be hiring the hall.

Bank balance: \$771.16. POSB Special account \$614.24. October receipts \$60  
Accounts passed for payment: E. Wilson \$61, Jackson Joinery \$9.50, Shop and Office Decorators \$564.05, B. Hodgins (wages) \$22, Briscoes \$6.94, C. B. Hodgins \$8 – total \$671.49

The Treasurer was authorized to obtain quotes from Careys Ltd, Eddy & Gray Ltd, Belmont Furniture Ltd and Embassy Furnishings for side drapes and curtains for the main hall. Subcommittee comprising the Chairman, Treasurer and Caretaker were empowered to finalise.

The caretaker reported that there were virtually no functions during October, due to the repainting of the main hall. It was agreed that in future the L.E.O.B. be required to pay the usual deposit when booking the hall for socials.

The committee was advised that Mr L. Sage had the new frame for the window facing the street (eastern side) under action as authorized. The caretaker was authorized to attend to the outside door lock to the committee room.

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### **END OF FOURTH HARDCOVER MINUTE BOOK**

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### **01 Dec 1969 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

To date, no action had been taken by the Taita Rugby Football Club regarding replacing the damaged fence post. The matter to be raised at the next meeting.

The Social subcommittee reported on progress to date in connection with the Xmas Social and action to date was endorsed. It was expected that about 130 would attend.

Advertising: After discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer see the Hutt News, ascertain prices and report to the next meeting.

The Treasurer and Chairman reported on prices for curtains and drapes for the main hall. Prices had been obtained from Lewis's and Embassy Furnishings. After discussion it was agreed that Embassy Furnishings quote of \$70 for the supply and fitting of 48" drapes and side curtains. Treasurer to advise accordingly.

A C2 fire extinguisher is required in terms of the Lower Hutt City Council's licence. S. Hewer undertook to arrange.

Bank balance: \$106.61. November receipts \$136. POSB Special account \$614.24

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$14.92, Post Office \$7.33, Briscoes \$7.60, B. Hodgins (wages) \$50.12, Hartley Printing \$7, Vasta Construction \$41.50, Lower Hutt City Council (Licence) \$6 – total \$134.47

Authorised signatories were empowered to sign cheques prior to the next meeting if it proved necessary.

The caretaker reported that all functions were run well and the hall left in good order. S. Wyper and S. Hewer to be assistant caretakers for Dec/Jan.

The Treasurer brought to the attention of the committee the fact that there were boards rotting at the northern end of the hall and may require replacing in the very near future. The building subcommittee to look into the matter and report back to the next meeting.

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## 02 Feb 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

To date the damaged fence post had not been made good by the Taita Rugby Football Club.

The fire extinguisher recently damaged has been repaired.

The works subcommittee undertook to check the rotted weatherboard at the north end of the hall and either report back or take immediate action as required.

As one of the curtains had not been fixed properly it was resolved that the account from Embassy Furniture and Flooring not be paid until all work complete.

It was noted with pleasure that the chair damaged during the Bruger Metal social has been returned fully repaired.

The caretaker reported that all functions held since last meeting had been run well and the hall left in good order. E. Ferretti to be assistant caretaker for Feb.

Bank balance: \$270.14. POSB \$614.24. December receipts \$63. January receipts \$93

Accounts passed for payment: \$85.97

Xmas Social: After meeting all expenses there was a profit of \$14.72. It was resolved that this be held in the Social fund. The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the committee to the subcommittee who had worked and made the evening successful.

After discussion it was agreed that the Secretary write to Mr J. C. Smith of 1287 High Street re account of \$19 pointing out that unless payment is made within seven days the matter would be referred to the Society's solicitors.

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## 02 Mar 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Taita Rugby Football Club requesting immediate action in repairing the fence post that was damaged by a patron attending their dance during May 1969.

The hall has been inspected by the subcommittee and rotted weatherboard and a down pipe replaced by Mr L. Searle from whom an account is yet to be received.

As the fasteners for the window drapes had not been fitted it was agreed that the account from Embassy Furnishing & Flooring be held for a further month.

Mr Wyper reported that he had approached Mr Smith regarding the outstanding account. Smith contended that the hall had been left to the satisfaction of the committee and paid \$15. The matter was accordingly treated as closed.

There were few bookings during February and the caretaker advised that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order.

The question of supervising the closing of the hall was discussed. It was agreed that the caretaker in future treat bookings and clients on their merits and advise them to close up the hall and switch off the main before leaving.

Bank balance: \$198.17. February receipts \$81.50. POSB account \$614.24

Accounts passed for payment: Carbonic Ice 75c, Capital Glass \$5.47, J. K. Sage \$32, Briscoes \$16.65, B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12 – total \$82.99

Mr Hodgins advised that he had been in touch with the contractor (Mr Brown) for the change over to natural gas and that to date they had not inspected the hall. The Chairman undertook to see Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board and arrange for an inspector to see Mr Hodgins.

It was agreed that a list of long serving members be drawn up and a subcommittee comprising the Chairman, L. Searle and W. Garrett was formed to report back to the next meeting after checking records.

It was agreed that Petty Cash be reimbursed \$10.

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### **06 Apr 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The question of the closing time for the hall was again raised. It was resolved that the motion passed at the last meeting regarding closing time be rescinded. It was resolved that the hall close at 1am at the latest and that a caretaker be present at that time. Badges marked "Hall Committee" to be obtained and used by the caretakers on duty. Mr Wyper undertook to obtain six badges.

The caretaker advised that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. S. Wyper & S. Battiston to be assistant caretakers for April.

Bank balance: \$280.51. POSB \$614.24. March receipts \$95

Accounts passed for payment: Post Office \$7.33, Embassy Flooring & Furnishing \$72.30, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$15.55, B. Hodgins (wages) \$48.22 – total \$143.40

After discussion it was agreed that two assistant caretakers be appointed each month and that a new complete set of keys be purchased. Mr Hodgins agreed to arrange.

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### **04 May 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

It was agreed that the lock to the kitchen be changed and eight keys cut. The caretaker reported that all functions were well controlled and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretakers for May: L. Searle & S. Hewer

Bank balance: \$137.11 plus April receipts \$163. POSB \$632.66. Accounts passed for payment: \$32.58

The Treasurer advised that the Society's funds as at 30 Apr 1969 were \$1237.78 and at 30 Apr 1970 \$932.77, a reduction of \$305.01 over the previous year. The reduction in the balance was, in the main, due to the cost of the curtains and drapes and renovation of the main hall.

Messrs E. Ferretti and A. Jenkins have both attained 21 years service on the committee. It was resolved that the Chairman and Treasurer be authorized to purchase suitable articles for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in recognition of their services over the years.

The Chairman advised that he had seen the Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board and they advised that a further letter would be sent in respect of the new gas fittings.

The Secretary was authorized to place the necessary advertisement in the Hutt News regarding the Annual General Meeting to be held on 6 Jun 1970. It was decided that a small social evening be held in the supper room after the meeting. The arrangements regarding supper and liquor to be made at the next committee meeting.

There was discussion regarding the fitting of obscure glass to the windows in the Long Room. The subcommittee is to inspect, decide on replacement or otherwise and report back to the next meeting. At the request of Mr S. Battiston it is hereby recorded that he found one cent on the floor.

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## 02 Jun 1970 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Chairman reported that the new keys to the kitchen had been cut and the lock changed.

The Chairman reported that he had purchased the gifts for presentation at the Annual General Meeting & social to be held 6 Jun 1970.

The subcommittee had not inspected the glass in the long room and the matter was left over to the ingoing committee.

The Caretaker advised that the mat in the porch entrance had been taken during the function held in long room by the Nae Nae Cricket Club. It was resolved that a replacement mat be purchased from Embassy Flooring and Furnishings and charged to the Nae Nae Cricket Club. Purchase to be arranged through Mrs Hewer. Assistant caretakers for June: W. Smith and D. Bognuda

Mr Hodgins suggested that the Secretary be provided with a suitable diary to enable names and addresses of tenants (ie regular users of the Hall) to be recorded.

The Chairman mentioned the problem of arriving at the Hall at mid-night, to close up, only to find that the booking had been extended to 1am.

Bank balance: \$375.53. POSB \$632.66. Receipts for May \$108

Accounts passed for payment: Dick & Watt (badges) \$6.05, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$21.29, B. Hodgins (wages) \$22, Hutt News \$1.25, Keys and kitchen lock \$4.60 – total \$55.19

It was suggested that a recommendation be made to the next committee that a donation of a petrol voucher (say \$2) be made to the person who cuts the lawn on the west side of the hall in appreciation of the vastly improved appearance of the area.

The Chairman and Treasurer undertook to arrange refreshments for the social to be held following the Annual General Meeting.

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## 06 Jun 1970 Sat – Avalon Public Hall – 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Before an attendance of 22 local residents.

Apologies: S. Hewer, S. Wyper, E. Ferretti, P. Battiston, S. Battiston

In opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed those present and extended a special welcome to Mr and Mrs J. Searle from Levin.

The Chairman referred to the repainting of the interior of the hall and replacement of the curtains. The question of repainting the roof was referred to, the matter to be looked into by the ingoing committee.

The Chairman extended special thanks, on behalf of the Society, to the Social subcommittee who were responsible for the successful Xmas Social. The Chairman expressed appreciation of all concerned to the excellent work carried out by the caretaker, Mr B. Hodgins.

Reference to the cutting of the lawn on the west side of the hall by the owner, Mr Hutton of Taita Drive, was made and favourable comment was made on the vastly improved appearance, also removing the fire hazard. It was resolved that a petrol voucher be sent, the amount to be determined by the ingoing committee.

It was suggested that some consideration be given, by the ingoing committee, to the question of the caretaker's wages.

King and Grant were appointed Auditors to the Society.

Mr A. F. Westbury was re-elected Patron of the Society.

The existing committee was re-elected en-bloc with power to add. Messrs ~~Ray Ferretti~~ (did not join), Paul Cusin (did join) and Graham Barr (did join) to be approached regarding joining the Society.

The Chairman referred to the proposal to hold a special function to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Society. Nothing planned to date but special fund had been set up.

The question of replacing the roof was raised. This matter to be considered by the ingoing committee.

In closing the meeting the Chairman thanked the committee for their work during the year. He referred to the fact that two members of the committee had served the Society for 21 years and a suitable presentation would be made later in the evening to Mr A. Jenkins and at a later date to Mr E. Ferretti both who had done sterling work for the Society.

Committee 1970-1971: C. W. Hewer, L. Searle, P. Battiston, S. A. Battiston, A. E. Jenkins, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti, B. Hodgins, W. Smith, D. Bognuda, S. Wyper, D. T. McMurray, W. R. A. Garrett, F. S. Hewer, P. Cusin, G. Barr.

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## 06 Jul 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), L. Searle (Vice-Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer), W. Garrett (Secretary)

In formally opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed past members of the Society and referred to Mr G. Barr's return from Australia.

It was agreed that sufficient keys be obtained to make two complete sets for the assistant caretakers. It was also agreed that a further check be made of the windows.

After considerable discussion it was resolved that the purchase of a mat for the foyer be left in the hands of Mr C. Hewer.

Following the recommendation of the Annual General Meeting it was resolved that a petrol voucher for \$2 be sent to Mr Hutton as a token of appreciation for his action in keeping the lawn on the western side of the hall cut and in order.

The caretaker advised that all the functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretakers for July: S. Wyper and G. Barr  
A refund of \$2 to the National Mutual Insurance was approved, being reduction in the charge for use of Long room.  
It was resolved that the NZ Radio Band Group be charged \$4 for use of the Long room and kitchen. Secretary to advise.

Bank balance: \$249.77 plus June receipts \$211.25. POSB \$632.66

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt News \$2.50, Briscoes \$2.51, Capital Glass \$5.93, B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12, Lower Hutt City Council \$6, Taita Hotel \$3.18, Lees & Co. \$48.20, State Insurance Office \$97.92 (building), \$7.50 (public liability) \$8.16 (furniture) \$2.15 (employee liability) – total \$225.17

It was resolved that C. W. Hewer, L. Searle, B. Hodgins and G. Barr be appointed as works subcommittee with power to co-opt.

Approval was given to the purchase of a petrol voucher of \$2 for the caretaker's use.

Messrs P. Cusin and R. Ferretti were appointed to the committee.

It was noted that the fence post has been repaired by the Taita Rugby Football Club.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman presented Mr E. Ferretti with a token in appreciation of 21 years' service to the Society.

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### **03 Aug 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The caretaker advised that the new mat for the foyer had been purchased – cost approximately \$16.70 (no account to hand as yet) Approval was given to the installing, by the Avalon Community Kindergarten, of an equipment cupboard in the supper room.

The caretaker reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretakers for August: E. Ferretti and A. Jenkins

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$32.69, Briscoes \$22.45, Post and Telegraph \$7.33, Lower Hutt City Council (rates) \$158.48, Waistrall (refund) \$15, B. Hodgins \$22, Hutt News \$3.75 – total \$261.70  
Bank balance: \$235.85. POSB \$632.66. July receipts \$169  
The heating meter was cleared and \$4.60 received.

The following were elected as a Jubilee subcommittee: C. Hewer, A. Jenkins, W. Garrett, S. Wyper, L. Searle and D. McMurray with power to co-opt. Quorum of the committee to be four. It was resolved that the committee not exceed six (plus co-opted members)

It was agreed that a hall booking deposit (\$15) be refunded to Mrs Waistrall, the cancellation being due to Mr Waistrall being in hospital.  
A. Jenkins advised that he had recently seen a past Secretary, Mr C. Bertelsen and his wife. Both were in good health and sent their regards to the Society.

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### **07 Sep 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

F. Ferretti reported that a gas fitter had checked and inspected the gas fittings of the hall.

Bank balance \$163.92. August receipts \$214.10, POSB \$632.66 – total \$1,010.68  
Accounts passed for payment: E. Wilson (electrician) \$15.20, Belmont Home Furnishings (mat for entrance) \$16.70, Briscoes 83c, B. Hodgins (wages) \$28.12 – total \$60.85

In the absence of the caretaker the assistant caretaker, Mr E. Ferretti, reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretakers for September: P. Battiston and S. Battiston

It was resolved that a working bee be held on Sunday 13 September 1970 to wash down the kitchen and paint the window sills and doors in the supper room.

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### **08 Oct 1970 Thu – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The works subcommittee reported on the working bee to clean the kitchen and fixing of the outside door lock to the committee room and the purchase of some keys.

Accounts passed for payment: \$66.64 – Hutt River Board \$3.68, Post Office \$7.33, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$34.31, L. Searle \$7.12, C. \_ (re keys) \$2.20, refund to St Johns \$12

Bank balance: \$553.65. POSB \$632.66. September receipts \$236.48 (includes refund of rates from Lower Hutt City Council \$158.48). It was resolved that a further \$200 be transferred to the POSB special account.

The caretakers reported that all the functions for the previous month had been run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretakers for October: L. Searle and P. Cusin

It was resolved that in future a minimum of \$2 be retained of any booking fee if that booking is cancelled.  
It was resolved that a “Wringer Mob Wash Bucket” be purchased.

A social subcommittee to arrange the Xmas Social was formed comprising L. Searle (convenor), D. McMurray, A. Jenkins, P. Battiston and S. Wyper. The social to be held 4 December 1970.

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### **02 Nov 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

In opening the meeting the Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the Patron, Mr Westbury (on visit from Tauranga) and Mr Hodgins. Mr Hodgins undertook to purchase the wringer mop bucket approved at the last meeting.

The caretakers advised that all functions for the month were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order and condition. Assistant caretakers for November: D. McMurray and E. Ferretti.

Bank balance: \$286.21. POSB \$832.66. October receipts \$126

Accounts passed for payment: Hartly Print (Xmas social invitations) \$6.10, Reimbursement of petty cash \$10 – total \$16.10

The meter box was cleared - \$4.60

The Chairman reported upon discussion with Lower Hutt City Council re licence and especially collection of rubbish on a Monday. The convenor of the Social subcommittee reported progress to date – tickets \$2.50 single. The subcommittee was empowered to finalise.

The Patron, Mr Westbury, advised that Mr C. Bertelsen, past Secretary, was in hospital at Tauranga. The Treasurer undertook to send a “Get Well” card.

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**04 Dec 1970 Fri – Avalon Public Hall Society Inc – Xmas Social – Statement of Accounts**

Income: Sale of tickets \$270, Raffle \$12.60, Cash on hand (from previous Year's Social) \$14.72 – total \$297.32

Expenditure: Fish \$5, Orchestra \$40, Catering \$92, Liquor & Glasses \$98.60, Linen Hire \$5.28, Barman \$8, Prizes & Tea Sugar Milk & Coffee & Salt \$8.08, Fowls for Raffle \$3.68, Balloons 85c, Lettuce & Tomatoes \$2 – total \$263.49

Excess income over expenditure \$33.83

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**07 Dec 1970 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Apologies: Barr (in hospital), S. Hewer

Mr Hodgins advised that the Wringer bucket mops were not available from Briscoes. Mr Wyper undertook to make further enquiries. The question of a lid for the incinerator was raised. Before reaching a decision it was decided to raise the matter at the next meeting.

Xmas Social: The need to assist in cleaning up following the Hall Socials was once again raised. It was recognized that the clearing up should not be left to one or two on the committee and that all should do their share.

Correspondence from Hutt Valley High School and Avalon Country Women's Institute was received.

Accounts passed for payment: Post Office \$7.33, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$18.71

Bank balance: \$381.91. POSB \$832.66. November receipts \$99.60 – total \$1,314.17

The caretaker reported that all functions were orderly. However at one function crepe paper had been used and tables badly marked. It was agreed that no crepe paper be allowed in future.

The question of disposable plates was raised but no decision reached.

The works subcommittee was empowered to see Mr Ron Campbell re staining of the supper room floor. The subcommittee was empowered to finalise. Assistant caretakers for December: G. Barr and S. Wyper; for January and February S. Hewer and W. Smith

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## 08 Feb 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apology: S. Wyper (in hospital)

It was decided to bring up at the next meeting the question of wringer mop buckets and a metal lid for the incinerator.

There was considerable discussion regarding the cleaning of the supper room floor and the action of the Secretary and Treasurer authorizing the use of Polyurethane (by All Flooring Services) at a quoted figure of \$75. The action taken was endorsed.

The Treasurer presented the financial report on the Xmas Social. This shewed a profit of \$19.11 and with the excess from 1969 of \$14.72 a total of \$33.83. It was resolved that this sum be paid into the General Funds. The Chairman thanked the Social subcommittee for the work they put in and to whom the success of the social was due. The Chairman's remarks were endorsed by the committee.

Appreciation was expressed of Mr McMurray's action in clearing the driveway of weeds.

The works subcommittee to check into the question of repainting the roof and report back to the next meeting if possible.

Bank balance: \$434.21. POSB \$832.66. January receipts \$58

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph \$7.33. The account from Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board was referred to the Treasurer for checking.

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### **01 Mar 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The question of the wringer mop was again raised and deferred until next month. The question of a lid for the incinerator was also deferred.

The works subcommittee reported on the state of the roof. The eastern lean to and main roof both require patching and some ridging requires replacement. A quote from G. Barr for carrying out the necessary repairs to be requested.

It was agreed that tenders be called for repainting the roof of the hall and the two lean to's. Advert to be placed in the Hutt News. Some windows require attention. Mr L. Searle was authorized to attend. It was agreed that where necessary the non-frosted glass in the long room be replaced.

A subcommittee comprising C. Hewer, L. Searle and W. Garrett was appointed to meet Mrs Ledbrook of the Guides and discuss the possible use of the hall by the Guides (& charges) etc.

The caretakers advised that the hall had been left in satisfactory condition after use. Assistant caretakers for March: A. Jenkins and E. Ferretti

Bank balance: \$455.09. POSB \$832.66. February receipts \$171.50  
Accounts passed for payment: Wilsons \$8.70, Briscoes \$4.02, Johnson Wax \$9.48 and, subject to the defect being made good, payment to All Floor Services \$75.

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### **05 Apr 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The question of the wringer mob bucket and lid for the incinerator to be raised at the next meeting.

The caretakers reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretakers for April: P. and S. Battiston

Bank balance: \$613.36. POSB \$832.66. March receipts \$87.83  
Accounts passed for payment: Post Office \$8.50, Wainui Glass \$17.80, Briscoes \$4.02 plus \$75 (All Floor Services approved last meeting)  
The Treasurer to check Hutt Valley Electric Power account. The Treasurer undertook to have the interest in the POSB included in the account and brought up to date.

The Chairman heard with regret that a past member and Trustee of the Society was in Masterton Hospital. The Secretary undertook to send an appropriate card to Mr G. Gorrie.

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### **03 May 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The question of a lid for the incinerator was deferred.

It was agreed that the Guides be offered the use of one end of the storeroom off the cloakroom.

The action in hiring the hall to the Lower Hutt City Council at a reduced charge was approved (letter dated 24 April 1971)

After considerable discussion it was resolved that the Taita – Nae Nae RSA be charged \$25 for the use of the hall on Anzac Day.

The caretakers reported that functions were well run and the hall left in good order, although the RSA function on Anzac Day went past the stipulated time.

Assistant caretakers for May: P. Cusin and L. Searle

Bank balance: \$672.96. POSB \$854.12. April receipts \$111.20

Accounts passed for payment: State Insurance Office \$1.80, Hutt Valley Electric Power Board \$4.81 (gas), C. W. Hewer (weedkillers) \$15.63, King and Grant (1969/70 audit) \$34, Hutt Valley Plumbers \$16 – total \$72.24

The annual general meeting to be held on June 12. Suitable add to be placed in the Hutt News.

Tenders for repainting the roof were discussed and it was agreed that the tender of \$144 from Wellington Decorators be accepted. Mr Searle undertook to arrange accordingly. Painting to be one coat red oxide (Berger Roof Master). Mr G. Barr's tender of approximately \$160 for necessary roof repairs prior to repainting was accepted.

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### **08 Jun 1971 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Chairman advised that he had discussed with the Guide Leader (Mrs Lee) the use of the cupboard off the cloakroom. The Guides were very pleased at the offer and will make good use of it.

Bank balance \$729.73. POSB \$854.12. May receipts \$96

Accounts passed for payment: G. Barr (roof repairs) \$130.40, Hutt News \$1.88, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board (gas) \$3.82, State Insurance Office \$1.80, Wainui Glass \$4.50, Briscoes \$9.32, Post Office \$8.50 – total \$160.22

The caretakers reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Assistant caretakers for June: D. Bognuda and D. McMurray

The letter from Avalon Community Kindergarten was read and after discussion it was resolved that the letter be acknowledged to the effect that any future complaints be made direct, by phone, to the Chairman, who will endeavour to look into the complaint immediately and personally.

The Annual accounts, duly audited, were discussed in detail prior to presentation at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman and Treasurer undertook to arrange the necessary supper and refreshments.

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## 05 Jul 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Before 14 residents, Mr C. W. Hewer in the chair.

Apologies: G. Barr, S. Wyper, A. Jenkins, S. Hewer, S. Battiston and E. Ferretti

In declaring the meeting open, the Chairman advised that one of the Trustees, Mr G. Gorrie, was still in Masterton Hospital but improving in health.

On adoption of the annual report, the Chairman referred to the ill health of Mrs Hodgins and consequent continued inability of Mr Hodgins to do the caretaking duties he had been carrying out so well. The Chairman also expressed appreciation of the duties carried out by the Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

It was recommended that the ingoing committee look at the question of improving the cooking facilities in the kitchen.

The Treasurer advised that the auditors had commented that they were satisfied with the way the Society was handling its finances.

It was recommended that the ingoing committee give consideration to extending insurance cover to include combined extraneous perils.

It was recommended that the ingoing committee consider attempt to have interest rate increased on long term deposit money.

Mr Westbury was re-appointed Patron of the Society.

Messrs King and Grant were appointed Auditors to the Society.

The existing committee was re-elected en bloc with power to add.

It was recommended that consideration be given to changing the night of the Annual General Meeting. It was also recommended that thought be given to purchase of a First Aid Kit.

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## 05 Jul 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Officers: C. W. Hewer (Chairman), S. Wyper (Vice-Chairman), W. Garrett (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

The caretakers advised that all functions were run satisfactorily and the hall left in good order. Damage caused during function held by the Taita Cricket Club has been made good within 48 hours, at no cost to the Society. The Chairman advised that fittings for improving the cooking facilities were available. Assistant caretakers for July: S. Wyper and G. Barr.

Bank balance: \$687.37. POSB \$854.12. June receipts \$126. It was agreed that \$800 be transferred to a POSB investment account. Accounts passed for payment: \$304.24. The payment of \$10 for petty cash was also approved.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that Public Liability cover be increased to \$100,000. Repairs to down pipe on the east side are required. G. Barr undertook to attend to the necessary work.

The question of date of the Annual Meeting was raised briefly and it was decided to discuss the matter at a later meeting. The question of inviting local sports bodies to the proposed 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations was discussed in brief and it was decided that the subcommittee look into the whole question.

The Chairman undertook to see the Lower Hutt City Council and ascertain their requirements or recommendations regarding first aid equipment.

The Treasurer reported upon additional insurance cover to include combined extraneous perils extension. After discussion it was agreed that the extra cover be take out.

Appointment of subcommittees:

Jubilee – C. Hewer, A. Jenkins, D. McMurray (convenor), S. Wyper, L. Searle & W. Garrett with power to co-opt

Works – C. W. Hewer, L. Searle, B. Hodgins, G. Barr (convenor) with power to co-opt

Social – S. Wyper (convenor), A. Jenkins, S. Battiston, P. Cusin, D. McMurray, S. Hewer

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### **02 Aug 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

After considerable discussion it was agreed that a four plate burner be purchased to replace the existing gas burner (Gas board \$120), confirmation of cost to be obtained. Mr Searle undertook to arrange re necessary stand.

Downpipe on east side of hall to be attended to. Mr Barr undertook to look into the matter.  
The question of date of next annual general meeting was again deferred.

The Chairman advised that he had seen the Lower Hutt City Council regarding a First Aid Kit. It was agreed that further inquiries be made (of St Johns) and get their recommendations.

Bank balance: \$378.52. POSB Investment account \$800. POSB special account \$54.12 (after transfer of \$800 to investment account). Investment account interest 4.5%. The meter was cleared and \$8.50 taken.

Accounts passed for payment: \$273.89 and the account for \$4.55 for the purchase of a rubbish tin.

The caretakers reported that all the functions held during the month were in order and the hall left satisfactorily. The heater in the supper room is not working. Mr McMurray undertook to see Mr Wilson re repairs. Caretakers for August: S. Hewer and W. Smith

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### 06 Sep 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Chairman advised regarding further inquiries concerning heating and cooking facilities – question of gas as against electricity. Further inquiries to be made. The defective wall heater in the supper room not yet repaired.

The caretakers reported that all functions held were well run and the hall left in good condition. Comment was made regarding defects in cleaning by some of the previous caretakers and it was agreed that the previous high standard had not been maintained. One of the toilets in the ladies cloak room is loose. The matter to be referred to Mr Barr. Mr C. Hewer undertook to see Mr Barr. After discussion it was agreed to replenish the stock saucers. Mr McMurray undertook to order six dozen. Caliphont pilot light defective. Mr McMurray undertook to see the Gas Board. Zip heater leaking. Mr McMurray undertook to see Mr McMurray water heaters re necessary repairs. Caretakers for September: S. & P. Battiston

It was agreed that in view of the poor attendance and their past good record that the Motor Cycle Club be charged \$7 ie reduced from \$14.

Bank balance: \$163.56. POSB Investment \$800. POSB \$54. August receipts \$86  
Accounts totalling \$41.78 were passed for payment and accounts totalling \$59.20 are to be checked before payment.

The high level window on the west side of the hall is urgently in need of replacement – the whole frame appears to be rotten. Mr Hewer undertook to see a carpenter – possibly Mr J. Sage.

It was agreed that the committee hold a small social (bowling) on 17 September.

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#### **04 Oct 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Downpipe at east side of hall and toilet pan had not been attended to. Mr McMurray undertook to see Mr Barr. Wall heater still defective. Mr McMurray advised that Mr Wilson hoped to have the work done in the next week.

The Chairman reported upon his investigation into better cooking facilities. A four plate electric cooker has been looked at and the Chairman agreed to make further inquiries re a stainless steel top and discuss the matter with a caterer who has knowledge of the hall; and obtain his opinion as to gas against electricity. This suggestion was adopted.

The Chairman agreed to see Mr Peter Keating regarding the rotting high level window on the west side. Mr Keating has undertaken to attend to the necessary work in the next two to three weeks.

The last social evening (bowling) was a success and it was agreed that the Social subcommittee arrange a further evening on a similar basis at an early date, and if possible hold such evenings on a semi regular basis.

BNZ Bank balance: \$213.78. POSB \$54.12. POSB Investment \$800. September receipts \$170.20. Cleared meter \$1.70  
Accounts passed for payment totalled \$59.62.

The caretakers reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Caretakers for October: L. Searle and P. Cusin

The question of caretaker doing work on a paid basis was discussed in brief. Mr Wyper undertook to submit a price and list of work that would be done. It was agreed that a subcommittee meet and discuss the position on receipt of any tender. The subcommittee to comprise the Chairman, Secretary, S. Hewer, L. Searle and D. McMurray.

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## 01 Nov 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Mr Barr advised that approximately 40 feet of spouting on the east side of the hall required replacing. He was authorized to carry out the work necessary. Steam switch on Zip heater nearest warmer cupboard is defective. It was decided that no action be taken for the present.

The Chairman reported upon his further inquiries and discussion with a caterer as to the best and most suitable cooking facilities for use in the hall. It was suggested that a second hand commercial cooker would be the answer. It was agreed that an advertisement be placed in the Evening Post for a second hand commercial gas stove. The Treasurer undertook to place the advertisement.

Discussion was held on the Bowling Social evening. It was confirmed a success and most enjoyable.

The Social subcommittee reported upon progress and arrangements to date regarding the Xmas Social. After considerable discussion it was agreed that there be no change to committee members but others to be charged \$3 per single ticket. The convenor of the Social subcommittee to be MC for the evening.

The caretakers advised that there were three defective keys in the piano in the main hall. The Treasurer undertook to approach Mr Mason. The question of castors for the piano was also to be looked into by the Treasurer.

The Chairman undertook to see the teachers of the Kindergarten regarding children running around in the hall.

The Caretakers advised that all functions were well run and the hall left in good condition. Caretakers for November: Wyper and Barr

BNZ Bank balance: \$334.36. POSB \$54.12. POSB Special account \$800. October receipts \$72.70  
Accounts totalling \$2.96 were passed for payment.

A tender for cleaning the hall was received from Mr S. Wyper. There was lengthy discussion and finally it was resolved that the caretakers continue to carry out the caretaking duties, on a voluntary basis, as per list discussed.

The Chairman advised that First Aid Kit is under action – cabinet is under action.  
On the motion of P. Cusin, seconded S. Battiston it was agreed that Mr Ron Norman be invited to join the committee.

Letter from the Lower Hutt City Council regarding their requirements for an up-to-date licence – [1] Emergency Exit Door (East side); [2] Fire Extinguisher; [3] Light Bulb; [4] Lid for Incinerator

It was decided that the question of Kindergarten charges be looked into at a later date.

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## 06 Dec 1971 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

On opening the meeting the Chairman welcomed to the Society Mr Ron Norman a new member.

After discussion it was agreed that the question of improving the cooking facilities be further looked into in the New Year. The possibility of obtaining a suitable gas range, (ex commercial) from the Wellington Gas Co. was raised.

The question of repair to or replacement of piano in the Supper room was raised and it was decided to defer the matter for consideration at the next meeting.

The caretakers reported that with the exception of the two socials held by General Motors, Upper Hutt, all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. During both General Motor's functions fights occurred and on one occasion the Police were called (with the assistance of a taxi phone). Once more the question of a phone for the hall was raised. The need for caretakers to occasionally ring for the police to stop fights was referred to. It was agreed that the Chairman and Treasurer once again approach the Post Office regarding installing a phone in the hall (ie in the committee room for use by Hall Society members only). The question of repairs to the microphone to be considered at the next meeting. Caretakers for December: D. McMurray & E. Ferretti

The Xmas social, it was agreed, was marred by the fact that the orchestra hired for the occasion did not turn up. It was only the efforts, at a late hour, of the Social subcommittee who obtained the services of a band from a local hotel, that the Social was so successful. The caterer provided an excellent supper. The question of next year's Xmas Social to be raised at a later date. The Social subcommittee is to provide a financial report for the next committee meeting.

BNZ Bank balance: \$387.85. POSB \$54.12. POSB Special account \$800. November receipts \$141.50.

Accounts totalling \$178.74 were passed for payment.

The Secretary undertook to ring the Lower Hutt City Council re rates refund.

Mr Hodgins undertook to see about purchasing paper towels and toilet rolls – present stocks are low.

The Secretary was advised that there would not be any charge for the use of the hall on 20 November on the occasion of the wedding of his older daughter.

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### 07 Feb 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

In opening the meeting the Chairman referred to having met, over the holidays, some past committee members, including Jim Butler, Bert Hewer, Jim Hamilton and Frank Westbury.

Wyper and Barr undertook to see some auctioneers in an endeavour to obtain a contact re commercial gas cookers.  
Telephone now in committee room. It was agreed that the bells should be disconnected and the telephone number removed from the phone.  
The Treasurer undertook to see Mr Wilson regarding possible repairs to the microphone.

The Social subcommittee presented the financial results of the Xmas Social. The social cost \$318.24. Ticket sales were \$267 and raffle proceeds \$20, a loss of \$31.24. The subcommittee recommended Xmas social be on a much smaller scale.

The quote of \$99.50 from Hamilton Nimmo & Sons Ltd for the Spence Piano in the supper room was considered by the committee and it was agreed that it was not acceptable. Mr Barr undertook to see Mr Ward of Upper Hutt re a second hand piano including the question of a guarantee.

The caretakers reported that all the functions in December and January were well run and the hall left in good order. Caretakers for January to also do February.

Accounts totalling \$114.35 including a refund of \$12.50 to Miss Vincent for a cancelled booking.

After discussion it was agreed that hall charges increase by approximately 15% (including the Kindergarten) from 1 January 1973. An amendment was made that charges increase 10% and other regular users of the hall have their charges increased 5%. The amendment was carried without dissent, the charges to be rounded off to the nearest dollar or at the Secretary's judgement.

The Treasurer undertook to obtain details of various advertising rates from the Hutt News.

BNZ Bank balance: \$722.45. POSB \$54.12. POSB Special account \$800. December receipts \$247.79. January receipts \$146

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### 06 Mar 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Mr S. L. Read of 30 Holyoake Crescent requested the Societies approval on behalf of Mr Tse of 28 Holyoake Crescent and himself to the erection of their proposed rear and side boundary walls up to the Societies eastern boundary. After presenting his case Mr Read left the meeting. The matter was discussed by the committee and it was resolved that consent be given subject to [a] no cost to the Society, [b] all damage to be made good at no cost to the Society, [c] the prior sighting of the proposed site plans, [e] the wall not to encroach upon the Societies land. The Secretary was authorized to advise Mr Read accordingly.

The caretakers reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Caretakers for March: P. & S. Battiston  
A refund to Mr McKeon (for booking for 15 Apr 1972 deposit paid). Booking cancelled 2 Mar 1972. It was agreed that \$18 be refunded.

BNZ Bank balance: \$625.97. POSB Special account \$800. POSB \$54.12. February receipts \$62 – total cash \$1,540.87

After discussion it was resolved that for the meantime no action would be taken over the supper room piano. Any discussion would be made in the light of any complaints.

Increases in charges. Secretary was requested to submit a list of hall charges based upon a 15% increase.  
The Treasurer undertook to see the Post Office re disconnecting the telephone bell in the committee room.  
The Treasurer advised that Mr Eric Wilson would be attending to the defective microphone on 7 Mar 1972.  
The door lock from the committee room to the main hall was still defective and the Chairman undertook to carry out repairs.

After discussion it was agreed that the Society place an advertisement in the Hutt News advising of the hall's facilities for an initial period of six months, the position to be reviewed at a later date – cost \$1.75 per week.

The Chairman reported that thanks to the advice and assistance of the local branch of the St Johns Ambulance the first aid box was now fitted out and available for use. It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Taita Division of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade thanking them for their guidance in First Aid equipment and enclose a cheque for \$10 as an appreciation.\

The Social subcommittee proposed holding a bowls evening on 24 Mar 1972 and committee members and wives were urged to attend.  
It was resolved that the annual general meeting be held on 9 Jun 1972. The meeting to be followed by a bowls evening.

The Treasurer undertook to see Mr Plunket as to the possibility of obtaining plates suitable for the halls use.

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### 10 Apr 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Hall charges were again considered and the Secretary was requested to provide figures based on current charges and allowing increases of [a] 10% and [b] 15% for consideration of the committee.

The Social subcommittee reported upon the last bowls evening which was a success and it was agreed that a further two sets of bowls be purchased second hand at a cost of \$40. After discussion it was agreed that no fixed date be set for bowls evenings but dates be arranged as decided at the monthly committee meeting – charges: gents 50c and ladies a plate – 7.45pm start.

BNZ Bank balance: \$685.92. POSB Special account \$800. POSB \$54.12. March receipts \$106 – total \$1,646.09  
Accounts totalling \$88.60 (including \$40 for indoor bowls) were passed for payment.

The caretakers reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. Caretakers for April: L. Searle and P. Cusin  
The last working bee meeting was poorly attended and it was agreed that a further one be held on 23 April, commencing 9am.

Mr B. Hodgins, committee member and Trustee of the Society tendered his resignation from the Committee, as due to the ill health of his wife he was unable to continue. The resignation was received with regret and members spoke of the debt that the Society owed Mr Hodgins for his sterling work. It was agreed that the Secretary write to Mr Hodgins accordingly, reminding him that as a Trustee he would always be welcome at any meeting of the Society.

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## 01 May 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The question of increasing the hall charges was discussed briefly and it was decided to ascertain charges for other halls in the area before making any decision.

The working bee on 23 April 1972 was the best attended for some time and a considerable amount of additional work was carried out.

It was decided that the next bowls evening be on 26 May 1972. The last one had again proved satisfactory though it was hoped that more members and their wives would attend in the future.

The Annual General Meeting was set down for 9 June 1972 and accordingly the next committee meeting was arranged for 29 May in order to consider matters that may be raised at the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary undertook to arrange to have the necessary advertisement put in the Hutt News regarding the Annual General meeting, which is to start at 7.30pm and be followed by bowls.

Outward correspondence (to Mr & Mrs MacArthur of Te Puke, on the occasion of their 70 wedding jubilee) and to Mr B. Hodgins on his resignation from the committee were read and confirmed.

The Caretakers reported that functions were well run and the hall left in good order. May caretakers: Barr & Wyper. June caretakers: Jenkins & Bognuda

BNZ Bank balance: \$750.88. POSB Special account \$800. POSB \$61.94 – total \$1,612.59. April receipts \$49  
Accounts totalling \$9.05 plus \$10 for petty cash were passed for payment.

Once again a complaint had been received from the Kindergarten regarding the state of the toilets. The Chairman reported upon the complaint and after discussion it was resolved that a subcommittee comprising the Chairman, Secretary, L. Searle & S. Hewer meet the Kindergarten committee and endeavour to iron out the trouble. 7pm on 4 May 1972 was proposed.

It was resolved that a presentation be made to Mr D. T. McMurray to mark his having given 21 years service to the Society. Up to \$40 to be expended. The Chairman undertook to arrange.

The Chairman asked the committee's views in the event of Sunday 23 July being required by the Growing Association on the occasion of their 50 jubilee. The Committee agreed that there was no objection, subject to the local by laws not be broken.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Society is to be celebrated at Labour weekend (Oct 21 to 23, 1972). The Secretary, with assistance from the subcommittee to compile a list of names and addresses of past and present committee members and Trustees.

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### **29 May 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The matter of hall charges was discussed in brief and it was agreed that in view of the charges for other halls in the area, that with the possible exception of the Kindergarten, hall charges remain “as is” for the present.

BNZ Bank balance \$752.39. POSB Special account \$800. POSB \$61.74. May receipts \$95. Accounts totalling \$95.80 were passed for payment.

The caretakers reported that all functions were well run and the Hall left in good order. Caretakers for June: A. Jenkins and D. Bognuda  
It was resolved that there be no charge to the Taita Football Club for use of the hall on 28 May 1972.

The last bowls evening was successful and it is hoped that more members and their wives (or partners) will attend in future as they would be assured of a pleasant evening.

Attention was drawn to the fact that there was a hole in the floor in the Long room. Mr L. Searle undertook to arrange the necessary repairs.

Members were reminded that ladies were requested to provide a plate for the Annual General meeting. The Chairman undertook to arrange for refreshments and the Treasurer supper ie milk & tea etc.

It was arranged that the Jubilee subcommittee meet 7.30pm on 2 Jun 1972 to make preliminary arrangements.  
The draft of the Annual Report was read and approved for printing.

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## 9 Jun 1972 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Present: C. W. Hewer in the chair and 14 residents of the area.

In opening the meeting the Chairman extended a welcome to all especially Mr and Mrs J. Searle of Levin and Mr B. Hodgins.

Apologies: S. Battiston, E. Ferretti, S. Hewer and Mrs H. Hewer

F. Westbury was re-elected Patron of the Society

The present committee was re-elected en bloc with power to add. Mr E. Wilson was elected to the committee.

Committee: G. Barr, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, D. Bognuda, P. Cusin, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti, W. Garrett, C. Hewer (Trustee), F. S. Hewer, A. Jenkins, D. T. McMurray, R. Norman, L. Searle, W. R. Smith, F. Westbury (Patron), E. Wilson, S. Wyper. The other trustees are B. Hodgins, G. E. Gorrie and J. Searle.

King and Grant were re-elected Auditor

The Chairman advised that the Jubilee subcommittee had met and made interim plans and then gave a short outline of the proposals to be considered. General discussion followed.

It was recommended to the ingoing committee that all stacking chairs be checked at regular intervals and any necessary repairs carried out. The possibility of obtaining some stacking chairs from the Taita Rugby Football Club at a reasonable price was also recommended to the ingoing committee.

The Chairman advised that following the Societies custom a presentation to Mr D. T. McMurray would be made following his 21 years service to the Society.

Mr A. Jenkins advised that for the [next] two years he would be very busy and accordingly have less time on Hall duties.

The evening finished with all playing bowls.

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### 03 Jul 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Messrs C. W. Hewer and S. Wyper were both nominated for the position of Chairman. Both left the room. Hewer was elected by show of hands. Messrs L. Searle and S. Wyper were nominated for the position of Deputy Chairman and following earlier procedure L. Searle was declared Deputy Chairman after a show of hands.

Re-elected: D. T. McMurray (Treasurer) and W. R. A. Garrett (Secretary)

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the Patron of the Society, Mr F. Westbury of Tauranga and also to the new member Mr Eric Wilson.

Mr Searle advised that the damage to the floor in the long room has been made good.

The Chairman reported to the committee upon discussions with the Kindergarten Committee and the subcommittee recommended that charges to the Kindergarten be increased. After considerable discussion it was resolved that charges to the Kindergarten be increased from \$30 per term to \$40 per term, the increase to date from the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> term 1972, the Secretary to advise the Kindergarten accordingly.

Bank of NZ balance \$741. POSB Special account \$800. POSB \$61.74. June receipts \$142.50. Meter money \$12  
Accounts totalling \$303.84 were passed for payment.

As both caretakers were absent there was no report. Caretakers for July: P. and S. Battiston.

On behalf of the Hall Society the Secretary is to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee dinner of the Hutt Valley Producers Society.

The convenor of the Jubilee subcommittee, Mr McMurray, outlined proposals and arrangements to date – caterer and music booked. General discussion followed.

It was agreed that the excess (old type) folding chairs be offered to the Avalon Scout Group free of charge.

It was agreed that a working bee be held on 9 Jul 1972 (9am) for the purpose of checking and repairing, where necessary, the Societies stacking chairs.

It was resolved that there be no charge to Mr and Mrs S. Wyper for hire of the hall on 3 Jun 1972 on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter Carol.

It was agreed that \$12 be refunded to Mr L. Pettigrew for a cancelled booking.

The bowls evening on 30 Jun 1972 was, as seems usual, very enjoyable.

The Chairman advised that he had attended to the leak in his hot water caliphant and had also attended to the W.C. in the Ladies toilets.

Pressure on the Fire Extinguisher had been checked and is in order.

The need for a gas cooker (commercial style) is to be kept in mind.

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### **07 Aug 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

It was resolved that there be no charge to the Hutt Valley Producers Association for use of the hall on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations. The excess chairs had not been collected by the Avalon Scout Group. The next committee bowls night was set down for 11 August. Action to date by the Jubilee subcommittee was endorsed. The caretakers reported that the functions were well run and the hall left in good order. August caretakers: E. Wilson and D. McMurray. The Chairman advised that a drain was blocked. Mr Barr undertook to clear.

BNZ Bank balance \$1,154.60. POSB \$398.93. The special account in the POSB had been closed. July receipts \$114. Accounts totalling \$228.72 were passed for payment.

After discussion it was agreed that cupboards be erected at the east end of the supper room and the room painted during the August school holidays. Tenders for the repainting had been called and that of Mr G. Marshall of \$290 was accepted. L. Searle undertook to advise him accordingly. (Two coats of paint). L. Searle was authorized to see to the erection of the cupboards at a cost not exceeding \$200.

Mr Searle undertook to check re rotted weatherboard on North east side of the hall. The Treasurer stated that he would arrange delivery of two cartons of toilet paper and S. Wyper the delivery of a further rubbish tin.

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## 05 Sep 1972 Tue – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

As usual the bowls evening held during August was enjoyed by those who attended.

The drain reported blocked at the last meeting had been cleared by Mr G. Barr. The question of additional inspection chamber was raised. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the matter be raised at a later meeting.

The erection of cupboards in the supper room had been completed and the supper room repainted. A good job had been made. The new cupboards mean that the old ones (used by regular bookers of the hall) are to be removed.

Mr Wyper undertook to ring the Avalon Scouts re the excess chairs.

It was agreed that a list of the key numbers of the cupboards in the supper room be recorded in the back of the minute book.

The Secretary was requested to write to the L.E.O.B., Womens Institute and the Guides re new cupboards in the supper room and old cupboards to be removed.

BNZ Bank balance \$961.94. POSB \$398.83. August receipts \$180 – total \$1,540.87.

Accounts totalling \$487.93 were passed for payment.

The caretakers reported that apart from one function at which the police arrived, all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. September caretakers: P. Cusin and E. Ferretti.

Correspondence to and the reply from the Lower Hutt City Corporation re rates were read and received. At the present time no further action is required.

The letter from the Mayor, Mr Kennedy-Good, in reply to the invitation to attend the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations were read and received.

It was agreed that a special POSB account be opened, all Jubilee receipts to be paid into the new account and expenses met from it. Trustees C. W. Hewer, D. T. McMurray and W. R. Garrett. The Treasurer undertook to arrange the necessary forms. \$200 to be transferred to the new account.

The next bowls night to be held on 15 September.

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## **02 Oct 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Before the meeting commenced photographs were taken (for the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee) were taken by Graphic Studios.

In the opening of the meeting the Chairman referred to the passing of Mr D. McArthur, an early member of the Society. A telegram had been sent on the Society's behalf. Reference was also made to the passing of another ex-member, Mr P. Walters.

After discussion it was resolved that the Lions be charged \$15 when they use the hall on 12 November next.

The bowls evening held during September was, as usual enjoyable, and more committee members and their partners would be assured of an entertaining evening. The next bowls evening was set down for 27 October.

A letter from the Lower Hutt City Corporation advising that only 50% remission would be approved. After considerable discussion it was agreed that a subcommittee be formed to correlate all information for preparation by a solicitor and submission to the City Corporation appealing against the decision to reduce the usual full rebate to only 50%. It was resolved that C. W. Hewer, D. T. McMurray, L. Searle and W. Garrett comprise the necessary subcommittee; three with power to act and obtain the services of a solicitor. Action to be taken after the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

The caretakers reported that all functions held during the month were well run and the hall left in good order. October caretakers: L. Searle and R. Norman

Bank of NZ balance \$664.46. POSB \$198.93. September receipts \$76 – total \$929.39  
Accounts totalling \$396.83 were passed for payment.

The final Jubilee subcommittee was set down for 6 Oct 1972.

The Xmas Social was set down for 2 Dec 1972.

The Treasurer was authorized to purchase a book and give it to F. S. Hewer, with the committee's regards and wishes him a speedy recovery to good health.

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### **6 Nov 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The bowls evening on 27 October again proved enjoyable and the next evening was set down for 17 November.

Mr Wyper advised that the booking for the LIONS had been changed from 14 November to 28 November (with consent of the Guides)

After brief discussion it was agreed that the Xmas Social be held on 9 December 1972 (changed from 2 December 1972)

Discussion was held on 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations and it was agreed that everything went well. It was resolved that a copy of the Jubilee programme, outline of history and copy of photo of first and present committee be retained in the minute book.

The Treasurer reported upon his visit to Selwyn Hewer when in hospital.

A letter from L.E.O.B. asking that the Society reimburse them \$19.10 for shelves in the new cupboards, on the understanding that the shelves remain the property of the Hall Society in the event of the L.E.O.B. leaving the hall was read. After considerable discussion it was resolved that the L.E.O.B. be advised their request was fully considered and that the Society is not prepared to make any payment in reimbursement for the cost of the shelves.

Bank of NZ balance \$333.63. POSB \$198.93. October receipts \$223 – total \$755.56

Accounts totalling \$57.40 were passed for payment including a refund to Vihapah of \$12.50 (balance of deposit) following a cancelled booking.

The caretakers reported that all functions were well run and the hall left in good order. November caretakers: Bar & Wyper

A special subcommittee, comprising C. Hewer, L. Searle, D. McMurray and W. Garrett were appointed to go into the question of the rates rebate and if it is considered warranted, take the matter up with a solicitor with a view to making representations to the Lower Hutt City Council.

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#### **04 Dec 1972 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

It was reported that the Xmas Social was a poor night with only a small number present (18 including wives and visitors) and it was agreed that next Xmas the type of function would be decided at a later date.

Mr S. Wyper reported on the position of the photo of the 1973 committee (ie 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Committee)

The Chairman reported on the discussions with Mr K. Gibson, solicitor, with a view to taking up with the Lower Hutt City Council the question of a full 100% rates rebate. Mr Gibson has undertaken to look into the matter and to write to the council on our behalf.

Correspondence from Taita Rugby Football Club and Order of Bison – No.4 L.E.O.B. and reply to L.E.O.B. was confirmed.  
Caretakers for December McMurray and Eric Wilson; January and February D. Bognuda and A. Jenkins

The Chairman advised that the Chub Club wished to have a regular booking on every Wednesday and the fact that the Hutt Valley Motor Cycle Club had a meeting in the supper room on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month. It was resolved that the Chairman and Secretary see the Motor Cycle Club on Wednesday 6 December.

BNZ Bank balance: \$399.39. November receipts \$88

Accounts totalling \$42.44 were passed for payment – Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd \$2.45; Hutt Valley Electric Power & Gas Board – Gas \$5.29, Power \$26.50; Hutt News advertising \$8.10

It was agreed that the Chub Club be charged \$5 per week for their regular booking.

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## 05 Feb 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

The Chairman spoke on the sudden passing of the Society's Secretary, W. R. A. Garrett, whose death occurred on 1 February 1973 and he thanked the members of the committee for their full attendance at the church service. Mr Hewer mentioned Mr Garrett's work for the Society and the loss of his services. He was Secretary from 1961 to 1973, approximately 12 years. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to his passing.

Mr Wyper reported that he had seen the photographer who had taken the photo of the Committee in the Hall and he was not satisfied because of the lighting and wanted another taken at his Upper Hutt studios. The reproduction in the Hutt News and 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee booklet was a poor one, but it was decided that as Mr Garrett would be missing from any new photo, that the photographer endeavour to have an enlargement taken for the committee room.

Correspondence from K. G. Gibson, solicitor to Lower Hutt City Council on behalf of the Society re rates rebate, copy of letter was read.

The Chairman reported that the Chub Club had been in December 1972 to discuss their bookings and the matter was under consideration by their committee. The Motor Cycle Club is not prepared to move from their meetings on a monthly basis on a Wednesday evening and desire to continue in the back Supper Room. It was agreed that the Motor Cycle Club and Chubb Club be approached again to see if the matter can be ironed out and that a written assurance be received from the Chubb Club on the length of their tenancy. A subcommittee of Chairman, L. Searle and D. McMurray to meet them.

A letter was received from the Lower Hutt City Council re licence for the Hall re changes to locks and fittings – such work to be completed by the dates specified. Mr L. Searle was authorized to approach Council and check as to what was required and to arrange the work.

A notice of Valuation re rateable value of \$1269 was received.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt News \$16.20, NZ Post Office (telephone) \$12.34, King & Grant (annual audit and duplicating report and balance sheet) \$45, Hutt Valley Electric Power & Gas Board – power \$19.57, gas \$5.97, L. Searle (repairs to door facing supper room) \$11 – total \$110.08

BNZ Bank balance \$578.65, January receipts \$70, POSB Special account \$102.32

Agreed that the name of L. I. Searle be added to names of signatories for bank account

Agreed that D. T. McMurray be appointed as Acting Secretary of the Society

Caretakers reported that all functions held in December 1972 had been well controlled and had no troubles and had performed all caretaking and cleaning as required. Caretakers for February D. Bognuda and A. Jenkins

The booking for Donoghue wedding on 10 March 1973 has been cancelled and a refund of \$13 approved, \$2 booking fee being retained and cheque refund approved.

It was decided to hold an indoor bowls evening for the committee on 16 February 1973.

The Treasurer reported that he had ordered \$10 flowers to Mrs Garrett and family following death of Mr Garrett from Pilchers.

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### 05 Mar 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Mr Hewer reported that he had seen the Chubb Club officials who are quite prepared to take the long room on the first Wednesday of the month. The head woman is quite prepared to carry on and work in with the Motor Cycle club by using the long room. Mr Searle advised that arrangements are being made to meet the Lower Hutt City Council representative at the hall re hall licence requirements.

It was decided to approach the photographer and suggest that the previous photo taken last year for inclusion in the Jubilee booklet be used for an enlarged photo for the committee room.

The Jubilee account in the POSB has been closed and the balance of \$102.32 has been transferred to the main account in the Bank of NZ.

Bank balance: \$584.31. February receipts \$117.5. Refund 50% rates from Lower Hutt City Council \$126.83

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt News \$8.10, Taita Hotel Liquor for W. Garrett funeral \$9, Pilchers Floral Service – flowers for Mrs Garrett and family \$10.75

Members reported that the Bowls evening held on 16 February 1973 was well attended by committee members and was quite a successful evening. Next bowls evening 16 March 1973.

S. Wyper / P. Battiston            That Mr E. Wilson be appointed Hon. Secretary of the Society.

March caretakers:                S. Battiston and P. Battiston

D. McMurray / S. Battiston        That Mr E. Wilson's name be added to the list of signatures for cheque account at Bank of NZ.

Chairman reported that a permanent booking had been received for pupils of Ballet and Tap Classes on Wednesdays 3pm to 7pm on Fridays at \$1 per hour Miss Moynahan in charge. Also a "Good News Club" on Tuesday afternoons after school, probably in the long room organized by Mrs Marshall at \$1 per hour.

Mr Hewer advised that Mrs R. Sharman of Stokes Valley is arranging running off and duplicating of the speeches.

The Chairman advised that he was arranging for copies of the Rules to be run off and to be looked through at the next committee meeting.

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## 02 Apr 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Chubb Club: The group has now split from head group and now called Fat Ladies Club. The group will now use supper room at \$3 per night.

Committee Photo: To be brought forward next meeting.

A letter of appreciation was received from Mrs Thelma Wyper for flowers sent to her while in hospital.

Chairman / D. McMurray That the Avalon Tennis Club be granted use of the hall free of charge for their 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee dinner.

April caretakers: L. Searle and P. Cusin

Bank balance: \$897.79. March receipts \$97

Accounts passed for payment: Pilchers Floral Service \$5.40, Hutt News \$8.10, Telephone \$12.34, Hutt Valley Electric Power & Gas – Electricity \$9.31, Gas \$3.14

Long Room Exit Door: The hall committee is waiting for a decision from Mr O'Donovan, Lower Hutt City Council, regarding the opening position and safety requirements. It was agreed that other amendments and alterations be carried out, also to attend to removal of incinerator.

D. McMurray / P. Battiston That two rubbish bins be purchased from K. E. Beesey Ltd.

Mr F. J. Searle tendered an offer of \$400 to sand and treat floor of main hall, three coats of preparation required to complete job and assistance of three persons is requested and will save committee \$130. Mr D. McMurray to get further price from All Floor Services regarding floor.

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### 13 May 1973 Sun – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Fat Ladies Club: Everything is satisfactory and is working very well with Motor Cycling Club.  
Next bowls evening Friday 18 May 1973

The cheque for rates rebate was received and banked - \$85.54. That sub-committee meet Mr K. Gibson re further discussion to get full refund if possible for 1974-1975. E. Wilson was elected to subcommittee for rates discussion.

A letter was received re hiring hall on Sundays and after discussion it was decided to reply in writing requesting a time to meet the committee. Requested that secretary ring Mr Feletti. Discussion followed regarding the fees to be charged. Decided that the rate of \$10 for kitchen and long room 3 to 7pm, also in event of main hall being used in conjunction with kitchen \$15 to be the charges.

Bank balance \$1115.04

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt News \$8.70, Hartly Stationery 500 3c envelopes \$3.60, NZ Post Office Phone 673-676 and telegram \$16.51  
Hutt Valley Electric Power & Gas Board \$13.68 – total \$42.49

Caretakers for May 1973 S. Wyper and G. Barr

It was decided that Friday 7 December 1973 will be allocated for our Christmas Social.

Rules: It was discussed that subcommittee meet Mr Gibson regarding having the rules updated and at the earliest opportunity.

Mr D. McMurray has offered to hall committee a fridge from the late Mrs Hamilton's estate for \$20. On behalf of Mr N. Hamilton a piano has also been offered to the committee at \$20. Agreed that both items be purchased and that the Chairman send a letter of thanks to Mr N. Hamilton, 311 Waiwhetu Road and Mrs D. McMurray.

That telegram be sent to Taita Rugby Club (Inc.) on 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Queen's Birthday.

After discussion regarding the damage caused by tap-dancing pupils to the main hall floor, it was suggested by R. Norman that possibly sheets of hard board be laid on floor for use of tap dance pupils, or alternatively the stage or long room be used. Any powder that is deposited on floor must be removed at the completion of each day's classes. The hours of tuition are to be from 3pm to 7pm as agreed, and times over these times will be charged. On the days of 8, 20, 27 June 1973 the charge will be \$10 for the hours 8.30am to 5.30pm.

General Business: Insert advertisement in the Hutt News regarding the AGM and that trustees be advised of same. Moved L. Searle and seconded P. Battiston that the advertisement in the Hutt News be discontinued, carried. It be recorded that Mr Norman was against motion.

It was discussed by committee and agreed that the committee meeting be held at 7pm 8 June 1973 and will be followed by the AGM. Members are requested to be punctual. Supper:- Ladies a plate and refreshments by S. Wyper and C. Hewer.

*Amendment to minutes 20 May 1973*

Chairman Mr Hewer, L. Searle, E. Wilson met representatives of the Australian Football Club at 1pm. After discussing the hire of the hall it was decided that the long-room and the kitchen be hired at the rate of \$10 from 3pm to 7pm and every second Sunday thereafter until end of the season.

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**08 Jun 1973 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr K. Gibson has had a meeting with the rates and rules subcommittee and agreed to overhaul the rules of the society. It was suggested by Mr Gibson that the subcommittee approached the Lower Hutt City Council councillors re discussing further assistance with rates rebate.

Sunday bookings: Mr Hewer was requested by the Taita Hotel Social Club to allow use of the hall on a Sunday afternoon due to another not being available. Agreed to grant the use of the hall on alternate Sundays to Australian Rules Football Club at \$10 for long room and kitchen.

June Caretakers: P. Battiston and S. Battiston

Bank balance \$1021.15, May receipts \$119

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt News \$8.70, S. I. O. \$2

Treasurer requested use of petty cash.

Works subcommittee: Spouting and downpipes have been repaired.

Annual report and balance sheet approved.

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## 08 Jun 1973 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – 50<sup>th</sup> AGM

Present: C. W. Hewer and 14 residents of the area.

Apologies: P. Cusin, S. Hewer, L. Searle, S. Battiston, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti

Mr C. Hewer paid tribute to the services of the late Honorary Secretary Mr W. R. A. Garrett who gave loyal and generous time and effort to the Hall Society and other outside interests. Members and visitors were requested to stand as a mark of respect to the late Mr Garrett.

During the year the Hall committee purchased stacking chairs from the Taita Rugby Club, there after to have the opportunity to purchase the chairs was very much appreciated by the Hall committee.

Mr F. Westbury was re-elected Patron.

Annual report: Mr S. Wyper expressed satisfaction with the paint work in the Hall supper room. A discussion followed and Mr R. Norman suggested that the incoming committee watch the hall bookings to see if they are consistent after cancelling the weekly advertising in the Hutt News which was cancelled in June 1973.

The present committee was re-elected en bloc.

Mr R. Norman has requested that his resignation be accepted due to other commitments. The Chairman Mr Hewer accepted Mr Norman's resignation with regret and thanked him for his loyal service to the committee.

King and George to be auditors for the coming year.

The Chairman Mr C. Hewer thanked members and visitors for attending the meeting and expressed the fact that he would like to see more persons participating in the affairs of the Hall which was operated voluntarily by community members elected to the committee. Mr Hewer expressed the wish to stand down as Chairman of the Committee as he felt that it was opportune for another Committee member to be elected as Chairman. Mr S. Wyper expressed thanks and the best wishes of everybody present to Mr Hewer for services and help that was always willingly offered over his years on the Hall Committee. Appreciation was accorded with acclamation.

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## 02 Jul 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Election of Officers: C. Hewer (Chairman), E. Wilson (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

Election for Vice Chairman – Hodgins/Cusin nominated S. Wyper; C. Hewer/D. McMurray nominated S. Battiston. Vice-president elects were requested to leave committee room, a ballot was conducted and S. Battiston was elected Vice-Chairman.

Accounts passed for payment: Hutt Print \$2.90, Hutt News \$6.53, Photo \$7.50, Lions (lamps purchased) \$5.00, D. McMurray (petty cash) \$10.00  
Bank balance: \$1,245.45

July caretakers: L. Searle and P. Cusin

D. McMurray suggested that the pianos be checked and overhauled. Requested that Mr G. Higgs be contacted regarding tuning.

Dancing Classes: Mr Hewer expressed disappointment at the condition of the main hall and floor, the powder used for dancing classes seems to be infiltrating everywhere. Agreed that Mr S. Wyper is offered opportunity to clean hall floor weekly and be paid \$8 per week. Agreed that Miss C. Moynihan be charged \$8 per week towards cleaning of the main hall.

D. McMurray requested permission be granted to decorate interior of hall for the Methodist Church 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee on 8 September 1973. Decorations allowed in usual manner.

S. Wyper suggested that the hall be painted. The chairman offered to draw specification for tendering.

Buffalo Lodge: Mr P. Fogarty arrived at 8.40pm to discuss hiring the hall for Buffalo Lodge meetings starting 26 July 1973. After Mr Fogarty outlined requirements and the charge of \$6 per meeting for use of supper room and kitchen.

Mr Hewer reported that the kindergarten would like additional bookings ie two afternoon per week Tuesday and Thursday. Agreed that the times be available at \$1 per afternoon. The committee discussed the current morning kindergarten charges and it was agreed that the term rental be increased from \$40 to \$50 each term starting the third term.

Next bowls evening Friday 3 Jul 1973.

Mr D. McMurray has brought to the committee's attention that Mr C. Hewer has given 26 years service to the society as Chairman, seconded by B. Hodgins that committee members be advised of bowls evening Friday 3 August 1973.

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## 06 Aug 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Mr G. Higgs has tuned and repaired the two pianos. A proposed letter was read at meeting and the committee requested this be sent to Miss Moynihan.

Bank balance \$1,067.87. July receipts \$216

Accounts passed for payment: G. & H. Barr Ltd for cleaning blocked drain and replacing spouting \$36.30, W. H. Lees Wine and Spirits – social expenses spirits \$60.55, Bowls evening expenses \$13.60, Hygienic Linen Supply for three table cloths for bowls evening \$1.86, Hutt Valley Electric Power & Gas Board – Gas \$6.07, Power \$52.82, State Insurance Office – Fire Insurance Plant & Equipment for \$2,000 - \$8.88, Building for \$24,000 - \$119.71, Public Liability \$24.56, McKays Transport for transport of piano and fridge \$20, NZ Post Office phone rental \$12.34, King & Grant for audit and duplicating \$45, Redwood Furnishers \$22.80, S. Wyper \$8 per week for four weeks \$32.

August caretakers: E. Wilson and D. McMurray

Quotations were received for Hall painting (exterior) – A. E. Appleby \$865.00, W. White \$887.00, Sullivan & Reeves-Smith \$1,060.00 and after discussing the condition of the exterior of the building it was agreed that the work be proceeded with. Mr Appleby's quotation was accepted. Requested that appropriate letters be sent to each contractor.

Lower Hutt City Council Hall License: Agreed that license fee be paid and form completed.

Rates 1973-1974: Correspondence was received from Lower Hutt City Council and was discussed by committee. The Chairman discussed a proposed letter to the council regarding the 1972-1973 rates demand, the committee requested that Mr Hewer be asked at what stage the discussions between the Society and Mr Gibson had reached.

Bowls will be held on the fourth Friday in August.

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### **03 Sep 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The Secretary was authorized to contact Mrs Garrett and request that an account for \$26 be sent to Miss Moynihan and that this is half of cleaning fee.

Accounts: Bank \$971, August receipts \$167 - total \$1138.20

Accounts Payment: Lower Hutt City Council Rates \$83.31, McMurray Water Heaters \$26.70, Southern Hardware 3 Mop Heads \$5.13, S. Wyper for cleaning hall \$20 – total \$135.14

Caretakers report – all functions went well and left clean and tidy. September caretakers – E. Ferretti and D. Bognuda

Kindergarten subcommittee: After a lively discussion the committee decided that the secretary write to the kindergarten and explain that the rent remain as it is until approximately December 1974.

Next bowls evening will be Friday 21 Sep 1973.

S. Wyper has fitted curtains and shrubs in barrels and a vote of appreciation was extended on behalf of the committee.

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### **01 Oct 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

A discussion followed regarding the increase in charges for the kindergarten and it was decided that it be noted that the difference in fees between Hall rent and lawn cutting accounts.

Accounts: Bank \$989.77, September receipts \$156, Metre box \$11 – total \$1,156.77

Accounts Payment: I.S.C.O. \$10.50, Hutt News \$1.45, Gas \$7.36, Power \$37.73, Telephone \$12.34 – total \$69.41

Caretakers report – Hall left clean and tidy and evenings well run. October caretakers G. Barr and S. Wyper

Next bowls evening 19 Oct 1973

Social evening: A discussion followed regarding the fees charged for bowls evening and it was felt a more realistic approach should be adapted towards the operations of the evening. It was agreed that S. Wyper forward an account for all expenses towards bowls evenings.

It was requested that the kindergarten be given a key for the committee room door to use the telephone in an emergency situation.

The Secretary to contact the Hutt Valley Power and Gas Board regarding the supply of a new two burner gas unit.

Committee Photo: Name to be typed and attached to photo.

Avalon Methodist: That the amount paid for the 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee be refunded.

O'Hara Booking: That a booking fee be retained from the account for \$24 which is to be refunded for 6 Apr 1974 Hall booking

D. McMurray: Congratulations were conveyed to him on his new appointment as Senior Inspector of State Insurance.

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### 05 Nov 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Key to committee room to enable urgent telephone calls to be made has been given to Kindergarten.

Booking Secretary: Secretary has been requested to forward a copy of each letter that refers to Hall charges to Mrs M. Garrett

Gas Cooker: A new cooker has been purchased and installed. The cost from Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$38.54

Accounts: At Bank NZ \$1018.36, October banking \$277 – total \$1295.36

To be paid: I.S.C.O. \$10.15, E. Wilson \$36.50, S. Wyper \$3.40 – total \$50.05

Australian Rules Football Club: The amount of \$110 is outstanding and Mr D. McMurray was assured payment was forthcoming.

Caretakers Report: Functions were well run but hall bookings appear to be fewer. November caretakers – S. Battiston and P. Battiston

Hall Bookings: War Games Society has requested that the hall be made available one Saturday per month. The suggested charge of about \$15 had been discussed if the Society wishes firm booking.

E. Ferretti has suggested that S. Wyper be offered to polish the hall floors at the end of each month.

It was suggested that the painter be contacted requesting starting date to paint exterior of Hall.

Bowls evening will be held on Friday 16 Nov 1973.

Committee Social Evening: Mr S. Wyper has offered to entertain Committee members and their wives to a social to be held at 43 Gordon Street on 7 Dec 1973 at 8.30pm.

Sunday 14 November working bee to check chairs.

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### 03 Dec 1973 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Painting Hall: Mr S. Battiston advised that the painter, Mr Appleby, had informed him that he would be commencing work towards end of January 1974.  
Working Bee: This was not held because of lack of attendance.

Balance Bank of NZ \$1248.71, November receipts \$176 (including \$110 Australian Rules payment)  
Accounts for payment: Hutt Valley Electric Power & Gas Board – cooker \$38.35, Power \$26.74, Gas \$1.54; S. Wyper for waxing hall and stage \$8; Y. & M. Band for spouting and other repairs \$32.07; NZ Post Office \$12.34; Hygienic Towel supply \$1.86 – total \$120.90

Rubbish bags: Decided to await delivery of paper bags from Council and method of collection. To keep matter under reviews.  
War Games Bookings: Mr Wyper advised that the applications did not proceed as the hall was too large for their requirements.  
Sale of Bottles: Mr Hodgins reported that bottles had been sold, and \$7 received which was passed on to Mr Wyper for Xmas Party expenses.  
Caretakers Report: All functions had been well run and no trouble eventuated. One packet of paper towels and one carton of toilet rolls purchased.  
December caretakers: P. Cusin and L. Searle; for February E. Ferretti and D. McMurray  
Fat Ladies Club: Approval given for extension of time at charge on Wednesday 5 Dec 1973 for Xmas Function.

Christmas Social: Secretary to contact committee members not present to remind them of Xmas function to be held on Friday 7 Dec 1973 at Mr Wyper's residence at 8.30pm

Suction Machine: Mr Wyper was authorized to inspect and if necessary dispose of the electrical suction machine which is stored under the stage.  
February meeting 1974 1– first Monday at 8pm

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#### **04 Feb 1974 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr S. Battiston has indicated that Mr Appleby will definitely start in March. Secretary to contact Mr Appleby and request that hall be painted in same colours.

Christmas Party: A very enjoyable evening was provided at Mr S. Wyper's residence in Gordon Street, the committee members and wives were well represented and were most appreciative for a very pleasant evening.

The committee had a lively discussion regarding the letter received from the Lower Hutt City Council relating to requests on conditions and work to be carried out for the issue of a new license. Appropriate action is being carried out.

That Mr S. Wyper's offer to clean and paint kitchen cupboards be accepted.

Bank balance: \$1302.27, January receipts \$159 – total \$1461.27

Accounts for payment – total \$94.90

G. & H. Barr Ltd – remove gas heater, reassemble, adjust and test \$32.50

NZ Post Office – telephone rental to 15 Mar 1974 \$12.34

S. W. Wyper – waxing and polishing main floor, stage and supper room and longroom Dec 1973 and Jan 1974 \$16

L. Searle – supply labour and material – 3 door springs \$3.30, 2 cabin hooks \$3.26, 1 sash \$19.50, Labour \$8 – total \$34.06

The Secretary has been requested to write to the Lower Hutt City Council to confirm the Hall bookings on 11 and 12 Oct 1974 for Municipal Elections.

The letter that was received was discussed and the secretary was requested to write to the Kindergarten and explain that the conditions of the original letter be clarified. Also notify the kindergarten that the hall was let for Feethen's morning and jumble sale at a nominal fee.

Caretaker's Report – Appreciation was expressed about the appearance of the hall and the work carried out by Mr Wyper.

The matter of the refrigerator was discussed and if it was worth while retaining it, as it was not being used regularly Mr Wyper was requested to make enquiries regarding a prospective sale. It was hoped to arrange for the sale of one of the pianos as this was really surplus to the hall requirements.

It was decided to recommence bowls evenings in March.

Mr B. Hodgins suggested that the committee give consideration to making a gift or some other form of appreciation to Mrs Garrett for the helpful and generous way she is assisting the Hall Committee.

The hook on the front door is broken and Mr Y. Boar has offered to replace it.

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#### **04 Mar 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

An offer was received for the refrigerator which was acceptable but the transaction was not completed, Committee members are still anxious for sale to proceed.

A letter of appreciation was received from Avalon Methodist Church thanking the hall committee for the reimbursement of the hire fee on the occasion of their 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

Bank balance \$1366.37, February receipts \$124 – total \$1490.37

Accounts for payment: S. Wyper for painting cupboards and waxing floor \$16, Wainui Glass for two windows \$8.33, Wormald Bros NZ Ltd for fire extinguisher and hose reel \$7.25 – total \$31.58

Caretakers report: Functions were well run and Hall in good condition. March caretakers: E. Wilson and D. Bognuda

A discussion re the emergency exits for the long room to comply with Lower Hutt City Council hall license. Mr B. Hodgins mentioned that some new members should be recruited as the committee members are finding that rostered duties are occurring too frequently.

Constitution of Avalon Hall Society rules be received and brought up to date and matter be reviewed at Annual General Meeting.  
Bowls evening will commence Friday 15 March 1974 at 7.30pm

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### 01 Apr 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

A discussion relating to the use that the refrigerator is getting by caterers and other hall patrons has decided the committee to keep the refrigerator as part of hall equipment.

Bank balance: \$1491.87, Banked 1 Apr 1974 \$264.00 – total \$1755.87

Accounts for payment – total \$81.97

I.S.C.O. Ltd for Purex \$9.95 and \$1.74 and paper towels \$10.53 – total \$22.22

S. W. Wyper for hall floor maintenance \$8

NZ Post Office – telephone rental 673-676 \$12.34

Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board – estimated account 8 Nov 1973 to 30 Jan 1874 - \$39.41

May caretakers: G. Barr and S. Wyper

Bowls evening Friday 19 Apr 1974

Mr L. Searle the Chairman was requested to grant permission for the erection of two gates on vacant section on west side of hall for kindergarten children.

Mr D. McMurray suggested that the committee buy a good quality set of cups and saucers for use on committee occasions. Purchase approved.

That the account for the Tennis Club social evening receive a rebate of \$9 making a new total of \$20.

The committee has approved the colour scheme for the hall as recommended by Mr Appleby.

The annual meeting has been arranged for Friday 7 Jun 1974 at 7.45pm. Bowls and light supper will follow. It has been suggested that the kindergarten be invited to the Annual Meeting – Mr L. Searle will contact President.

Football Club: An invitation will be extended to the hall committee to attend a bowls evening sometime in May – time to be arranged.

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## 06 May 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

A discussion regarding the method of running the bowls evenings, Messrs Hewer and Hodgins would like to see the evenings operated on definite lines and the Treasurer be requested to keep a record of expenditure.

A letter was received from the Nae Nae College Parents Association that the Society for the use of its trestles and tables used at the School Gala.

Bank balance \$1703.50, banking \$60.60

Accounts passed for payment: one four gallon tin wax \$14.60, 24 cups @ 60c - \$14.40, Maintenance of floor for April 1974 S. W. Wyper \$16 – total \$45

Petty Cash: Agreed that \$10 be available on request

Caretakers Report: Functions were well run except one wedding which caused some concern to duty caretakers, however hall and facilities were left clean and tidy. May caretakers: P. Battiston and S. Battiston

Rubbish Collection: The Hall has now been issued with paper disposal bags and Mr Hewer has reported to the Committee that the Council will not collect our rubbish as was the previous practice (ie Monday morning). Refuse will only be collected on Wednesday. Mr Hewer will keep in touch with Council officers to see if a better opportunity may appear. Mr S. Wyper has offered to collect the refuse from the hall and arrange disposal.

Secretary to notify committee members at the monthly meeting to be held on Monday 27 May 1974 at 7.30pm.

Secretary to notify members at the Annual General Meeting to be held 7 Jun 1974 at 7.45pm

Circulars: Mr G. Barr and Mr D. McMurray have offered to work out suitable Streets in Avalon area and arrange for the delivery of the pamphlets for the Annual General Meeting. Mr Searle extended thanks to Mr G. Barr for arranging the printing of circulars.

Agreed that no hall equipment be loaned or borrowed without notifying Chairman or Secretary.

Next bowls evening Friday 17 May 1974 at 7.30pm

Agreed that a refund of \$8 be paid to Mrs Davies, L.E.O.B. and booking fee be retained.

Agreed that the record of serving officers of the Society be checked so as to ascertain if any present committee members have completed 21 years.

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## 27 May 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

A letter from Lower Hutt City Council requesting particulars of Hall for Local Body Elections – particulars completed and form returned.

L.E.O.B.: A letter was received by the Secretary requesting a lock on door leading from the supper room adjacent to the stage, under the Lower Hutt City Council bylaws this is not allowed as the door is classified as an interior access door and must remain unlocked.

May receipts \$103

Accounts passed for payment: C. R. Hellier?, \$13.50, Post & Telegraph account \$12.34, S. Wyper \$16 – total \$41.84

Caretakers Report: All functions were well run but it was remarked that the Tawa and Country Club were not as considerate as would be expected re the cleaning of amenities after function. June caretakers: L. Searle and P. Cusin

Bowls evening: The hall committee was entertained to a very enjoyable evening at the Taita Rugby Club Social room. Mr Hewer arranged the games for participants and Mr S. Wyper extended a vote of thanks to the Club's Chairman on behalf of Hall Society committee. Mr Wyper has suggested that another evening be arranged tentatively for 21 June 1974.

Taita Rugby Club: That approval be given to an after match function on Sunday 30 June 1974 for a school boy rugby social.

Agreed that the P. Battiston 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Social be granted the use of the Society hall free of charge

Agreed that a quotation be procured from Mr F. Searle for the sanding and treating of the supper room floor and if accepted the work to proceed during August school holidays.

Agreed that Mr C. W. Hewer be requested to purchase refreshments for the Annual General Meeting.

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## 07 Jun 1974 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting

Present: Mr C. W. Hewer (nominated as Chairman) and 12 residents of the area.

Apologies: B. Hodgins, S. Battiston, Mrs Battiston, Mrs H. Hewer, Mrs M. McMurray, Mrs J. Searle of Levin, Mrs F. Westbury

Hall advertising: It was reported that the advertising had brought in extra bookings and accordingly receipts showed an increase, the committee expressed satisfaction with the result.

Annual Report: The Chairman remarked that the Hall bookings were consistent and that it was encouraging the \_ which it was operating. The Chairman emphasized the fact that all caretakers duties were carried out on a voluntary basis.

Indoor Bowls: The Chairman remarked that the bowls evenings were most enjoyable and expressed the desire to see the evenings continued for enjoyment of committee members and wives.

Mrs Garrett: Mr Hewer extended the thanks and appreciation of the committee to Mrs M. Garrett for continuing with and arranging the hall bookings.

The Kindergarten representative has requested that the equipment be moved by other groups who use the supper room to enable teachers to be able to commence classes promptly, the committee said that they would bring this to other users attention.

Hall Charges: Mrs M. Garrett has requested the committee to give consideration to the charges that are being made for the use of the hall. It was also suggested that a list of equipment, chairs, tables, and crockery etc be compiled and handed to Mrs Garrett as this information is sometimes requested when bookings are arranged.

Mr C. Hewer informed the meeting that Mr P. Battiston has served on the hall committee for 21 years continuously. Mr Hewer thanked Mr Battiston for his loyal support and the work that he had carried out for the hall committee.

The Chairman requested that the Statement of accounts be discussed. A discussion followed regarding the refunding of fees and this was explained by the treasurer stating that in cases where a late cancellation was requested the committee retained a portion of the deposit and balance would be forwarded to party concerned.

Mr F. Westbury was re-elected patron.

Committee: Agreed that the existing committee be re-elected en-bloc – Members: P. Battiston, S. Battiston, D. Bognuda, P. Cusin, C. Hewer, S. Hewer, G. Barr, E. Ferretti, F. Ferretti, D. McMurray, B. Hodgins, E. Wilson, S. Wyper, L. Searle.

It was requested by Mr L. Searle that two long standing members be made Honorary members, the decision to be left to the incoming committee. Mr Barry and Mr McElwain nominated as Auditors for the Hall Committee.

Rates and Refuse Collection: The Chairman has brought to the attention of the meeting the matter of the rates rebate and collection of rubbish by the Lower Hutt City Council and requested the incoming committee to pursue the matters. Agreed that the committee reapproach the Lower Hutt City Council and request consideration for reimbursement of rates in full.

Mr L. Searle requested that the matter of new members be investigated and placed on record and that a decision be made with regard to recruiting new members. Mr McMurray suggested that an \_ evening or a bowls night be considered for residents who would be welcome.

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### **01 Jul 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Election of officers: L. Searle (Chairman), S. Battiston (Deputy Chairman), E. Wilson (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

Bowls evening: The Taita Rugby Club visited the Avalon Public Hall Society and the visitors and committee members spent a most enjoyable evening together. During the evening Mr C. W. Hewer had much pleasure in presenting Mr and Mrs P. Battiston and Mrs M. C. Garrett with a ornamental table lamp and sheepskin hearth rug respectively for their considerable help and support during their association with the Hall Society. Mr C. W. Hewer has suggested that the bowls evening be operated on the bar system where all members purchase their refreshments as desired.

A letter was received from Loyal Elizabethan Order of Bison informing the hall committee that Kindergarten chairs and tables are left in supper room and that the Lodge has to remove them before commencing their meetings. It was agreed at the Annual General Meeting that the Kindergarten be notified of Lodge evenings and that both parties leave supper room ready for each other.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1655.65, Banking 1 Jul 1974 \$202 – total \$1857.65

Accounts passed for payment: S. Wyper \$16, State Insurance Office \$8.88, Public Liability \$20.10, S. I. O. Building \$119.71 – total \$164.69

Caretakers Report – All functions were well run and hall left in good condition. July caretakers – D. McMurray and E. Ferretti

Taita Rugby Club: The after match school boys function held on Sunday 23 Jun 1974 it proved to be a very enjoyable function and the Club will pay Mr S. Wyper for assisting in tidying the hall.

It has been requested that the Annual Report and Balance Sheet be sent to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Agreed that the holes in the interior wall linings be repaired.

Bowls evening will be held Friday 19 Jul 1974 at 7.30pm.

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## 5 Aug 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

At the commencement of the meeting members stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect for the passing of Mr F. Ferretti.

Letters from the Taita Football Club concerning condition of the supper room floor was received, the Kindergarten to be advised in writing that the room is to be swept out on a Friday but not mopped and that the children be allowed to use the main hall for play on wet days instead of playing outside and bringing mud in to the supper room. Taita Football Club to be advised. The Kindergarten to be advised of any special booking to enable equipment to be set aside. The committee is preparing to have supper room floor treated and polyurethane sealed.

Lower Hutt City Council Assessment: A letter was received from the Council re rates demand for 1974-1975 and the committee decided that the demand be retained till next meeting.

Bank Balance \$1461.18, Banked 5 Aug 1974 \$50 – total \$1691.18

Accounts passed for payment: S. Wyper \$16, King & George \$14, Telephone \$12.34, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$64.89, J. & H. Barr \$27.50, L. Searle \$10

Caretakers Report: The hall was left in good condition and functions were well run. August caretakers – S. Wyper and E. Wilson

Supper Room floor: Mr F. Searle submitted the price of \$230 to sand and coat the floor with three coats of polyurethane sealer and the work would be done during the second week of the August school holidays. The committee requests that the application of Polyurethane be applied during dry conditions.

Mr B. Hodgins has requested that the hall committee associate itself with the Hutt Valley Producers Society in providing a light luncheon following the funeral service of the late Mr F. Ferretti. Agreed that the hall committee make a donation of \$50 towards the cost of the luncheon. Mr E. Ferretti expressed appreciation for the action of the Hall Committee.

It was decided that the Scouts group pay normal rates and will be allowed a discount if the hall is left tidy and chairs and tables properly stacked.

Darts Club: The committee has been asked to consider letting the hall on Sunday afternoon for the Junior Darts Club, the charge is to be \$5 per half day.

Maori Representative Rugby Club: Mr Hewer has requested that the hall be left for a gathering of Representative teams on Sunday 11 August, the charge is to be \$12

Darts Club Social: The rate to be charged for the use of the hall and facilities on Thursday 1 August will be \$10.

Bowls evening will be held on Friday 16 August 1974 at 7.30pm

Long standing members: The committee would appreciate it if you could find an opportunity to attend the monthly meetings if convenient.

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### **02 Sep 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Scouts evening: Mr S. Wyper reported on the evening and said it was very well run and suggested that the charge be \$24 less 50% discount.  
Maori Representative Club: Mr Hewer reported that the Club did not use the hall as intended and that a booking fee of \$2 be returned from deposit.  
Bank of NZ: \$1240.16, Banked 2 Sep 1974 \$82 – total \$1322.16  
Accounts for payment: Float Account \$230, Rates \$137.96, T.S.C.O. \$26.93, B.F. \$394.89, S. Wyper \$16

Caretakers Report: Functions were well run and the hall was left in a clean and tidy manner. September caretakers – G. Barr and P. Cusin  
Bowls evening went very well with only six members and wives attending. The next bowls evening will be on Friday 20 September at 7.30pm.  
Meter money: Mr D. McMurray cleared the meter and revenue amounted to \$26.

Main Hall Floor: Mr F. Searle has offered to sand and treat the main floor at an estimated cost of \$1600. The committee has decided to keep the offer in mind and take no action at present, and a delayed account arranged.

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### **07 Oct 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1174.24, Banked 6 Nov 1874 \$127 – total \$1301.24  
Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph \$12.34, E. Wilson \$35, Photo \$4, S. Wyper \$16, Tolls (F. Searle) \$1.35 – total \$68.69

Caretakers Report: Functions were well run and hall was left in a clean and tidy condition. October caretakers: L. Searle and P. Cusin  
Bowls: The committee decided that the indoor bowls will not be held until the New Year.  
Christmas Gathering: Mr S. Wyper has offered to entertain the Hall Committee members and their wives at a small social evening on Friday 6 Dec 1974

D. Bognuda's Wedding booking: Agreed that the hall be available full \_ charge for the Wedding Reception.

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#### 04 Nov 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Social evening: Mr S. Wyper's offer to entertain Hall Committee members and their wives at an end of the year social evening at their residence was discussed and the committee expressed its appreciation for generous offer. The evening will be held on Friday 6 Dec 1974. Mr Wyper has offered to purchase and arrange supper requirements and that he be reimbursed for all expenses incurred. The Secretary to contact Hall committee members and Mr and Mrs Grimstrupp are to be invited as appreciation for assistance with hall bookings.

Lower Hutt City Corporation: The Committee has discussed the letter received prior to renewal of the hall license – [1] complied with, [2] The toilet wall will be repaired, [3] Mr S. Wyper has offered to clear cupboard under sink, [4] That Mr G. Barr clear the drain by the kitchen and that an estimate be procured for the installation of a grease trap.

The Committee has discussed and accepted the recommendation of the Council and had decided to consider the matter as suggested. An acknowledgment card was received from the Ferretti Family.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1230.02, Banked 4 Oct 1974 \$136 – total \$1366.02  
Accounts to be paid: S. Wyper \$16, Lower Hutt City Council \$5, G. & H. Barr \$4.65 – total \$25.65

Caretakers Report: The functions were well run and hall was left in good condition. November caretakers: D. McMurray and E. Ferretti  
Mr McMurray has requested that the weather board at the front of the hall be repaired.

Hall painting: That the Secretary contact Mr A. Appleby re finishing the painting of the hall and ask that the work be finished in November and account will be passed in December.

Mr D. Bognuda: The Committee extends its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Mrs C. Battiston: The Secretary to contact Mr S. Battiston and enquire about Mrs C. Battiston's health and arrange a small gift to be sent to her.

Mr S. Hewer: Mr D. McMurray reported that Selwyn Hewer is unwell and the committee extends its best wishes and sympathy to him.

Hall Floor: The committee has discussed the prospect of having the main hall floor treated was Polyurethane. The work would be done by Mr F. Searle at Paraparaumu. Mr D. McMurray has offered to obtain a price for the floor sanding, and the approximate cost of the polyurethane with a view that the Hall committee members treat the floor in order that there would be a saving in cost against Mr F. Searle's quotation. It is hoped this information will be available at the December meeting.

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### **02 Dec 1974 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Painting – Mr A. Appleby has given an assurance that he will proceed with the finishing at the hall and it is hoped this will be completed before Christmas.  
Cupboards – Mr McMurray cleaned and tidied all surplus rubbish the kitchen cupboards.  
A letter was received from the former Hutt Free Kindergarten Association Inc.

BNZ Bank balance - \$1,357.02; Banked 2 Dec 1974 \$192.00 – total \$1,549.02

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph \$12.34; S. Wyper \$16.00, Flowers (Mrs Battiston) \$5, Valley Glass \$15.60; Calender Refil \$1.35; Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$95.68 – total \$145.97

Kindergarten – The hall committee had decided that the Kindergarten will be charged \$2 for the bring and buy booking in the long room.

Floor Treatment – A lively discussion took place regarding the treatment of the main hall floor. Mr McMurray made available to the committee a quotation for supplying the material and sanding of the floor by a contractor. Material:- 25 x 4 litre tins of Polyurethane at \$8.50 per tin - \$212.50; Sanding \$200 – total \$412.50. This figure was \$200 less than Mr A. Searle's quotation. Moved McMurray that the committee procure two quotations for the sanding of the floor only. Hall committee members will prepare the floor in readiness for sanding contractor. These quotes are to be available for the February meeting.

Caretaker's Report – The conditions under which the rubbish is packed and disposed of is causing concern, and the committee is anxious that something definite be done about the collection of the bags at bins by the Lower Hutt City Council. The hall was left clean and tidy and functions were well run. Caretakers for December and January 1975 – S. Wyper and E. Wilson. Wall heater in kitchen to be repaired.

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### **03 Feb 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr L. Searle received a quotation from the Northern Floor Sanding Co. Ltd re the preparation of the floor to be treated with polyurethane. It was decided that further discussion should be considered at the February meeting.

An acknowledgement card was received from Mrs C. Battiston in appreciation of the flowers which were sent by the Hall committee.

BNZ Bank balance: \$471.90 Banked 3 Feb 1975 \$280.00 receipts for December and January – total \$752.90

Accounts passed for payment: S. W. Wyper \$16.00; A. E. Appleby for Hall Painting \$850.00; NaeNae \_\_\_ Bags \$7.50; S. W. Wyper for Xmas Function supplies \$25.00; Miss Hall, 31 Bush Street for refund of cancelled booking 11 Apr 1975 of \$13.00; T.S.C.O. Ltd Hall equipment \$22.99; Post and Telegraph \$12.34; Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$32.00; S. Wyper for Hall cleaning January \$16.00; Pilchers Floral Service (late Mrs Gorrie) \$11.60 – total \$1,006.43

Caretakers for February 1975 – P. Cusin and L. Searle

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### **03 Mar 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The letter from the Northern Floor Sanding Co. was read out to the committee and it was decided that the matter would be held over until the April meeting as members who were involved with the discussion were unable to attend the meeting.

BNZ Bank Balance - \$657.48; Banked \$269.00 – total \$926.48  
Accounts passed for payment: S. Wyper \$16.00  
Caretakers for March 1975 – S. Battiston and P. Battiston

The State Insurance have contacted the committee re the valuation of the hall property. Agreed that the insurance cover remain as it is with no alteration to the existing policy.

The Treasurer has received the hall licence from the Lower Hutt City Corporation.

Mr D. McMurray has noticed that the rubbish bins have been left out in the driveway and has requested that they be disposed of because of the risk to children from the Kindergarten who may be playing in the driveway.

On Friday 21 March indoor bowls will recommence for members of the hall committee. Members to be notified and ladies requested to bring a plate on the commencing evening.

Mr D. McMurray has been requested to state that the condition of the main hall is not as attractive as it could be and people who inspect the hall prior to booking have expressed disappointment at the appearance of the main hall floor. It anticipated that the problem may be discussed and resolved at the next monthly meeting.

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### **07 Apr 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

It has been expressed by Mr D. McMurray that the indoor bowls evening should be encouraged to continue, it is felt that more members will make an effort to support the functions.

A letter was received from the Avalon Community Kindergarten requesting that the double plug point in the kitchen be repaired and also could a bolt be fixed to one of the opening doors at the rear of the supper room. E. Wilson repaired the plug point and heater and Mr G. Barr undertook to fit the lock on the rear door.

BNZ Bank Balance - \$918.98; Banked \$86 – total \$1,004.98

Accounts passed for payment: NZ Post Office \$12.34; S. Wyper for three weekends \$10.00; Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$28.00; G. & M. Barr (drain & WC) \$12.00; Lower Hutt City Council Rubbish Bags ex Cotton's Food Market \$7.50; Delivery of rubbish tip fee \$1.00 – total \$70.84

Mr D. McMurray requests that the Annual General Meeting be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1975 with a bowls evening to follow.  
Caretakers for April 1975 – G. Barr and D. McMurray

It has been suggested by Mr G. Barr that the main hall floor be scrubbed with a commercial cleaner. Mr Barr thought that if this was done it would greatly improve the appearance of the floor and with polishing would restore the original finish. The hall committee discussed the suggestion and it was decided to scrub and clean the floor on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1975 at 7pm. Hall committee members were requested to assist with the work.

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### **05 May 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Kindergarten – Mr G. Barr has offered to fit the lock on the rear hall door as soon as possible.  
Mrs H. Hewer forwarded a donation on behalf of the F.L.C. for \$5.00

A cheque was received with a letter from the Wellington Wargames Society Inc for \$30.00. They had requested the use of the sound system but as this was not operational the sum of \$2 was deducted from the account.

BNZ Bank Balance - \$1,064.64; Banked \$139.00 – total \$1,203.64

Accounts passed for payment: S. Wyper \$20.00; Unilever (cleaning mat) \$9; Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$7.36; Refund of booking 26 Apr 1975 M. Cassidy \$5.00 – total \$41.36. It was decided that the sum of \$5 be retained for late cancellation of booking.

Caretakers for May 1975 – S. Wyper and E. Wilson

Mr D. McMurray has requested that a new plug be fitted to the transformer used in conjunction with the floor polisher.

Mr D. McMurray has requested that the appearance at the entrance be tidied and Mr S. Battiston has notified the committee that a piece of carpet will be supplied for the floor.

It was reported that two glass louvres were broken in ladies W.C. the committee requests that they be repaired.

Mr D. McMurray has requested that the monthly meeting for June be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.  
Mr S. Battiston has offered to have the damaged chair from front entrance repaired.

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### **9 Jun 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The new plug tap has been fitted to the isolating transformer.  
Replacement glass louvres had been fitted.  
Front entrance foyer has been repainted.  
Committee members have expressed satisfaction with front entrance.

BNZ Bank Balance - \$994.94; Banked \$108.50 – total \$1,103.44

Accounts passed for payment: P. Cusin for redecorating foyer \$103.50; S. Wyper \$16.00; Valley Glass \$6.00; Post & Telegraph \$12.34 – total \$137.84  
Caretakers for June 1975 – E. Ferretti and D. McMurray

D. McMurray requested that a new tube be fitted in foyer and switch in storeroom be repaired.

Annual General Meeting: The committee has requested Mr S. Wyper to arrange the supper for the evening and ladies to assist with a plate.

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## 13 Jun 1975 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

Apologies: L. Searle, D. Bognuda, Mrs H. Hewer, S. Hewer, P. Cusin

Obituary: Mr C. Hewer addressed a few remarks to the meeting at the passing of Mr F. Ferretti noting the many years of service he had given to various community activities. Mr C. Hewer requested those present to stand in silence for a few minutes as a mark of respect to the late Mr F. Ferretti.

With the passing of Mr F. Ferretti and also the fact that Mr A. E. Jenkins was leaving the district to retire in the Bay of Plenty area the Hall committee has lost two of its long serving members.

Presentation: The Chairman (Mr C. W. Hewer) spoke to the meeting about the presentation to Mr and Mrs P. Battiston (for the 21 years of service to the Society) and thanked Mr P. Battiston for his support over that period.

Mr C. Hewer discussed the cleaning and polishing of the main hall floor and appreciated the effort put in to the work by committee members.

Mr D. McMurray suggested that the committee give consideration to recommencing the advertising in the Hutt News in an effort to increase the Hall bookings and improve the income of the Society.

Mr B. Hodges remarked on the cost of refreshments associated with the Bowls evenings and other social activities. Mr Hewer and Mr McMurray explained how the funds were used on these occasions. Mr Hodgins expressed satisfaction with the explanation.

Mr F. Westbury was elected as Patron.

Mr B. E. T. McElwain was reappointed auditor.

The committee was re-elected en bloc with power to co-opt.

Mr D. McMurray has mentioned that the coming year may prove to be difficult due to the general conditions that are prevailing and has suggested that there may be an opportunity of approaching Television One with the view of offering our hall for their use in the preparation of TV productions. It has been suggested that the incoming committee make enquiries regarding the inclusion of the Hall's address and telephone number in the yellow pages of the Telephone Directory.

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## 07 Jul 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apologies: P. Battiston, B. Hodges

Election of officers: S. Wyper (Chairman), S. Battiston (Deputy Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

Secretary: Mr E. Wilson requested that he be relieved of the secretarial duties of the Avalon Hall Committee. In the discussion which followed and the consideration of members about the matter Mr R. Searle suggested that Mr E. Wilson be requested to carry out the secretarial duties for a short period while members are able to seek a replacement officer. Mr E. Wilson was reappointed for a short period.

Mr S. Wyper has undertaken to request Mr P. Cusin to repaint the inside of each of the foyer doors leading on the main hall.

A letter was received from the Lower Hutt City Corporation expressing concern at the rent that was being charged the Avalon Community Kindergarten was read out to the Committee. Members present, after discussing the committee decided that the matter was adequately covered in a letter to the Kindergarten in September 1973.

BNZ Bank Balance: \$882.28; banked 9 Jul 1975 \$118.00 – total \$1000.28

Accounts passed for payment: Lower Hutt City Council Licence Fee \$13.00, S. W. Wyper \$16.00, Cleaning mat and Supper AGM \$14.00 – total \$43.00

Caretakers for July 1975: L. Searle and S. Wyper

Mr D. McMurray has put the suggestion to the committee that an approach be made to the Television One property officer regarding the leasing of the hall on a regular basis and that a meeting between the Committee and the Officer be arranged.

The next bowls evening will be held on Friday 18 July at 7.30pm

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## 04 August 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apologies: S. Battiston, C. W. Hewer, P. Cusin

Television One: The Secretary has left particulars with the production supervisor regarding the availability of the Society's Hall. The annual rates demand was received from the Lower Hutt City Council – this was deferred until the September meeting.

Fiji Forces Association: The Association has made a booking for the hall one year in advance.

A letter was received from Mr C. B. Hodgins requesting the Committee to accept his resignation as member of the Hall Committee. Mr D. McMurray moved that the Secretary write to Mr Hodgins and request him to reconsider his resignation as Trustee on the grounds that the Society does not expect his attendance at the monthly meetings on a regular basis. As a signing officer his services are valued. It was also stated by members at the committee by a unanimous discussion that you are very welcome to attend meetings anytime and the committee wishes you a speedy recovery. Seconded by L. Searle. Carried.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$909.30; banked 3 Aug 1975 \$260.50 – total \$1179.80

Accounts passed for payment: Post & Telegraph \$12.34, Hutt News \$6.20, S. W. Wyper \$16.00, Valley Glass \$11.10, Taita Hotel \$32.43, State Insurance Office – Public Liability \$24.32 – Furnishings \$9.28 – Building \$24.51

A booking on behalf of Miss E. J. Davis was cancelled and the committee decided to retain the booking fee of \$2 from the full payment of \$29  
Caretaker for August – P. Cusin

Mr D. McMurray has requested that the bowls evening be changed from the third to the fourth Friday each month – carried. The next bowls evening to be held on Friday 29 August.

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## 01 Sep 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apology: S. Battiston

Bank of NZ Balance: \$912.77; banked 1 Sep 1975 \$135.00 – total \$1047.77

Accounts passed for payment: P. T. McCrea (Foyer chair leg) \$12.00, Lower Hutt City Council Rates \$151.57, S. W. Wyper \$16.00, Detergent \$4.00

Caretaker report – P. Cusin reported that the Naenae Rugby League Club left the hall in a very poor condition. After a lively discussion D. McMurray moved that no more bookings will be accepted on any future occasions – seconded by L. Searle – carried

A very enjoyable bowls evening was enjoyed by committee members on 29 August and the next evening will be held on Friday 26 September.

Mr Westmoreland and two other officers of the Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association arrived at 8.30pm and approached the Hall Committee with a view and request for the committee to give consideration to the Association applying to use the Hall as a table tennis centre for the Hutt Valley.

Mr L. Searle moved that Mr C. W. Hewer be requested to contact the other Trustees and the Patron and establish their views and feelings as to the future of the Hall property.

Mr S. Wyper has requested that members of the committee meet at 43 Gordon Street at 7.30pm on Sunday 4 September.

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## 06 Oct 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apologies: P. Battiston, C. W. Hewer

The meeting at the residence of Mr S. Wyper was held to discuss with officers of Television One the opportunity of the possible lease of the Society's Hall. A letter was received from Television One outlining the requests and conditions for the hire of the hall.

Hall damage: A quotation was received from Mr J. Sage for the sum of \$80.00 to repair malicious damage to the hall building. The quote was accepted/

Bank of NZ Balance: \$835.35, banked \$222.00, cash from slot meter \$11.60 – total \$1071.95

Accounts passed for payment: S. Wyper \$16.00, Post and Telegraph \$12.34

Caretaker for October: E. Ferretti

Mr K. Westmoreland and two officers of the Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association attended the meeting at 8.30pm to discuss the position of leasing or purchasing the Hall, and indicated that the association would be prepared to make an offer for the purchase of the hall or alternatively for a lease to be negotiated. It was agreed that the offer be submitted to the Society for consideration.

Television One: D. McMurray/L. Searle – that the Society acknowledge the letter from Television One regarding the submission of a figure for a yearly lease of the Hall from January 1976, and we submit a lease figure of \$4000.00 and that the Society will be responsible for the annual rates and insurance – carried.

The next bowls evening will be held on Friday 31 October at 7.30pm,

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### 03 Nov 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apology: G. Barr

A letter was received from the Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association making an offer to purchase or lease the Hall from the Society.

A letter was received from the Avalon Community Kindergarten Society ratifying the termination of their tenancy of the Hall on Saturday 20 Dec 1975.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1140.80, Banked 5 Nov 1975 \$143.00 – total \$1283.80

Accounts passed for payment: Recharged fire extinguisher \$4.73, S. Wyper \$16.00, Refund Inland Revenue Social \$13.00 – total \$33.73

D. McMurray/S. Battiston – that signatures for cheque account be \_ to allow S. Wyper, Chairman to become a signing officer – carried

The Inland Revenue Social Club desired to cancel their booking and the hall committee authorized retention of a \$2 booking fee.

Caretaker for November: E. Wilson

Mr R. Westmoreland and Mr N. Addis attended the monthly meeting and outlined the situation relating to the sale of the hall, it was indicated that people in the Avalon community would be given consideration whenever the hall could be required for a function and the availability is suitable to all parties. This suggestion was favourably endorsed by the members of hall committee. The Secretary was authorized to write to the Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association stating that the hall was for sale to the Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association subject to terms suitable to the Society and placed before a Special General Meeting of the Society.

The next bowls evening will be held on Friday 28 November at 7.30pm. The Christmas bowls evening be held on 12 December at 8pm.

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## 01 Dec 1975 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apology: S. Wyper

A letter was received from Mr T. R. Ward relating to the disposal of the hall and expressing concern that the Community of Avalon could lose the use of the building for the surrounding area, and he has requested that the people of Avalon should be kept informed of any decision made by the Hall Committee.

C. W. Hewer/D. McMurray – that a reply be sent to Mr Ward advising him that a public meeting will be held in compliance with the Society's rules – carried.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1263.73

Accounts passed for payment: Post and Telegraph \$12.34, S. W. Wyper \$20.00 – total \$32.34

D. McMurray/C. W. Hewer – that Trentham Caterers be charged \$5.00 cancellation fee for booking of hall – carried

C. W. Hewer/P. Battiston – that the Hutt Valley Caravan Club be charged \$14.50 cancellation fee re book of hall – carried

Mr D. McMurray reported on the booking of the Naenae Rugby League Club Inc., Miss Wonga was most unhappy at the cancellation of the booking for the 13 December 1975. Mr McMurray explained to the Hall Committee that the arrangements (Tickets, Orchestra, Caterers etc) were all completed and he was anxious that the booking be reinstated.

C. W. Hewer/P. Battiston that Mr McMurray's action be endorsed – carried.

Caretakers for December: G. Barr and D. McMurray

Mr D. McMurray has suggested that the committee combine with the Taita Rugby Club and have a combined Christmas Bowls evening. It has been suggested that the Hall Committee members assist with the arrangements for supper and refreshments. Evening to be held 12 December.

Mr C. W. Hewer/S. Battiston has moved that the Hall Committee make arrangements to have the Hall and land valued and that the report be forwarded to the Hall Committee. The report is to be carried out and prepared by a Registered Public Valuer – carried

D. McMurray/P. Battiston – that Mr C. Seadle be requested to arrange the services of a Valuer immediately – carried

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## 2 February 1976 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apology: P. Cusin

The Chairman undertook to read the valuation report as forwarded by P. M. Holmes and Associates.

Mr C. W. Hewer received the Christmas Bowls gathering held in conjunction with the Taita Football Club team and held in the Club's rooms. The evening was most enjoyable and Committee members and wives look forward to another similar gathering. A welcome was extended to Ward and Dennis Bognuda who arrived during the evening.

Naenae Rugby League – The function that was held on 13 December was very successful and the two caretakers G. Barr and D. McMurray were satisfied with the condition of the hall after the function.

A letter was received from the Avalon Scout Group enquiring about the tenancy of the hall. It appears that the Wellington Regional Water Board will require the property in the reasonably near future and the Group will need to find alternative accommodation.

Bank of NZ balance: \$1357.39.

Accounts passed for payments: Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$22.80, S. Wyper (Dec-Jan) \$32, P. R. Holmes (Valuation) \$106.50 – total \$161.30  
Caretaker for February 1976: L. Searle

C. W. Hewer/D. McMurray – that a letter be sent to the following Community Groups – Avalon Scout Group, Pencarrow Girl Guides, F. L. Club, Motor Cycle Club, Country Women's Institute, Country Women's Institute, \_ Elizabethan Order of Bisons, Holy Trinity Church.

The groups are invited to attend a special meeting to discuss the future of the hall in the Avalon Community and that up to three delegates from each represented group be invited to be present on 23 February 1976 at 8pm.

Mr D. McMurray has asked the committee to accept with regret the resignation of Mr B. Hodgins as a Trustee of the Hall Society.  
The last Friday in March will be the first bowls for 1976.

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## 01 Mar 1976 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apologies: E. Wilson and P. Cusin

At the commencement of the meeting members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the passing of Mr James Henry Hamilton, a former committee member and contractor in the district.

A letter to be sent to Mr B. Hodgins as Trustee of the Society. His resignation be accepted with regret.

Mr T. J. Sage forwarded an account for passing on to the State Insurance Office for repairs to malicious damage to rear door.  
Mr McMurray was authorized to lodge a claim for damage to the front door of Hall which was broken maliciously by outsiders at a Hall function 21 Feb 1976.  
Mr Sage is repairing door.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1332.63; receipts for February \$148.00

Accounts passed for payment: Teleflower Flourist Levin \$10.00, S. Wyper \$20.00, Hutt Valley Electric, Power & Gas Co. \$10.44 – total \$40.14

Hall booking increased during February 1976. The question was raised re condition of hall left by some tenants and it was agreed that a deposit of \$10.00 be charged for social evenings for the hall to be left in a reasonably tidy condition.

A general discussion took place on the approaching meeting on 15 March re the future of the hall and the minutes were read and discussed informally. The main topic appeared to be the building up of the committee by members of local organisations who would continue to be tenants of formerly and receive reports from organisations attending.

The final bowls evening for 1976 will be on Friday 26 March at 7.30pm.

C. W. Hewer/S. Battiston – that all the property belonging to the Avalon Kindergarten be removed from the Hall property by April 1976.

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## 05 Apr 1976 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

A welcome was extended to Mas. R. Hurley (Guides) and Mr K. Bain (Motor Cycle Club), Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association and representatives of the Scout Group.

L. Searle/G. Barr          That Mas. Hurley (Girl Guides) and Mr Bain (Motor Cycle Club) be elected to the Hall Committee – carried

Mr McMurray reported that the front door of the Hall has been repaired and the account has been paid.  
The Kindergarten Committee was requested to remove their equipment from the rear of the hall building, this was carried out.

A letter was received from Television One requesting that the Hall be made available on the terms outlined in a letter sent to Television One on 29 October 1975.

A card was received from Mrs J. Hamilton in acknowledgement of the Hall Committee message of sympathy at the passing of Mr J. H. Hamilton.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1376.71; Banked 5 Apr 1976 \$92.00 – total \$1468.71  
Accounts passed for payment: S. Wyper \$16.00, Avalon Wine and Spirits \$32.92 – total \$48.92  
Caretaker for April: P. Battiston

Special Business: Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association has requested that the committee give consideration to allowing the Hall to be used Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and that the first Wednesday on each month will not be available.

D. McMurray/P. Battiston          That the hall be made available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The charge for the weekly period to \$50.00 – carried

The Hall committee is to arrange the installation of additional fluorescent lights in main hall.

Scout Group: Mr Scott extended thanks to the Hall Committee for their help and assistance.  
Mr McMurray asked that the wall in the front foyer be repaired.

G. Barr/Mas. Hurley                  That a letter be sent to Television One as soon as possible.  
D. McMurray/Mas. Hurley          That the hall hire charges be reviewed.

Indoor bowls will be held on Friday 23 April.

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### 03 May 1976 – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apology: S. Battiston

A letter was received from Television One stating that the Society's offer of accommodating their Drama Department was declined in the meantime. The Secretary wrote to Television One outlining the present situation that has arisen due to the arrangements that entered into with the Hutt Valley Lawn Tennis Association.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1478.28; Meter \$3.40 – total \$1481.68

Accounts passed for payment: T. S. Co. \$27.45, E. Wilson \$237.80, G. & H. Barr \$14.00, S. W. Wyper \$25.00 – total \$304.25

D. McMurray/R. Hurley That the cheque which has been received from the State Insurance Office for the payment of Mr F. Sage's account (re malicious damage claim) be banked in the Society's account and Mr McMurray pay Mr Sage direct.

Caretaker for May: G. Barr

R. Hurley/K. Bain That the franchise deposit with a booking will be \$30.00 and that the party responsible should leave the hall in a clean and tidy condition and that the cleaning be completed by the mid-day following the function.

Special Business – Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association

Mr N. Addis has requested that the committee give consideration to the installation of a drink vending machine for the use of the Table Tennis Association during their season, and with the possibility of alternative arrangements with other users outside the Table Tennis Season.

General Business – Lower Hutt City Corporation

The annual license was issued and subject to the requests set out with the letter attached to Permit.

D. McMurray/G.Barr That Wormald Bros overhaul hose reel and fire extinguishers. Secretary to Contact.

It was decided that a working bee be held on Sunday 9 May at 9am to check equipment and clean main hall floor.

D. McMurray/S. Wyper That the chairman procure the painting materials required to repaint the kitchen.

Mr C. Hewer reported on the bowls evening that was held on Friday 30 April. The next bowls evening will be held on 31 May.

The Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association has requested that the hall be available on Sunday 16 May from 1.30pm. The charge for this booking is to be \$5.00. The Proposition of the lease of the Hall was discussed and all hall committee members were satisfied with the arrangements and explanations that were discussed during the meeting. Mr K. Addis and Mr R. Westmoreland were thanked for their comments.

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### 31 May 1976 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apology: P. Battiston

Franchise Bond: The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the bond system is working satisfactorily. The caretaker is the person responsible for the decision as to the condition of the Hall after the particular function and the reimbursement of the bond to the parties concerned.

The repainting of the kitchen has been completed and Mr Wyper has suggested that the long room be repainted to improve the general appearance of that area.

Girl Guides: Mrs Leadbrook was welcomed and she was invited to explain the situation that has arisen since the Hutt Valley Table Tennis Association has commenced using the Hall on the weekly basis as arranged with the Committee. Mr Wyper has arranged to mention to the HVTTA representatives that the table tennis players are requested to keep within the main hall area.

Moved L. Searle that a list of Rates be drawn up for the Girl Guides, F. L. C. and Table Tennis...

The Table Tennis will have the use of the Main Hall, Private Bar and must use the Main entrance for general access to the building.

The Guides and F. L. C. will have the use of the Supper Room, Long Room, Kitchen and Ladies Toilets and access to the building will be the kitchen outside from the driveway.

Hall Telephone: Mr D. McMurray has drawn attention to the fact that HVTTA members are not showing enough consideration with the use of the telephone connected to Mas. Garrett's house. It was resolved that the telephone be used strictly in emergencies only and the door to the committee room be kept locked at all times.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$1183.44, Banked 31 May 1976 \$332.40 – total \$1515.84

Accounts passed for payment: Wainui Glass \$26.00, S. Wyper \$20.00, S. Wyper (repainting kitchen) \$100.00, C. W. Hewer (Keys) \$2.40 – total \$148.40

Caretakers for June: D. McMurray and E. Wilson

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 11 June at 7.45pm, Mr S. Wyper will arrange supper.

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S. W. Wyper acted as Chairman.

Apologies: P. Battiston, S. Battiston, T. K. Ward, L. Searle

Obituary Mr J. H. Hamilton – members stood in silence for one minute

Mr F. Woods, Recreation Officer for the Lower Hutt City Corporation and 12 members of the general public were welcomed.

It was explained that the arrangements requested by Television One were not acceptable to the Hall Committee due to the regular bookings that had already been confirmed during the year.

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Table Tennis – one or two problems did arise, however after discussion with the HVTTA these matters were satisfactorily resolved.

Election of Officers: F. Westbury (Patron), B. McElwain (Auditor)

Election of Committee en bloc: P. Battiston, S. Battiston, G. Barr, Mrs M. Garrett, Mrs H. Hewer, Mr E. Ferretti, Mr D. McMurray, Mr L. Searle, Mr E. Wilson, Mr S. Wyper

Community Recreation Officer: Mr T. Woods was invited to address the meeting on behalf of the Lower Hutt City Council. The Council has created this new office and Mr Woods is looking forward to an association with the Hall Society and the Lower Hutt City Council. Mr Woods has requested any problems associated with the administration of the Society to be referred to the Community Recreation Officer.

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General Business: W. W. Club. Mrs H. Hewer has requested a key for one of the cupboards at the end of the Supper room. This to be arranged.

Thanks: Mr S. Wyper thanked all the people who attended the meeting and invited all present to stay for supper and with a bowls evening to follow. Mr D. McMurray expressed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Mr S. Wyper, which was accorded with acclamation.

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## 05 Jul 1976 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Apologies: Mr and Mrs Hewer, S. Battiston, P. Battiston and G. Barr

Hall Telephone: Mr Addis brought to the committee's attention the situation that has arisen and the Table Tennis Association re the availability of a telephone and has explained to the committee that the Association would like to have a telephone that is accessible to the children to enable them to contact their parents when matches or games have finished and arrange to be picked up from the hall. The committee has asked that the committee room be kept locked at all times and only be available to officials of the HVTTA and that arrangements will be made for the installation of a separate telephone in the main Hall and the extension from Mrs M. Garratt's store will be removed. Mr S. Wyper has undertaken to contact the Post and Telegraph Department.

Election of Officers: S. Wyper (Chairman), S. Battiston (Deputy Chairman), Mrs Y. Coralin (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer), Mr B. T. McElwain (Auditor)  
Committee: N. Addis, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, K. Bain, Mrs M. C. Garrett, Mrs Hunley, Mr and Mrs C. W. Hewer, E. Ferretti, L. Searle, K. Westmoreland, E. Wilson.

Mr J. K. Ward who was present at the meeting indicated that he would be prepared to assist the committee when requested at 676-384

A letter was received from the Glen... Marching Team requesting the use of the Hall but the committee was unable to assist due to the hall being fully booked.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$3265.40, banked 5 Jul 1976 \$332.40 – total \$1597.80

Accounts passed for payment: T.S.C.O. \$36.05, Hutt Valley Electric Power and Gas Board \$59.57, Pelchias Floral \$10.65, State Insurance Office – Building \$34.30 – Finishing \$9.99 – Public Liability \$27.03, S. W. Wyper - Maintenance \$20.00 – Painting \$150.00, Lower Hutt City Council Hall Licence \$20.00, Petty Cash \$10.00 – Total \$477.29

Caretakers Report: Mr McMurray has requested that the slides and trays on warming ovens be cleaned after use.

Caretaker for July: E. Wilson

Special business: The Chairman has been approached by Television One requesting the use of the Hall during the day, and will ensure that the hall is left clear of stipulated times for other users. It was agreed a formal application be lodged with the Hall Committee before any negotiations are commenced, Mr S. Wyper to contact Television One.

Avalon Table Tennis Club: Mr R. Westmoreland has brought to the committee's attention the formation of a local Table Tennis Club. Mr Westmoreland recommended that a fee of \$5 be considered per Monday evening. Agreed that the new Table Tennis Club be charged \$5.00 per evening until the end of the Table Tennis season.

General Business: Mr Addis has requested the keys that the key have not been available sometimes. Mrs Garrett has assured him that the hall keys are always in the correct box unless they have been misplaced by other users. **END OF MINUTE BOOK**

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### **08 Jun 1984 Fri – Mabey Road Hall – 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Chaired by Mr Wilson with 14 people in attendance.

Apologies: M. McGrath, M. McMurray, M. Wilson

Obituary: The meeting was asked to stand in silence for respect to the late Alan McArthur.

The Treasurer confirmed accounting for fence cost correctly shown in accounts.

Mr Wyper congratulated the committee on running the affairs of the Society for the past year without being involved in any 'fiddles'.

The question of why the general maintenance and cleaning were grouped together was put to the treasurer. After discussion the treasurer was asked to separate these items next year.

Election of Officers: P. Battiston (Patron), D. McMurray (Trustee), L. Searle (Trustee), S. Battiston (Trustee), S. Wyper (Trustee)

Mr E. Ferretti moved the committee be re-elected en bloc with the power to add, seconded P. Battiston

Mr P. Jacobson asked the meeting if he was still eligible to remain on the committee as he is now residing outside the society boundary. The Chairman checked the rules and confirmed Mr Jacobson can remain a committee member.

General Business: Mrs Trask asked if any consideration has been made for the use of any of the money in the bank. The matter was fully discussed and left to the committee to decide. Mr Wyper moved that the Society purchase a hose for cleaning the outside of the hall. Mr S. Battiston moved a vote of thanks to the chair.

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## 02 Jul 1984 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mesdames Summers, McGrath and Wyper. Messrs Wyper, Jacobson, Ferretti, McMurray, S. Battiston, P. Battiston, Searle  
Apologies: W. McGrath, E. Wilson, M. Trask

Election of Officers: Mr S. Wyper (President), Mrs M. McGrath (Vice-President), L. Searle (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

Bank of NZ Balance: \$3076.80; BNZ Investment \$5000.00 – total \$8076.80

Accounts passed for payment: Minute Book \$16.00, B. E. J. McElwaine \$91.50, H.V.E.B. \$112.83, S. F. I. \$187.06, Henry Berry (Cleaning gear) \$18.94  
Caretaker \$50.00

Caretaker report: St Johns Ambulance held square ballathon for 60 hours. McGrath/T. Wyper that no charge be made – carried

### General Business:

Application for use of hall by Greater Wellington Adventist Youth Fellowship 6-10pm on 12 August accepted.

It was agreed that all bookings be approved by the committee and Mr McMurray asked the meeting to review all charges. Held over until the next meeting. Mr Battiston stated that our charges are very low in comparison with other halls.

An application was received from the Avalon School through Mr Trask for assistance from the Society to purchase sports gear. McMurray/Jacobson that a grant of \$60.00 be made – carried.

Mr McMurray asked the committee to approve the purchase of a new lawnmower. Mr Wyper offered to try and get the old one repaired. Mrs McGrath will confirm if a spare lawnmower she has can be made available to the society. The Chairman is to check the hall for any maintenance work or floor coverings that may be required.

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## 06 Aug 1984 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mrs McGrath, Messrs Wyper, McGrath, Jacobson, Ferretti, Wilson, McMurray and Searle  
Apology: Mr Wyper

The Chairman has inspected the hall and suggests we wait until warmer weather before any painting is attempted.  
Letter from Avalon School PTA expressing thanks for our donation.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$2931.07

Accounts passed for payment: Henry Berry \$16.36, Post Office Telephone \$91.30, Lower Hutt City Council Rates \$112.14, Lower Hutt City Council Water Meter \$216.04, D. McMurray (Caretaker) \$50.00, Petty Cash \$20.00

Caretakers Report: Sherry 21<sup>st</sup> on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – no problem. Bostile children morning Xmas party Saturday 8 December hire of hall until 2pm \$20.00. Eastern Hutt School PTA Social function to raise funds 29 September 7pm-12pm accepted. George Ryan on behalf of Fraser Park Sports Foundation request hire of 100 chairs – agreed \$50.00 hire with \$100.00 as bond – Mr McMurray to supervise.

General Business:

It was agreed the new hire charges will be \$60.00 5pm-12, \$75.00 1pm-12. Mr McGrath moved the caretaker remuneration be increased to \$80.00, seconded by Mr Wyper – carried. Mr Searle records vote against motion.

L. Searle/W. McGrath That this cost be shown as a separate item in the annual report. To eliminate any liability/confusion with tax it was agreed that the caretaker account to the society monthly for payment at the contract price decided.

The Chairman offered to take the hall mower away to see if it can be repaired. Mr McGrath is to check on the deal available for the purchase of a new four stroke lawnmaster mower.

Mr Wilson will repair damaged downpipe.

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### 03 Sep 1984 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mesdames Summers, Carolin, Trask, McGrath, Messrs Wyper, Searle, McMurray, Wilson, McGrath, S. Battiston  
Apologies: T. Wyper, P. Jacobson, P. Battiston

Mr Wilson has repaired downpipe.

Mr Wyper is waiting for his RSA colleague to inspect old mower.

Revised valuation of property tabled.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$2815.63

Accounts passed for payment: S.F.I. (Loss of rent) \$18.57, H.V.E.B. \$108.58, S. Wyper (painting) \$100.00, D. McMurray (Caretaker) \$50.00

Caretaker report: No problems with bookings during month.

Future booking:

Mrs Walters family reunion 22 Oct 1984.

Application from Naenae Buffalo Lodge for hire of hall near end September. D. McMurray/S. Wyper – that we accept booking – motion lost

General Business:

Searle/S. Battiston      That any urgent work required between meetings be authorized by the Chairman and Treasurer up to the cost of \$40.00 – carried

Mr McMurray asked for authority to engage Mr Wilson to repair damaged chairs. Quote required for the supply of ten trestles. Mr McGrath reported that his contact in the Lower Hutt City Council was not now in a position to help with the purchase of a lawnmower. Mr Wilson to liase with Chairman and purchase a new mower if a satisfactory deal can be made. Mr Wilson will make enquiries for booking Charlee Brown's for our Christmas function. Mr McMurray requested the use of the hall on Saturday 6 October between 9-12noon for the local St Johns Group. It was agreed they could use the hall free of charge if hall left in a tidy condition.

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## 01 Oct 1984 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting

Present: Mesdames McGrath, Summers, Carolin and Trask, Messrs Ferretti, McMurray, Jacobson, McGrath, Searle, Wyper and Wilson  
Apologies: T. Wyper, S. Battiston, P. Battiston

A new lawnmower has been purchased at a cost of \$508.00  
Charlee Brown booking is for Friday 7 December at 7.30pm  
Mr Wilson has repaired damaged chairs.  
Bank of NZ confirms \$3000.00 re-invested for one year.  
Quotation received from R. A. C. Roofing to repair front entry roof. Mr Wyper to arrange for another quotation to be obtained.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$2627.41, Bank of NZ Investment: \$5000.00  
Accounts passed for payment: NZ Post Office (Telephone) \$91.30, Wormald (Fire Extinguisher Service) \$39.50, Henry Berry (Disinfectant) \$11.03, Wellington Dairy Farmers (Lawnmower) \$508.00, E. Wilson (repairs) \$86.00, D. McMurray (Caretaker) \$50.00

### Caretakers Report

Walters family reunion quiet function

Cancellations received: Mrs Keepa / Mrs Duncan

20 October Lower Hutt Operatic Society (Mrs Sutherland) require an evening in November to hold social. Approved with the possibility of a reduced rental

13 October Mrs Marlow Golden Wedding

27 October possible booking for Hewitt engagement party 1046 High Street

### General Business

D. McMurray/E. Carolin            That quotations be called for the complete painting of main hall and stage area, walls and ceilings – carried. Subcommittee to arrange – D. McMurray, S. Wyper, L. Searle

D. McMurray/Ferretti            That L. Searle be authorized to provide ten new trestles for \$170.00

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### **05 Nov 1984 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Charlee Brown booking for 24 people – a deposit of \$50.00 to be paid. It was agreed that a charge of \$5 per head be made.

Inwards Correspondence: Order of St John, Avalon Tennis Club

Bank of NZ Balance \$2444.58

Accounts passed for payment: H.V.E.B. \$108.08, Lower Hutt City Council (Rates) \$112.14, D. McMurray (Caretaker) \$50.00, L. Searle (Trestles) \$170, Hose Purchase \$35.00

Caretaker Report: Two functions held during the month. Hewitt function left hall in very good order but were late vacating hall.

Future Booking: 24 Nov Smith Silver Wedding (57 Boulcott Street).

All future bookings to incur a bond of \$50.00 payable before occupation. Bond refunded if rules adhered to.

General Business:

L. Searle to measure long room roof and S. Wyper to obtain roofing quote from R. A. C. Roofing to compare with quote in hand.

Painting – further painting quote to be obtained. Mr McMurray move vote of thanks to Mr Wyper for the supply of carpet to committee room.

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### **03 Dec 1984 – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Quotations for roofing East wing of hall were discussed.

McMurray/Mrs Summers That an amended quote be obtained from J. McLaren and if no more than alternative quote it be accepted.

Painting quotes from N. Lucas and Clench Bros were tabled. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to proceed with re-roofing and to leave painting until further prices have been obtained.

Correspondence: Letter to Lower Hutt City Council re angle parking identification to front of hall.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$2354.28

Accounts passed for payment: J. R. McLaren (plumbing) \$13.20, H. Berry \$23.47, NZ Post Office (phone rental) \$91.30, D. McMurray (caretaker) \$50.00

Caretaker report: Silver wedding function well behaved and finished on time.

D. McMurray/P. Jacobson That a verbal application for the use of the hall for a wedding in October 1985 from D. Ngati be accepted – carried

General Business:

Mr Wilson checked that 24 people will attend the Xmas function.

Mr Wyper conveyed to the meeting that odd areas around exterior of hall need paint touch up.

Mr Wilson agreed to nail front entry barge board.

P. Jacobson/McMurray That cheque signatories attach signature to form supplied by Bank of NZ.

Mr Wilson thanked the Chairman for providing refreshments and extended greetings for the Xmas Season.



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**04 Feb 1985 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Apologies: S. Battiston, P. Battiston

E. Wilson will nail barge board. Paint required to touch up exterior. Roof replaced on East lean to.  
Letter from Lower Hutt City Council re licence requirements.  
Letter from Lower Hutt City Council re payment of water rate due  
Letter from Lower Hutt City Council re notification of proposed planning departure (no action to be taken)

Bank of NZ Balance: \$3652.70

Accounts passed for payment: H. Berry \$24.29, Lower Hutt City Council Rates No.4 \$112.15, Lower Hutt City Council Water rate \$12.52, L. Searle (roof contract) \$1430.00, H.V.E.B. \$83.00, Johnsons wax \$124.70, D. McMurray (caretaker) \$50.00

Application for McCaw 21<sup>st</sup> on 9 Feb received and accepted.  
General condition of property in good shape.

General business: Mr McMurray suggested we restock the committee room cupboard. Mr McMurray told the meeting that he had called on the Bertlesons over the Christmas Holidays.

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**01 Mar 1985 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Bank of NZ Balance: \$2074.74, Bank of NZ Investment \$4000.00

Accounts passed for payment: Wilson Neill \$55.51, Lower Hutt City Council Water Rate \$28.80, NZ Post Office (telephone rental) \$91.30, D. McMurray \$50.00

Caretakers Report: McCaw 21<sup>st</sup> function ran smoothly. Mrs Summers confirmed noise at reasonable level. 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Hayden  
General Business: Licence requirements. Mr McGrath reported to the committee the demands on the licence are made by the fire safety officer and enforced by the Council. Mr McMurray requested the foundation vents be secured. It was decided to shelve the licence requests until an order was made.

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### **01 Apr 1985 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Mr Wilson agreed to repair foundation vents and roof barge next week.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$2572.81

Accounts passed for payment: NZ Post Office (telephone rental) \$91.30, J. McLaren (W. C. repairs) \$11.00, H.V.E.B. credit -\$31.74, D. McMurray (caretaker) \$50.00

Caretaker Report: The caretaker received a complaint from TV One of too many flies in hall. Caretaker sprayed hall to placate tenants. The Hayden Silver Wedding ran smoothly with no problems.

Future bookings: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April Hutt Valley Marist Softball prizegiving, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May Mazzola family reunion - both functions approved.

General Business: The Treasurer was instructed to reinvest the term loan with the Bank of NZ at the best rate. Mr Wyper offered to paint the front steps. Mr Patel has removed his green decorations from the hall. Mr McMurray requests we still look to the painting of the interior of the hall and after inspection it was decided to arrange working bees to undertake the work.

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### **06 May 1985 – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Apologies: M. Trask, P. Battiston

Mr Wilson has repaired foundation vents. Mr Wyper has painted front steps. Mr McMurray told the meeting that TV One will use hall continuously until November; Thereby delaying the interior painting.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$3079.31

Accounts passed for payment: Lower Hutt City Council (rates) \$110.14, D. McMurray (caretaker) \$50.00

Caretaker Report: The Hutt Valley Marist Softball prizegiving ran smoothly but once again the neighbours were disturbed by the late finish. Wellington Rock and Roll used the hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> April and asked for the use of hall on a regular basis. Due to the noise at the 12<sup>th</sup> April function the request was declined. Hall and grounds in reasonable condition.

General Business: Mr McMurray reported one fluorescent tube out of order. Mr Wyper has sprayed the moss on the supper room roof and suggested we look to the painting of the hall roof. Lengthy discussion again took place on the selection of tenants. The AGM is set down for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm preceded by the committee meeting at 7.30pm. The books have been closed off and presented to the auditor. Arrangements decided for AGM are Mr Wyper to arrange supper. Mr Wilson to arrange refreshments. Secretary to lodge notice in Hutt News.

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### **07 Jun 1985 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

The caretaker contacted the Wellington Rock and Roll Society to inform them that their application for further use of the hall had been declined because of the earlier noisy function. The allegation was denied but local residents confirmed such was the case. Mr S. Battiston stated that the noise from a dance held in the Town Hall can be heard for some distance.

Bank of NZ Balance: \$3210.92

Accounts passed for payment: NZ Post Office (phone rental) \$91.30, Henry Berry (cleaning gear) \$32.87, Lower Hutt City Council (Rates No.1) \$62.38, Wormald (six monthly check) \$16.50, Hutt News (AGM Notice) \$12.68, D. McMurray (caretaker) \$50.00

General Business: Booking applications Taylor/Wilkie wedding 3<sup>rd</sup> August accepted. Avalon Senior 1<sup>st</sup> Rugby Team Fancy dress dance 29<sup>th</sup> June. Put to vote and accepted. Mr McMurray told the meeting he would be in attendance and would supervise the compliance with the rules. Mrs McGrath asked why the team could not use their own club rooms. Mrs Summers questioned the necessity of the caretaker phoning her between meetings to discuss bookings.

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### **07 Jun 1985 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Mr Wyper chaired the meeting with 19 people in attendance.

Mrs Trask asked if the society are to review the rental charged to TV One. The matter will be decided by the incoming committee. Mr McMurray explained that Mr McIlwain left him in the lurch regarding the availability of the accounts. Mr McMurray arranged for Mr Manders to undertake the audit and moved that the Secretary send Mr Manders a \$20 book voucher as a sign of our appreciation. Mr McMurray has been in contact with TV One Personnel and discussed the probability of increased charges to cover telephone expenses. Mr Wilkie questioned the extent of interior painting envisaged. Mr Battiston asked if the water meter cost was correctly shown in the accounts.

Election of Officers: P. Battiston (Patron), Messrs McMurray, Searle, Wyper and Battiston (Trustees)

Ferretti/Wilson            That the committee be elected en bloc with the exception of Mr Carolyn and also the power to add.  
The following were elected onto the committee – Mr Wilkie, Mr Leeney, Mr Steer, Mr Trask

General Business:

Mrs Leeney asked for an explanation of the procedure at the finish of an evening function.

Mr McGrath asked the treasurer if the payment of a bond was still required. Mr McMurray confirmed this was so.

Some discussion took place on the use of a bond.

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**01 Jul 1985 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Apologies: E. Carolin and J. Trask

Election of Officers: Existing officers were re-elected.

Letter of appreciation to Mr Mander.

Letter from Bank of BNZ providing deposit information.

Letter from Lower Hutt City Council re Licence application

Bank of NZ Balance: \$2996.08

Accounts passed for payment: S. F. I. (Fire Building) \$148.98 (Plant equipment) \$11.05 (Public Liability) \$27.03, Lower Hutt City Council Licence Fee \$50.00, D. McMurray (caretaker) \$50.00

Caretaker report: Assembly of God request for Sunday Booking declined. Mrs Russell 328 Oxford Terrace 14<sup>th</sup> December engagement and 21<sup>st</sup> party accepted. General condition of property OK.

General Business: The Avalon Rugby club changed booking for use of hall from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> July. The meeting decided the club forfeit to \$10 booking fee for the June booking. Mrs McGrath questioned the need for the club to use our premises instead of their own. Mr Jacobson and McMurray explained that the Fraser Park complex was run by the Avalon Sports Association not the rugby club. Mr McMurray requested we obtain quotations for the painting of the interior of the main hall, stage area and foyer. Secretary to obtain quotations.

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Chaired by S. Wyper – 18 people in attendance. The meeting was asked to stand in silence for respect to the late Arthur Jenkins. Water in men's toilet still being operated manually. Mr Snell said a fitting is available that will provide a fixed flow of water. The audit of the Society's books was undertaken by Mr F. Norton. The meeting agreed that a donation of \$50.00 be made. It was confirmed that the booking secretary hold the bond payment until the function finishes. The question of having the telephone disconnected was fully discussed. Mr S. Battiston queried the amount of \$15.00 showing as donation for power. (St John's donation for use of hall)

Election of Officers: P. Battiston (Patron)

Committee: That present committee be re-elected with power to add.

New members: Mr Reg Aitken, Mr Martin Snell, Mr Jack Trask, Mr Chalmers

Mr McMurray asked for clarification on attendance to meetings. Three consecutive meetings absent without notice relinquishes position on committee.

Mr Aitken requested water flor from roof be dispersed.

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**07 Jul 1986 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Mrs Summers, Mrs Wyper – Messrs Wilson, Trask, Aitken, Ferretti, Wyper, Searle, S. Battiston, Steere, Snell, Jacobson, McMurray

Apology: P. Battiston

Election of Officers:

Nominations for Chairman – R. Steere (Searl/Battiston), S. Wyper (Ferretti/Trask) – R. Steere was elected

S. Wyper (Vice-Chairman), L. Searle (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

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Chaired by S. Wyper – 20 people in attendance. Apologies R. Steere.

Mr S. Battiston asked why the rates were cheaper than previous year.

Mr McMurray noted that the book value on some items were extremely low and may be written off.

Election of Officers:

Patron – P. Battiston

Trustees – D. McMurray, L. Searle, S. Wyper, S. Battiston

Committee: Present members re-elected en bloc

General Business

Meeting with Mayor and representatives of Lower Hutt City Council to discuss total rate refund to Society. Mr Wyper explained details of the discussion to the meeting including the possibility of selling the property at some future date. It was agreed we arrange a copy of our constitution be sent to the Mayor. A letter from S. G. Nathan asking consideration to sell the hall to a client was tabled. It was decided to hold this over until the next committee meeting for discussion and reply.

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**06 Jul 1987 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Messrs McMurray, Steere, P. Battiston, S. Battiston, Trask, Wyper, Ferretti, Searle, Wilson, Snell, Cancian

Apologies: R. Aitken, P. Jacobson

Election of Officers: R. Steere (Chairman), S. Wyper (Vice-Chairman), L. Searle (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer)

The Treasurer and Secretary signified that this will be their final year in office.

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Chaired by R. Steere

Apologies: L. Cancian, D. McMurray, Mrs Steere, P. Battiston, L. Searle, C. Chalmers

Patron: P. Battiston

Trustees: D. McMurray, L. Searle, S. Wyper, S. Battiston

Committee: Present committee re-elected en bloc

Mrs M. Trask and Mrs L. Cancian were welcomed and proposed as members by S. Battiston and seconded by M. Snell - carried

General Business:

M. Snell thinks that the hall is not publicized enough by the committee and would like to see pamphlets distributed next year.

Mrs M. Trask suggests that consideration be given to greater use of the hall in weekends.

A vote of sympathy was expressed on behalf of Mr D. McMurray's health and best wishes extended for a speedy return to good health.

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**05 Jul 1988 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: J. Trask, R. Aitken, S. Battiston, F. Ferretti, M. Snell, M. Trask, P. Jacobson, R. Steere, E. Wilson

Apologies: L. Searle, L. Cancian, B. Cancian, P. Battiston

Election of Officers: R. Steere (Chairman), E. Wilson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs M. Trask (Secretary), E. Wilson (Treasurer – filling in for D. McMurray)

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**09 Jun 1989 Fri – Avalon Public Hall – 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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Chaired by R. (Dick) Steere with ten people in attendance.  
Apologies: B. & L. Cancian  
Obituary: P. Battiston

Patron: S. Ferretti  
Present committee re-elected

General Business:  
Mr Snell would like to see more hall advertising.  
Mrs McMurray requested that the old hall charges be taken down from front window and replaced with current prices.  
Mr Blandford's request for \$50 donation to charity to be acted upon.

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**03 Jul 1989 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: Cancian, Chalmers, McMurray, Searle, Wilson, Mrs Trask, M. Snell, R. Steere  
Apologies: R. Aitken, S. Battiston, B. Cancian, P. Jacobson

Election of Officers: Eric Wilson (Chairman), Richard Steere (Vice-Chairman), Dave McMurray (Treasurer), Mary Trask (Secretary)  
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Chaired by Mr Wilson.  
Apologies: Mr Reg Aitken, Mr S. Wyper  
Obituary: Mr B. Hodgins

A letter was received from a resident opposing the untruths printed in the Evening Post and Dominion concerning the Church Group.  
An application requesting nomination for the committee was received from Mrs McMurray.

Mr Gaskin asked whether there had been an update on the 1984 valuation of the Hall which was \$83,000. There was a later valuation recorded by the Lower Hutt City Council but this was not disclosed to the meeting.

Election of Members: After a heated discussion and reference to the constitution the existing members were re-elected. Those nominated from the floor were also elected with the Chairman able to reject nominations if such persons were not eligible. None were excluded.

Committee (38 members)

Sante Battiston, Pauline and David Gaskin, David and Margaret Conner, Beth and Denis McCaffery, Diane and Trevor McCarthy, Gina Mazzola, Mark Forsythe, Bernadette & Robert Arthur, Martin and Penny Snell, Len Searle, Kay & Roy Ferretti, Squidge Ferretti, Gordon and Lucienne Wallace, Eric Wilson, Margaret and David McMurray, Greg Nelson, Vai Daniel, Jack & Mary Trask, Kim & Lois Leamy, Dick Steere, Peter Jacobson, Reg Aitken, Brenda & Lou Cancian, Charles Chalmers, John Tribula

General Business:

Mr Connor suggested we give consideration to the future of the Hall and to all work together to improve takings etc.  
Mr Snell stated that since we have lost Television One and the Church bookings we will probably have to advertise for more bookings.  
Mr Cancian stated that the Hall had probably outlived its life and that the return it was showing was not enough.

However, in reply it was pointed out that even 3% on investment was showing more than the Council halls which were all showing a loss and the loss was being met by ratepayers. Hall prices were to be looked at, at the first committee meeting.

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**02 Jul 1990 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Apologies: J. Trask, P. Jacobson, K. Ferretti, L. Searle, R. Aitken, R. Arthur, G. & L. Wallace, G. Neilson, G. Mizzola, M. McCaffrey

Election of Officers:

Patron: E. Ferretti

E. Wilson (Chairman), D. McMurray (Treasurer), D. Gaskin (Secretary), S. Battiston & T. McCarthy (Joint Vice-Chairmen)

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Chaired by Mr Wilson.

Apologies: R. Arthur, E. Ferretti, M. Connor, Daniels, M. McMurray, P. Gaskin, M. & B. Snell, D. McCarthy, L. & M. Leamy, D. & B. McCaffrey

Obituaries: R. C. Aitken and K. Grimstrup

Matters arising from previous AGM: We have advertised in the Hutt News and did not receive any great response up to the end of December 1990. Discontinued December 1990. S. Wyper suggested a proper notice board be put on front of building (this to be discussed at first committee meeting).

General Business:

L. Casian suggest we look at cost of cleaning...

L. Searle questioned difference in bond monies

Noted that we did not have to touch investment account as we had enough from cash flow to get through the year.

Noted that without the sale of equipment \$1010 – the 1990/1991 surplus of \$576.95 would been a loss.

Incoming committee to look at promoting Hall.

Election of members (31) – Patron E. Ferretti

D. & M. McMurray, L. Searle, S. Wyper, S. Battison, D. & K. Gaskin, P. Jacobson, B. Casian, J. & M. Trask, D. & M. Connor, D. & B. McCaffrey, D. & T. McCarthy, R. & B. Arthur, R. & K. Ferretti, V. Daniel, L. & K. Leany, D. Steere, T. Tribula, K. Irvine, M. & P. Snell, C. Chalmers, E. Wilson

General Business: History of Hall

[1] D. McMurray to make available a list of members

[2] L. Searle as to the absence of many committee members and where as not they still be on committee

[3] Need a change to... - discuss at next meeting

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**01 Jul 1991 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: L. Searle, J. Trybale, T. & D. McCarthy, S. Battiston, R. & K. Ferretti, K. Irvine, P. Jacobson, D. Gaskin, E. Wilson, D. McMurray, R. Arthur, M. Trask, D. Steere, J. Trask, L. Leaney, B. Cacion

Apologies: D. & M. Connor, B. Arthur, M. & P. Snell, E. Ferretti, M. McMurray, D. & B. McCaffrey, P. Gaskin

Election of Officers: E. Wilson (Chairman), D. Gaskin (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer), S. Battiston (Vice-Chairman)

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**08 Jun 1992 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – 69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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Present: D. Gaskin, E. Wilson, D. McMurray, P. Jacobson, J. Trask, B. Cacia, L. Searle, S. Battiston, J. Trybula, R. & K. Ferretti, K. Irvine, D. & T. McCarthy, R. Arthur, L. Leaney, D. & M. Connor

Apologies: P. Gaskin, E. Ferretti, B. Arthur, M. McMurray, C. Chalmers, S. Wyper

Obituaries: E. Bartosh, D. Bognuda (former Member), B. Ferretti (Patron's wife)

Matters arising:

[1] Sign on building

[2] Members not attending meeting for three months without apology are deemed to have resigned

Balance sheet:

Discussion took place on profitability of the Society – this to be held over for new committee

Election of Members:

Patron: E. Ferretti

Trustees: D. McMurray, L. Searle, S. Wyper, S. Battiston

Committee: P. Jacobson, M. & P. Snell, J. Trask, B. Caicin, C. Chalmers, L. Searle, D. & P. Gaskin, D. & M. Connor, D. & T. McCarthy, R. & B. Arthur, R. & K. Ferretti, L. Leaney, J. Trybon, K. Irvine, E. Wilson

General Business: Secretary to contact Telecom to confirm location of phone to be installed in High Street.

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**06 Jul 1992 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Present: D. Gaskin, E. Wilson, D. McMurray, J. Trybula, T. McCarthy, K. Irvine, R. & K. Ferretti, B. Caicin, L. Searle, D. Connor, S. Battiston, P. Jacobson

Apologies: J. Trask, M. Connor, P. Gaskin, M. & P. Snell, C. Chalmers

Election of Officers: E. Wilson (Chairman), D. Gaskin (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer), P. Jacobson (Vice-Chairman)

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**14 Jun 1993 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

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Present: R. & K. Ferretti, L. Leaney, R. & B. Arthur, J. Trybula, K. Irvine, S. Battiston, L. Searle, D. Gaskin, E. Wilson, D. McMurray, J. Trask, T. McCarthy, P. Jacobson, D. Connor

Apologies: P. Gaskin, S. Wyper, M. Connor, M. & P. Snell

Obituary: E. Ferretti (Past Patron and Committee Member), W. Lang (Member of Committee 1953)

Matters arising: Telecom – new committee to resolve

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Election of Members

Patron: S. Wyper

Trustees: S. Battiston, L. Searle, D. McMurray

Committee: P. Jacobson, M. & P. Snell, J. Trask, L. Searle, D. Gaskin, D & M. Connor, D. & T. McCarthy, R. & B. Arthur, R. & K. Ferretti, L. Leaney, J. Trybula, K. Irvine, E. Wilson, D. McMurray, S. Battiston

Resignations from previous year: D. Gaskin and B. Caicin

General Business: Hutt News – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – to be published – Paint front of hall – Roof needs painting

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**05 Jul 1993 Mon – Avalon Public Hall – Committee Meeting**

Loose papers at end of volume - also Chairman's Report, Agenda, Annual Accounts June 1992 and Conditions of Hire 1982

Present: D. Gaskin, S. Battiston, E. Wilson, J. Trybula, M. & D. McMurray, L. Searle, R. & K. Ferretti, K. Irvine

Apologies: R. & B. Arthur, M. & P. Snell, P. Jacobson

Obituary: J. Trask

Election of Officers: S. Wyper (Patron), E. Wilson (Chairman), D. Gaskin (Secretary), D. McMurray (Treasurer), P. Jacobson (Vice-Chairman)

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Contact details list at the back of this minute book

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C. Chalmers		
P. Battiston	22a Cottle Street	677 356

S. Battiston	42B Witako Street	695 954	
L. Cancian	15 Rosebank Avenue		
E. & D. Carolin	192 Taita Drive	674 911	
E. Ferretti	1071 High Street	677 204	
P. Jacobson	15 Ecclesfield Grove	285 264	
M. & W. McGrath	26 Mabey Road	672 802	
D. McMurray	6 Barsi Grove	674 512	
L. Searle	32 Kebbell Grove	674 418	& 15 Avalon Crescent
Mark Snell	37 Holyoake Crescent		
P. Summers	30 Holyoake Crescent	671 056	
M. & J. Trask	194 Taita Drive	672 109	
E. Wilson	7 Barsi Grove	672 987	
T. & S. Wyper	43 Gordon Street	678 003	
R. Wilkie	996 High Street	678 076	
Lois Leeney	24 Mabey Road	674 282	
R. Steere	7 Barraud Street	674 966	

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