

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BEARE GREEN VILLAGE HALL

8 pm THURSDAY 9th June 2022

Present : Paul Mott, Chairman, , Linda Horvath, Treasurer, Sandy Horvath, Trustee, Steve Campbell, Trustee, Alan Smallwood, Trustee, Laura Mott, Trustee, Garry Anstee

The Chairman welcomed those present

There were no apologies for absence

Minutes of the AGM held 24th May 2021 in relation to the year ending 31st March 2021 were **approved**. There were no matters arising.

The treasurer gave the following report (summarised for these minutes) :

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ending 31.03.2022

Linda noted that the annual accounts had been compiled for the year up to the 31st March 2022 by Michelle Carvell whilst Linda remained as Treasurer, managing the payment of bills due and petty cash. (The accounts were draft at the time of the meeting, but were later finalized and uploaded to the Charity Commission page on the BGCA)

Linda thanked Laura Mott for managing the bookings and invoicing, noting that our regular income which had been diminished during Covid 19 Lockdown periods, had recovered in 2021/22, as many of our regular users returned during the course of the financial year. We benefitted from bookings of the hall on at least one day most weekends for vaccinations given by a local pharmacy, which had just begun in April 2021, and were ongoing at the time of the AGM.

The rental income from the vaccinations had allowed a significant growth in the balance of our reserve bank account, to the point where it more than covered the debt that we have to Mole Valley for a past loan due to the cost over-run on the hall's 2016 extension.

As can be seen from the accounts, we were again supported in 2021/22 by MVDC with "hospitality and leisure" covid support Grants (national in origin, but local authority-administered), for which we qualified.

Our electricity tariff was fixed throughout the year at 11p/kWh. The heat pumps have done their job in reducing our electricity bill, most of which is heating related, from about £3000 a year to about £1000 a year.

When the fix ends in March 2023, it was noted that we expect our tariff to increase to about 35p/kWh if current market conditions still prevail.

In cash terms at the start of 1st April 2021, we had £2051 in the current account and £13,600 in the reserve account., a combined total of £15,651. At the start of 1st April 2022, we had £2,733 in the current account and £39,003 in the reserve account, a combined total of £41,736. Our total cash therefore grew by £26,085. The large reduction in the number of hours the vaccine centre is operating, from an average of 2 full days a week, and sometimes even 4 days a week, down to half a day per week, means this growth in our balance was not forecast be sustained in the next financial year 2022/23.

The chairman gave the following report (summarised for these minutes) ::

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 31.03.22

The chairman noted that he was also webmaster, and secretary, that he became chairman in summer 2021, with the intention of serving a typical 3 year stint as chair.

He thanked all trustees for all their hard work all year through, and all the volunteers and helpers who help us too.

He commented on operational issues around traffic disruption in the village from vaccine operations, and the steps trustees took to mitigate this.

He noted that three regular users failed to return in 2021/22, one yoga class, one pilates class, and one exercise class, but by the end of the 2021/22 financial year a new exercise class at the hall had commenced, and a new yoga class was due to commence in July 2022.

Hirers had commented positively on the repainting of the hall the previous year, and on the availability of air conditioning on the hottest days of the year.

It was noted that a food vendor using our car park and power supply came and went during the course of the year, as they found an alternative venue, and had recently been replaced by a new similar vendor.

The chairman noted his vision that Beare Green Village Hall should be the greenest it can be. Following the installation of LED street lights in the car park thanks to a grant from Capel Parish Council, and two new air source heat pumps thanks to Gatwick Community Trust, he had applied to Mole Valley District Council for a grant for two 7 kW chargers to go in the car park, after getting the necessary estimates to approximately cost the job. Whilst the first two applications were not successful, he reported that the third application was successful, and the chargers should be operational before the end of the year.

Cinema had re-started in autumn 2021 at the hall, but attendances had been low – we have been operating it at a small loss (which we think to be OK). The vaccine centre operator, John Bell Pharmacy, made a contribution towards cinema costs.

The children's Christmas Party 2021, with Jackie Solomon as lead organiser, was a massive success, with over 30 happy Children each receiving a present and food and enjoying games and painting, and the Christmas themed bouncy castle BGCA had hired.

Sadly with abundant omicron around Christmas time we did cancel the over 60's party, and fun day couldn't take place in 2021; nor could our usual jumble sales.

The village bookshare had been thriving and growing under Gary Anstee's diligent management.

Paul recorded his special thanks to Jackie and Shaun Solomon, who were resigning as trustees. Thanks to them the hall sported an excellent set of blinds all round, Shaun's handyman skills had been brilliant as for example tiler, and without Jackie's organisation and vision, the children's party would not have been the success that it was. Nor would past fun days have been the same without the amazing Solomon family burger stall. Trustees had a gift for them (presented later by the Chair).

The chairman noted that the fun day next week would feature 15 stalls and 4 food vendors including BGCA, plus a band. Entry would be free, so would use of the bouncy castle we have hired.

James Stuart and Gary Anstee both kindly offer themselves as **new trustees**. The meeting **agreed** this.

Paul thanked Cllr. Caroline Salmon and Rev. Barbara Steadman-Allan for their support for BGCA. Barbara retired in August 2021, and BGCA put on a retirement party for her at the hall which was lovely. She still supports us - she was a helper at our April jumble sale.

Paul noted he would continue in the 2022/23 year as Chairman. He was planning on doing the Chairman role for a maximum of 3 years, which is the past pattern, but if anyone wants to become chairman ahead of then, he would step aside for them.

Correspondence

None received

Any Other Business

None

The meeting ended at 21:00.