

Garvald Village Hall Trust Management Committee AGM
Wednesday 20th November 2019

Present:

Gary McGregor Chair (GM) Eric Easton Treasurer (EE) Laura Edmonds Secretary (LE) Sarah Ramsay (SR) Shirley Evatt (SE) Rob Freeland (RF) Jim Pattison (JP)

Apologies:

Lee Robertson (LR) Sara Hill (SH) Elaine Macmillan booking secretary (EM)

Introduction and welcome by GM

Approval of the previous AGM minutes- Minutes of AGM held 24th October 2018 were circulated and approved- proposed JP, seconded SR

Explanation and introduction of committee members with Thanks to the trustee Viki Short, Hugo Straker and Ian Marr

Care and maintenance of the Hall:

- no major works undertaken this year
- SR- is sourcing blinds
- LR- repaired notice board
- Thanks to Roz for a great job maintaining and cleaning the Hall to such a high standard

Community events and Hall usage:

- Children's Halloween party
- Children's Christmas party
- Christmas dinner
- Hogmanay
- Annual flower show
- Post office
- Councillors surgeries
- Exercise classes
- Emergency resilience team
- Community council
- Locals table tennis
- New BM Arts drama club
- Local private hire for parties
- Woodland trust
- Polling station
- Whiteadder project

Treasurers Report:

- EE circulated the annual accounts
- Current balance £13,486.39 of which £10,000 is in reserves. This years' expenditure was substantially lower than last years, only essential ongoing maintenance was carried out. Gas and electric costs have increased but cleaning costs have decreased.
- Wedding income has decreased with fewer weddings this year, but regular rents have increased.

GM thanks to community council- GVHT member to attend next meeting first Monday of December

Penny Short, Emergency Resilience Team:

- Penny introduced and explained about the great work and set up of the newly founded community resilience team.
- Made up of volunteers from the village, had recent training from borders search and rescue.
- Team to carry out search and rescue, help community in times of adverse weather, snow and flooding.
- Been really successful and is the first team set up in East Lothian.
- Compiling a list of vulnerable people in the community so that in the case of emergency or adverse weather where the community gets shut off, they can be called to make sure they are ok and help can be offered.
- Phone line and generator are in discussion.

GM- Contact at council Jenifer Lothian to potentially come and speak about what East Lothian are doing to tackle climate change.

GM- electric charging point is progressing and should be in place by April 2020

Re-election of committee members:

- SR proposed LE, seconded SE
- RF proposed EE, seconded LE

JP is standing down, many thanks to Jim for all his work over the years

EE is standing down as treasurer- huge thanks to Eric for all his work on the committee

SH-standing down Brian Hill (BH) has taken up the role of treasurer, welcome to BH

Office bearers will be appointed at the next committee meeting

GM- thanks to everyone for coming and continual support.