

Minutes of Cusop Village Hall Annual General Meeting held at the village hall on 28th February 2020

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Present: Trustees: Jim Wesley, Katja Jones, Kate Hainge, Helen Fowle, Nick Blayney, Philip Gilbert, Neville Jones, John Wilks.

Public: Margaret Wesley, Paul Graves, June Graves, Alison Matthews, Cherry Keylock,

Apologies for Absence:

1. Minutes of the last AGM (25th January 2019) and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman. All matters arising had been addressed by the committee during 2019.

2. Chairman's Report

Last year Neville decided to stand down from the position of chairman after 20 years at the helm and I took it on, I hope that with the help of the other trustees, including our new recruit Nick Blayney, that I am able to continue with the same level of success that Neville enjoyed. The hall has been well used again this year as will be detailed in the booking secretary's report and we have made a few changes and improvements during the year. The bollard lights were repaired but it is still 'work in progress', I will contact Paul Meredith. A 'cross car park' drain has been installed to minimise the risk of the hall being flooded in a downpour. The marquee needed a few repairs which have been successfully completed. A boules court has been installed and it will hopefully be in regular use this spring/summer/autumn. A new set of folding chairs has been acquired with the assistance of Hay Vets. A Salvation Army clothing bank has been sited at the top of the car park and we are getting a regular monthly payment for the weight of the collection. There are some things that we haven't made progress on yet.

- The trim track
- The projector
- The installation of the soffit
- The sagging gutter on the front of the building

We investigated the installation of an electric car charging point and decided that there was no justification at the moment. We investigated the implications of changing the status of the hall from a Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and decided that there would be no significant benefit. Thank you to the events committee who ensure that the hall is used for community social events as well as it being available for private functions and thanks go to Ainsleigh Rice for pruning the fruit trees each year. Ground maintenance continues to be done mainly by Idris Illingsworth but help will always be appreciated by Idris and Ainsleigh. The hall is being professionally cleaned on a weekly basis and there is a daily check for doors left unlocked, lights left on, crockery and chairs not put away. From a safety perspective, the fire alarm system is tested weekly and serviced every six months. PAT testing is regularly carried out on all electrical equipment. For this year, the Hall Management Committee (Trustees) have been Kate Hainge (secretary), Katja Jones (Treasurer), Nick Blaney, Helen Fowle, Philip Gilbert, Neville Jones, John Wilks and myself (Chairman). The election of the management committee for next year occurs later on tonight's agenda.

3. Treasurer's Report

During this financial period the trustees reported income of £8577.18 and expenditure of £8869.56 resulting in an overspend of £292.38. This reflected an unusual bureaucratic event which resulted in insurance for 2017/18 and 2018/19 both being paid in the 2018/19 year (total £1348.43). The trustees also arranged for substantial drainage work to the car park in this period.

4. Events Committee Report:

Apart from the weekly table tennis and Tea@3 in the winter months, 3 events were put on this year; a quiz for Dial-a-Ride, a walk followed by a light lunch (£27.00) and a BBQ (£-12.84).

The committee is now comprised of; Alison Matthews, Celia Sloan, Sandra Sheldon, Cherry Keylock and Jim Wesley.

We would like to thank Paul Graves who has been helping by painting the notice board which hangs in Neville's field at the bottom of the Dingle.

Events since end of Aug; Board games afternoon, Readings night (£33.68) & Tea@3.

There will be a Quiz on April 18th.

Ideas for future events;

Celebration of VE day 8th,9th,10th May; Antiques roadshow; Summer BBQ; October quiz; 10 year celebration of the hall (invoice 27/11/09,diary 1/9/11)

5. Bookings Secretary Report: (last year's numbers in brackets)

During the last financial year the amount of revenue generated from the hire of the hall was £7660.00 (7303.00). If we include £449.80 (315.90) from table tennis = £8109.80 (7618.90) (an increase over last year of £490.90 (1137.20). Donations of £52.70 (23) were received. (£2.70 from overpayments, £50 from loan of tables, glasses etc). 259 (265) mornings, 220 (212) afternoons and 190 (188) evenings giving over 60% usage. The rate for commercial sale of goods/services went up to £15 per session with effect from April 1st 2019.

6. Election of the Management Committee

Jim Wesley, Katja Jones, Kate Hainge, Helen Fowle, Philip Gilbert and Nick Blayney were re-elected as committee members. The new committee would meet after the AGM to vote on the continued co-option of John Wilks and Neville Jones.

7. Hall Charging Policy

Since April 2019 local users have been charged £12 per session to book the hall, and commercial users like the yoga instructors have been charged £15 per session. Trustees recommended that this level of charging continue and there was no disagreement from the public in attendance.

8. Any other business. None

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.30pm.