

Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT BEARE GREEN VILLAGE HALL

6:30 pm 12th July 2024

Present : Paul Mott, Chairman and Secretary, Steve Campbell, Trustee, Steve Killick, Trustee, Alan Smallwood, Trustee, James Stuart, Trustee, Laura Mott, Treasurer/trustee, Garry Anstee, Trustee, Yvonne Anstee, Member

Apologies for absence were received from Linda

The Chairman welcomed those present

Draft minutes of the AGM held THURSDAY 28th June 2023 in relation to the year ending 31st March 2023 were **approved and finalised** subject to one amendment which was made immediately.

There were no **matters arising**.

The treasurer gave the following report :

Treasurer's Report for the Financial Year ending 31.03.2024

I have prepared draft annual accounts have been compiled for the year up to the 31st March 2024. They will later be looked at by an independent party (a retired banker) who was not treasurer in 23/24, and is not a trustee. They show at the bottom of the grouped AGM document, show total cash at bank and in hand of £47,820, with our one liability being an outstanding debt to Mole Valley payable by end 2040 of £33,000 (down £2000 over the year from the 2022/23 figure of £35,000). We make sure to maintain sufficient funds to pay that loan back if we folded, as well as keeping enough reserve cash for roof repair or other contingency.

We continued to benefit significantly from bookings of the hall for vaccinations given by a local pharmacy during their campaign periods, but their total hours of hire in 23/24 were 36% shorter than in 22/23. In 2022/23 this vaccine hire income stream was £12,024, comprising 39% of our £30,585 total income from hall hire and EV chargers. The adjusted total income from hall hire and EV chargers excluding vaccine hire was £18,561 in 2022/23.

In 2023/24 the vaccine hire income stream fell to £7757, a 36% fall (a £4,267 fall) on 2022/23. In 2023/24 the vaccine hire income stream comprised 31% of our £25,235 total income from hall hire and EV chargers. The 23/24 adjusted total income from hall hire and EV chargers excluding vaccine hire was £17,478, a 5% fall (£1,083) fall on 22/23's datum.

The total interest paid on the bank account in 23/24 was £547, up from £195 in 22/23.

The electricity tariff rose on 1st April 2023 from 10.5p/kWh to 22.05p/kWh, and as we are all-electric with no gas this was the major driver of our utilities bill increase from £4324 in 22/23 to £8605 in 23/24. We sold about £2500 of electric charge vend to users of our 2 EV chargers.

We are responsible for the maintenance of the long-leased car park and spent an exceptional £1416 on it in 23/4, as well as spending an exceptional £3200 on roof repairs (*the work was done at the end of 22/23, but the bill was paid at the start of 23/24 and so falls in the 23/24 financial year*), and £430 on a long range CCTV camera, of which half, £215, was paid by the fishing club.

Our net current assets are £47,820, after knocking off our one liability (*the outstanding loan to Mole Valley of, now, £33k*), our total assets (both bank accounts plus cash) less that liability are £14,820 as at end March 2024. This is a slight fall on the same datum of £15,790 in the 22/23 accounts; the exceptional expenditures on the roof and car park could be said to have caused this.

We were supported in 2023/24 by grants from Mole Valley District Council of £200 for a coronation party, £417 from Capel Parish Council for the funding of a coronation bench, £2000 from Capel Parish Council towards a sound system, £2000 from Surrey County Council towards a sound system, a total of £4,617 of grant income.

As in previous years Paul, our Chairman, secured all the grants.

The chairman gave the following report :

Chairman's Report for the Year ending 31.03.24

I would like to welcome you all to this year's BGCA AGM. I became chairman in summer 2021, which already seems a long time ago; I'm also webmaster.

Laura has again done a cracking job on social media developing the number of stalls for fun day and for the Christmas fair, so that the stalls filled the main hall at Christmas, and managing bookings all year round.

I'd like to thank all trustees and volunteers for all that you do all year round, without which nothing would happen, no fun day, no cinema, no jumble, no hall maintenance. Steve Campbell is always exceptional as event and volunteer/operations manager, and Steve James and Linda run the cinema, with me operating the "projector" when I am able. I guess you could say Steve is the operational/events chairman, and I'm the bureaucratic chairman !

Alan does so many things and spots and fixes so many practical problems that I have difficulty listing them all, all the while helping other villages too. Steve and James are often to be found working together fixing lights, bunting, signs and other such tasks.

The village bookshare has continued under Gary Anstee's diligent management.

I said last year that I had a vision that Beare Green Village Hall should be the greenest it can be. Towards the end of March 2024, just inside the 23/24 financial year, we agreed to apply for a grant for a solar plus battery installation at the hall, from Mole Valley District Council. I am pleased to say we have it subject to landlord consent and a structural engineering survey. Of course the cost and grant will both fall in 24/25.

Cinema attendances have been acceptable. We are operating it at a very small loss - which we think to be OK as it is a service to the village.

The Christmas Fair of December 23 was a success again, with a cracking Christmas themed grotto, Brendan Watson as Santa again, Michelle Watson and Lisa Ryan as his helpers, and a number of us wrapping the children's presents. The event was funded by BGCA, and we are grateful to the helpers that came.

We were pleased to host two wrestling matches at the hall for the first time, and a new concert by the Milestone band that had not happened before.

The 2 jumble sales brought together a large band of volunteers, some of whom like Maurice and Valerie Homewood have been helping for decades and continue to do so even though they live away from the village.

The hall roof was de-mossed and copper strips added to prevent moss formation with the cost just falling into 23/24; the rear exit ramp was further de-mossed as was the pavement around the hall to avoid a slip hazard; careful attention was paid to hazards generally.

We met in late Spring to review and update our constitution which had not been updated since 2014. Laura also led at this meeting, a training session for trustees on their role and responsibilities.

The sound system is a marvel and as well as being grateful to Capel Parish Council and Surrey County Council for grant support, we are grateful to Funktion-One, our local speaker maker, for providing their amazingly good speakers at cost. We are also grateful to Rob Snellgrove of Sevenoaks Sound for specifying the system, providing the amp and giving up a day of Rob's time to set it up perfectly.

I presented again at Capel parish council's AGM to tell them all that we do, and again thanked Funktion-One who were there for their at-cost speakers; I also visited their factory to thank them in person, too.

None of the activities or the running of the hall happens without the work of our volunteers and trustees and would welcome anyone from the Village to join the managing committee either as a volunteer or a Trustee, subject to a vote. I repeat my

thanks above to all our volunteers and the trustees for everything they do to help because without them the events would simply not take place.

Thank you,
Paul Mott, Chairman

Automatic Resignation of Trustees of Long Service

It was noted that under our constitution, trustees of more than 3 years service automatically resign at the AGM, and are eligible for reappointment by election. As a result, five trustees were required to resign and stand for reappointment. These were processed in turn, as follows :

1. Alan resigned, and expressed his willingness to stand again if elected. The chairman sought a proposer – Steve Killick proposed Alan. Laura seconded him. The meeting unanimously re-appointed him.
2. Laura resigned, and expressed her willingness to stand again if elected. The chairman sought a proposer – Alan proposed Laura, James seconded her. The meeting unanimously re-appointed her.
3. Steve Campbell resigned, and expressed his willingness to stand again if elected. The chairman sought a proposer – Laura proposed Steve. Steve Killick seconded him. The meeting unanimously re-appointed him.
4. Paul resigned, and expressed his willingness to stand again if elected. The meeting sought a proposer – James proposed Paul. Steve Campbell seconded him. The meeting unanimously re-appointed him.
5. Linda had corresponded to say that she would like to stand for re-election following the automatic resignation. The chairman sought a proposer for Linda, but there were none. The chairman asked if anyone would like to support Linda's candidature, and clarified that there was no support.

The trustees recorded their thanks to Linda for her service to the community, and hope to welcome her back to events as a volunteer.

Correspondence

None received

Reminder : rotation of officers is business for the first meeting after the AGM

Any Other Business

- Steve asked that the trustees' thanks be given to Paul for all that he does, especially the securing of grants at which he's proved adept.

The meeting ended at 19:10.