

## **AGM Minutes: Garvald Village Hall Committee (GVHC) Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Attendees:** Barrie Ash (BA;); Katy Mowat (KM;); Davey Hood (DH;); Vickie Short (VS;); Jean Casey (JC;); Ian Marr (IM;); Ian Anderson (IA;); Hazel Clark (HC ;); Caroline McGregor (CM;); Norma Thompson (NT;); Dick Short (DS;); Dave Walls (DW;); Phillip White (PW;); Anne Rait (AR;); Ian McMullan (IM;); Stephanie McMullan (SM;); Lana Bambridge (LB;); and Piers Bambridge (PB.)

### **Chair's Report**

- BA began his presentation by talking about GVHC's mission statement and asking whether it was being achieved
- He then set out to prove that it was – outlining how the Hall has been maintained and improved in order to create both large and small opportunities for Garvald and its residents
- Re maintenance and improvement, he spoke of last year's roof repairs, orchard path, and baby changing facilities – and the external paintwork which is about to commence as well as work on the West door
- On opportunities, he spoke of new initiatives like the table tennis table and village card as well as traditional events such as the Christmas Fair and Hogmanay Ceilidh
- The Hall's role in establishing the village website was also highlighted – and huge thanks were extended to the two key protagonists, our web mistress Heidi Ingram and Dave Walls of site host Lothian Broadband
- There was also some mention of how popular the Hall has now become as a wedding venue – although this is great in fundraising terms, it does have its negatives in the volunteer time it absorbs
- He wrapped up by thanking the village for its support, and praising his fellow committee members, and active volunteers
- On conclusion, there was brief applause and he was thanked by HC

### **Treasurer's Report**

- HC circulated a short form of the audited statements, which indicated an end of year deficit of c£1,117.52 and reserves of £8966.59, before beginning a brief review of key income streams and costs
- Re income, that from occasional rents, especially weddings, increased notably year-on-year and is now the most significant stream
- Moreover, this is expected to continue with another eight or nine private bookings already received for 2013
- Both fundraising income that that from regular rents were down year-on-year – the former due to fewer events being held i.e. no Burns Supper or big Summer Fun Day
- A vote of thanks was also given to grant funders, in particular East Lothian District Council by way of the Local Communities Fund, and also the support of Garvald and Morham Community Council
- On costs, the biggest outlay was for roof repairs which were outside our insurance cover and a consequence of recent winters snows and gales
- Spending on both Calor gas and water continue to rise, but electricity charges were down as a consequence of prudent shopping around.
- In conclusion, the annual deficit was said to be disappointing but understandable given some exceptional maintenance spending – and reserves remain healthy
- On finishing, there was brief applause and she was thanked by BA

### **Questions Arising from Reports**

From PW

- Could HC give more clarity on the charges for weddings?
- Up to October 2012, the price was £450 for a three day hire – this breaks down into a £100 upfront deposit with the balance of £350 due four weeks prior to the event
- Now, the price is £550 – similarly breaking down £100 and £450
- All hirers are also required to pay a bond of £250, which is either refunded after the event or defrayed against damages or unsatisfactory cleaning up

From SM

- How is the website marketed, specifically to youngsters? She had not heard about it
- Fliers, posters and word of mouth thus far – but it was conceded that we have to become more savvy and use social media etc