

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held Via Zoom on Tuesday, 28th June 2022 at 19:00

Present: Simon Jeffreys, Lynn Jeffreys, Susan Ross, Linda Leith, Ann O'Keefe, Brendan O'Hanrahan, Helen O'Keefe, Andy Venters, Jane Matheson, Gabrielle Moyne, Ian Knox, Tessa Dorian

Proxies Received: Kaye Charlton, Stuart Charlton, Will Curwen, Rosie Christmas, Dave Clark, Sheonaid Clark, Ingo Syllwasschy

Apologies: None

Welcome and Introduction:

Simon Jeffreys, Company Secretary, thanked all for attending, declared the meeting open at 19.02.

Approval of Minutes of last AGM: The minutes of the last AGM held 24th April 2021 were unanimously accepted.

Chairman's Report: Presented by Andy Venters

Hello, I will give you a rundown of a year that has again been a quiet one for the hall.

Again, due to various restrictions and good practice, we have had very few events at the hall, but we have managed to have some of the groups make use of the hall, mainly the craft group and toddlers.

We did manage to have a much scaled down alternative Chicken Say, renamed for 2021 as "Roast Chicken Day". The day was very welcomed by all that attended as a chance to meet up and have a blether at last, along with some delicious speciality chicken burger and the usual teas, coffee and cake. The day stretched into the evening and night with some excellent music from our own very talented musicians and the midges were kept at bay with a smoke-filled marquee.

In July the Markets started up again with mixed results, partly due to table distancing and number of people allowed in the hall which limited stall-holder's income and after the first market settled into a fortnightly routine.

The repairs to the roof and stonework were completed and have made the gable and chimney much better looking. They have been a great success as can be seen on the walls inside which with the amount of rain and wind over this winter would have been running with water previously. There are still some damp areas to be seen, but without continuous background heating these will always be present.

As you can see, we now have a lovely new and cleanable floor covering. There were a couple of rotten floor sections found once the old carpet had been lifted which needed repairing. To protect the floor no stilettos are allowed or swinging on the chairs!

We are working through the improvements we would like to see done to the hall. To date, the rear toilet area, carpark, kitchen, roof and floor are all completed, but as always there are others.

We applied to get on the Greening Community Assets scheme to reduce our carbon footprint with an application to install Solar Panels (beside the sewerage treatment plant), infra-red heating panel in the main hall and LED exterior lights, but unfortunately we did not meet the criteria on some of it. With the enthusiasm in the village for hydro power at the

falls we might one day fulfil my vision of hydro powering the hall.

The schemes still needing done, heating being the big one and possibly more covered storage at rear area beside toilets. Other more general maintenance requirements are new front door and painting inside and out.

We have received some hopeful news that might make progress on "The acre of Ground" that has been in the background for several years, but more of that in next year's ramblings.

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank you all for your continued support, especially over the last couple of years and look forward to a fuller year ahead.

Financial Report:

The attached financial report has been examined by an independent auditor and was passed unanimously.

Election of Directors:

Directors stepping down from the Board are Sue Maycock, Ali Johnson and Ian Knox (co-opted). Ian Knox indicated that he was willing to stand for re-election. He was elected. Andy expressed thanks to Ali and Sue for all that they had done while on the board.

Any other Business:

There was no other business raised.

Andy then thanked everyone for attending the zoom meeting and said that the next AGM will be held in April 2023.

Meeting closed at 17:13