

Garvald Village Hall Trust Management Committee

AGM Minutes

Wednesday 11th October 2017 7pm, Village Hall

Present: Jim Pattison (JP) Chair, Eric Easton (EE) Treasurer, Susan Macaldowie (SM) Secretary, Sarah Ramsay (SR), Rob Freeland (RF), Roy Evatt (RE) Kelly Burns (KB), Steve Blatherwick (SB), Vicky Short Trustee, Dick Short, Caroline McGregor, Gary McGregor (part), Anne White, Phillip White, Graham Barnes, Lee Robertson, Lana Bambridge, Julian Black.

Apologies: Laura Edmonds (LE), Hugo Straker Trustee, Hazel Clark, Penny Short.

JP welcomed everyone to the AGM and social event.

Approval of previous minutes: The minutes of the AGM held 5/10/16 were circulated and approved (Proposed KB, seconded Phillip White).

Chair's report: JP explained the structure and function of the committee, and introduced the current members: EE, SM, SR, RF, RE, KB, LE and SB coopted.

He reported that the duties of the committee have been fulfilled this year by:

Maintenance of and improvements to the building:

Kitchen windows have been upgraded.

Dishwasher has been installed.

Cleaning provision has been increased.

A KeySafe has been installed to improve access.

Lighting upgrade and redecoration of the main Hall are planned for the near future. JP thanked the Community Council for their patience in awaiting the lighting quotes and install, as they funded this improvement.

Hall availability & usage

The hall was used for the village's Christmas dinner and children's party, Christmas

Fayre, Hogmanay party, annual Flower show, also regular usage by Post Office, Councillor's surgery, and for Pilates, table tennis and badminton.

A Lammermuir Festival event in September was well attended (150 people) with the organisers commenting that they were very pleased with the venue.

Various private bookings were made for parties.

One Memorial service and wake had been held during the year.

Wedding bookings are the main source of income, but are limited to 6-8 per annum, and spread through the year as best possible, to minimise any inconvenience to the village.

JP noted that the Hall remains a great asset to the village, and that the committee members are privileged to play their part in its upkeep and usage.

He invited anyone who may be interested in joining the committee to volunteer, at any point through the year, by approaching one of its members.

JP thanked

- The trustees for their support
- The committee for all their contributions
- Avril Julian for all her work
- Gary McGregor for looking over the accounts
- Heidi Ingram for maintaining and updating the website
- And a very special thank you to the Garvald and Morham Community Council for providing financial and moral support at every opportunity.

Treasurer's report:

EE circulated the annual accounts to 31/07/17 which show an increase in balance of £954.84, due mainly to the timing of the payment for insurance cover.

He reported that the Hall funds are stable, with income roughly meeting all expenditures.

EE thanked Gary McGregor for his work, and made special mention of Avril Julian, who has taken on the Booking Secretary duties previously done by Barrie Ash.

Election of Management Committee:

Members serve a 2 year term; JP, LE & KB have 1 more year to serve.

The other current members were reelected, with proposers and seconders as respectively noted:

Eric Easton (KB, SR); Sarah Ramsay (EE/KB); Susan Macaldowie (RF/RE); Rob Freeland (Caroline McGregor/RE); Roy Evatt (EE/KB).

Steve Blatherwick was formally elected onto committee (EE/Caroline McGregor).

JP noted that Office bearers will be appointed at the first available meeting.

Any Other Business:

SM suggested that a youth member be sought, to bring ideas from the younger village residents. Committee will discuss at next meeting.

JP invited the attendees to enjoy refreshments and a slideshow of historic images, as well as from Hall and village events held this year.