

Kirkburton and Highburton Community Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 12th November 2015

Present: Mike Greetham (co-chair), Peter White (treasurer), Jayne Smith (secretary), Vanda White, Ann Schofield, Cllr Anna Boden, Sandra Coulthard, Howard Boothroyd (trustee), Tim Scott, Georgina Dickinson (trustee), Angie Hilton.

Apologies: Kaye Emberton (hall manager), Roger Beaumont (co-chair), Pat Shaw, David Blunt (trustee), Eileen Blunt, Geoff Barnard, Joanne Payne (community police), Tony Eaton, Cllr Bill Armer, Jane Greetham, Cllr Maureen Sykes.

1. Introduction: Mike Greetham opened the AGM and welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Minutes of AGM 13th November 2014.

These were agreed to be correct.

a) Matters arising:

Living Christmas tree - the tree is thriving but is not yet big or strong enough yet for lights. Kirklees advised that it could take up to 3 years before lights can be used - funds have been set aside.

3. Annual Reports:

a) Chairs report: Mike reported that it had been a busy and successful year for the association. Events including the Christmas Fayre, Santa's sleigh and fun run had all been well attended and a substantial amount of monies raised.

John Wakley was presented with the Burton Award for his work in the Churchyard.

Howard Boothroyd and David Blunt became Trustees.

Website is "live"; however there is a technical issue which is being resolved.

Burton Bulletin published a week earlier than expected. Mike passed on thanks to the editorial team and to Ian and Geoff for the prompt distribution of the bulletin.

Mike passed on his thanks to Roger Beaumont, Peter White, Jayne Smith and Kaye Emberton for their continued support and work over the last 12 months.

Regretfully, Roger Beaumont is retiring from his position as co-chair due to other commitments.

b) Treasurers Report: Peter circulated comprehensive accounts and detailed notes.

Despite the large expense for the repairs to the roof, we remain in a healthy financial position.

In view of this, Peter proposed that the rent remains the same for a further 12 months. - Agreed by meeting

The Parish Council have informed us that they will be remaining at the hall - it has been agreed that a 6 month notice period is required should they decide to move at a later date. Peter advised the meeting that Kirklees are no longer funding rental costs incurred by Parish Councils and are charging for use of Kirklees property at a higher rate than we are.

Howard Boothroyd queried if the Parish Council's rent could be increased - this has been discussed at previous meetings and agreed that all users are to be charged the same rate.

Peter thanked Simon Coulthard for auditing the accounts, as well as Kaye Emberton for her role as Hall manager, and Jayne Smith for her assistance.

Georgina Dickinson enquired as if any further repair work will be needed to the roof in the foreseeable future.

Peter confirmed that the builders could not see any issues - reason for these repairs was due to the theft of the lead which had resulted in tiles being disturbed.

Mike Greetham thanked Peter White for his hard work over the last 12 months.

c) Hall Manager: In Kaye's absence, Mike read out her report - overall very little damage has been experienced - a copy of Kaye's report is attached. Kaye passed on her thanks to Peter White and Jayne Smith for their support and assistance.

Mike thanked Sue Matthews for the fantastic job she does of cleaning the hall. It was agreed that the amount of gift vouchers Sue receives at Christmas would be increased by £10.00 to reflect all her hard work.

4. Elections of Officers:

Roger Beaumont has stepped down as Co-chair due to other commitments. In the absence of any nominations, Georgina Dickinson proposed that the Trustees act as an associate chair to conduct meetings in Mike's absence. The meeting agreed that this would be a good solution until such a time someone volunteered.

As discussed at October meeting, the existing officers are happy to remain. Mike will write to the trustees who were unable to attend the meeting.

5. Any other business:

- The December meeting will be postponed - next meeting is 14th January 2016.
- Burton Bulletin discussed regarding deadlines for next issue - regularity of distribution - Mike agreed with Ann Schofield that a meeting is to be arranged to discuss these matters.
- Roger had raised various issues regarding anti-social behaviour, parking and use of bikes during the September meeting. A response has been received from the community police.
- Mike has received a request for a New Year's Eve party to end at 2.00am. Meeting felt that this was not in the best interest of the hall's neighbours and therefore agreed that this should not be booked.
- Howard Boothroyd enquired if we could look into purchasing new Christmas Decorations.

Mike closed the meeting, thanking Cllr Anna Boden for the lovely cakes.

Next ordinary meeting - 14th January 2016, 7.30pm @ Burton Village Hall.