

The Village Hall

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Draft Notes of the Milborne St Andrew Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall

Present: Eric Crichton, Linsey O'Neill, Ed Frost, Sandy Sach, Susan Poet, Nigel Hodder, Linda Wright and Ian Karley.

Public attendees - Amy Stephens and Richard McNair

Apologies: Gren Davies Richard Hawker

Eric welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanked them for coming and hoped that everyone was well. Unfortunately due to a hearing problem he was unable to give much input to the meeting and handed the meeting to Linsey.

The minutes of the AGM held 26th April 2023 were accepted as correct.

Trustees Report for the January 2023 to December 2023

- **Chair's Report:**

This had been circulated to the trustees and copies available at this meeting. The organisation adheres to the recommendations of the Charity Commission. Most trustees also represent a group who are regular users of the hall. Those on the committee who chose not to be trustees have no voting rights.

The hall is hired on a regular basis by groups established in the village. It is also hired by individuals and groups for parties, presentations etc. There are regular social events such as film night, ArtsReach, amateur play productions and the annual pantomime. There is also a monthly community café which has proved extremely popular.

The committee is a hard working one with people regularly putting in hours on jobs like checking and stocking the bar, and it is often members who are doing regular maintenance in and outside the hall.

Thank you to the committee for their support and an especial thank you to Ed Frost who is standing down as treasurer and has worked tirelessly for the hall especially in obtaining grants.

- **Treasurer's report:**

The rental income for the hall recovered to a more acceptable £16,700 over the year but as expected the Ladybirds moved to the first school in September resulting in a loss of £3,000 of "traditional income". However the year ended with around £19,000 in the bank up from £14,500 the previous year. This income was due to the trustees arranging a number of events throughout the year. The regular film nights £400, refreshment sale £1,200 and the community café £2,700.

Grants provided various enhancements to the hall's facilities. A large screen TV has been a boon to user groups and commercial hirers. The Dorset Council S106 (Huntley Down Development) funded the Petanque & table tennis and also allowed to complete the installation of solar panels and storage batteries. A new contract for the supply and export of electricity is expected to result in a near zero charge for the utility in 2024 which should save around £2,000. Dorset Council also allocated substantial funding for a much needed extension to the car park but environmental issues raised at the last minute meant that this had to be abandoned.

The Parish Council provide the grass cutting and playground inspection but the maintenance of the hall and the outside area present a financial challenge. The inspection and maintenance of the tree cost £1,000 and repairs to the play equipment amount to hundreds of pounds. It continues to be a disappointment the Parish Council only provides minimal support for these community facilities.

A leak in the flat roof was repaired by ourselves due to the talents of the trustees which saved a considerable sum.

In 2024 efforts must be focused on generating more business for the hall in order to maintain the hall to a high standard. Funds have been reserved to extend the patio a decision on whether this will go ahead is yet to be made.

The statement of assets covers the period 01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023. Thanks to Elizabeth Humphrey for auditing the accounts and preparing the statement.

The motion to accept the report was proposed by Linsey O'Neill and seconded by Sandie Sach.

Linsey thanked Ed for his detailed report and thanked him again for his hard work for the past 7 years. Ed thanked the trustees for their support over this time.

Election of Trustees:

All were willing to stand for another year.

Any Other Business:

Richard McNair asked how often the committee room was booked separately. Ed replied that apart from the Council for elections very rarely, although it is used as dressing room for plays etc. Richard asked if it could be considered for a community gym. There are grants for this and it is proving popular. Amy Stephens pointed out that as an unmanned gym insurance would be high and CCTV cameras would need to be installed. It is something that will be discussed by the trustees.

There being no other business Eric thanked everyone for coming and wished to thank personally Ed for his hard work.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm