

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Registered Charity number 1185608

## **CHAIRMAN**

P Guildford

## **SECRETARY**

P Anning

## **TREASURER**

D Wort

## **Attendees –**

**Trustees:** Peter Guildford, Brian Dower, David Wort, Mina Soi-Westby, Peter Anning, Janita Dedicoat, Malcolm Brook. **Associate Trustee:** Ross Cunliffe

**Villagers:** Jan Dower, Debbie Wort, Jim Dedicoat, Gaynor Anning

**Minutes:** Nicola Hulme

## **1 Chairman's opening remarks**

The Chairman began by welcoming all present to the AGM

## **2. Apologies for absence – Liz Parr, Keith Kerr, Eddie Tinsley**

## **3. The Minutes of the AGM of 01/11/2021** were approved as a true record

## **4. Chairman's report**

The period that we are talking about tonight is from the 1st of January 2021 until the 31st of December 2021.

David will shortly go through the P&L account with you and answer any questions you may have relating to the report.

During this time Judy Roberts stepped down as a trustee after many years of loyal service and Mina Sol-Westby was appointed a full trustee.

And to bring you up-to-date for a moment, Brian Dower has decided to retire after many many years of loyal service as a Trustee

I would like to personally thank him for his contribution and in particular his support to me when I first appeared on the scene some 10 years ago.

His commitment assisted me with setting things up in a different way, to help the charity survive, and his loyalty has been invaluable ever since.

I'm pleased to also commend the rest of the team who have stuck with the plan which has brought us to where we are today.

Our strong financial position and our continued ability to heavily subsidise the hire rates for local people enables the hall to be used as originally intended.

I am also pleased to tell you that Ross Cunliffe has recently joined our team as an associate trustee. Ross, welcome to our team.

We are always interested in talking to locals who believe that they can contribute to the management of the hall and to join the team as an associate trustee.

Anyone interested please send an email to the Village Hall email address that is on the website.

Going back to the year in question, from my side, there is little to add to the financial details and comments that David will be going through in a few minutes.

So, before I close, I would like to spend a few more minutes telling you about what we have been doing more recently.

During the early part of April this year we commenced the handover process following the appointment of Maria Ambrozy as our new manager. Welcome to the team Maria.

I would like to thank Nicola for her very valued contribution. She has been a tremendous support to me, particularly throughout the last couple of years, the effect of the Covid pandemic meant that we had to decide how to alter our way of running the hall.

A considerable amount of time and effort was expended by Nicola and Claire to work with the customers who had reserved a weekend event the previous year and were wanting to rebook. Guidance via government announcements and what we could glean from the media was often confusing and at times misleading.

Many times, we had to make a decision and hope that we were doing the right thing.

Thank you, Nicola and Claire, for your patience and support during these times.

I would also like to say thank you to the other trustees who played a supporting role in the background allowing us to keep everything going.

And finally, we are planning to shortly re commence our improvement program.

Starting off with the kitchen where we have already replaced the glass washing machine in the bar and are in the final stages of agreeing which type of cooker to buy to replace the old one that is passed its best

We are hoping to be able to complete the full refurbishment of the kitchen in the early part of next year.

## **5. Treasurer's report**

The Hall continues to be a key amenity for East Keswick, used by many residents and others from outside the Village. It plays an important role being one of the few places in the Village where people of all ages can meet, enjoy themselves and indulge their interests and pastimes. The use of the Hall and the associated letting income has been improved with the loosening of Covid 19 regulations, to £36,217 (2020: restated 22,928), including a receipt of Government grants £11,096 (2020: £18,736) and partial (2020: full) rates relief. The Trustees are intent on ensuring that the Hall's facilities are well maintained and, wherever possible, improved, subject always to the financial constraints within which they have to operate. Ensuring that only essential works were carried out in the period has helped reduce our cash outflow. Repairs and refurbishments cost were £5,565 (2020: £6,105) in the year.

East Keswick has a village hall amongst the best in Yorkshire. Our challenge is to encourage residents of all ages and village groups to continue to use it as much as possible, and to ensure the Charity is based upon a sound financial platform through which the Hall can be well maintained and improved over time. As always, the smooth running of the Hall depends on the efforts of a small number of people who have given their time very generously, and to whom the Trustees offer their thanks.

Historically, the accounts are prepared on accruals basis. This means that income and expenditure reflect when the actual events take place, rather than just when monies are received or expended.

Full details of the accounts can be found under the administration section of our web site.

## **6. Trustees**

The following Trustees have agreed to continue their role:

Peter Guildford – Chairman

Peter Anning – Secretary

David Wort – Treasurer

Malcolm Brook

Mina Soi-Westby

Janita Dediccoat

Keith Kerr

Eddie Tinsley

We are pleased to welcome Ross Cunliffe as an Associate Trustee

### **The formal part of the AGM closed at 7.45pm**

**Peter Guildford** - Now that the official element of the AGM meeting has closed and while we are all together, I would like to say a couple of things regarding the Jubilee Platinum weekend.

Our offer to villagers and local organisations to make the halls facilities available without payment for the full four days sparked many ideas.

The parish council sprang into action and coordinated a great day on the Saturday. From 12 noon through to late evening there were many events for all ages topped off with an Evening of Comedy.

The dinner dance on the Thursday night was attended by 60 local people and a big thank you to Janita and David for planning and running the event.

I would also like to thank the Trustees for their continued support, also to Nicola & Claire for their hard work and support during the difficulties regarding Covid 19 bookings.

**Brian Dower** - gave a vote of thanks to the Trustees for their incredible hard work and in particular, Peter Guildford

The Chairman then offered to take questions.

### **A.O.B.**

The monthly Draw was made for June and July

### **The meeting closed at 8.00pm**