

Minutes of Minskip Village Hall AGM 23/24 **(ending on 31.1.24) held on 19.6.24.**

Attendees: - David Barker, Pauline Barker, Maureen Dickinson, Sue Duggleby, Debbie Hargreaves, Dean Harris, Monika Kaczmarczyk, Anne Manning, Lynn Owen, John Silverwood, Margaret Ward, Judi Wilcox, Dorothy Wilson, Terry Wilson.

Apologies for absence: - Daria Broadbelt, Peter Broadbelt, Richard Duggleby, Chris Goode.

Minutes of the previous meeting: - Read out by the Chair, held on 28.6.23, had been agreed at the committee meeting of 6.9.23. Proposal of acceptance was made by Dorothy Wilson and seconded by Anne Manning.

Matters arising: -

Hall refurbishment and report – Lynn Owen confirmed that since the last AGM, quotes had been received to build a small multi use room extension, replace the porch, reconfigure the toilet facilities to make them fully accessible, create additional storage and improve pedestrian access across the site; these were in the region of £130,000 including VAT. Having given much time over to researching funding grants and the detailed application processes it has been decided it was impossible to obtain multiple grants to fund the build, as each grant comes with its own timescale to have completed the work, linking these together and with a builder was too much for such a small committee to manage.

The committee has decided to break down the project into smaller build components that will be easier to manage. This decision was also driven by the unexpected expenditure of £4,158 to replace the fencing and safely remove the porch that contained asbestos, following winter storm damage.

We have agreed a contract with P&K builders, to remove and replace the uneven path, which will be wider and improve access for anyone with mobility issues, including a ramp to the side entrance, with a wheelchair accessible door. Build a new path to the kitchen door which will extend through the gate and to provide a new storage facility which will increase capacity for the hall and playgroup equipment. Finally a new porch is being built to create a shelter for prams, buggies and mobility aides, thereby easing pressure on the cloakroom area on wet days.

The hall has reserves to cover this expenditure and once the work had been completed it is our intention to replace all the old external doors, this will reduce draughts and heating costs during the winter months.

Going forward, it is still our intention to refurbish the toilets and kitchen, we shall apply for grants to fund this work.

Chair's report – John Silverwood thanked his fellow committee members and those not on the committee for their hard work ensuring the hall remained a welcoming place for all. Regular use had increased throughout the year, this included the new playgroup run by village residents and the new History Group, Book Club and coffee mornings arranged following the resident's consultation carried out by the committee in 2023. Overall, on average 100 people were attending the regular sessions a week. In addition to party hire the hall had successfully arranged several events including, the Children's Christmas party, Christmas Sparkle, a fashion show, the village play and Coronation celebrations.

The committee remains small, unfortunately Chris Goode has resigned due to work commitments and the Chair asked attendees to consider joining and let him know at the committee re- election process if they were interested.

Treasurer's report – Pauline Barker reported during the year to 31.1.24, accumulated funds were £43,705.00, this was a surplus on the previous year of £2,024.00.

Income for hiring out the hall was £3,561.00 which was an increase of £323.00 from the previous year. The lottery remained successful and she thanked the lottery collectors for their hard work.

Fund raising donations had been paid to the Church amounting to £313.65 and £162.50 to the Princess Trust following the Coronation celebrations. HBC commuted funds had been received amounting to £2,684.00 to pay for professional fees to enable the refurbishment project to go forward, the purchase of 14 new tables and a projector.

Running costs, including heating, lighting, water, appliance, and fire extinguisher testing had all increased significantly.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by David Barker and seconded by Anne Manning. If anyone wishes to receive a copy, please contact Pauline Barker.

Election of Officers - Proposed by, in the absence of any other nominations, by Debbie Hargreaves and seconded by Dorothy Wilson:-

Chair/Secretary - John Silverwood.

Treasurer - Pauline Barker

Lottery co-ordinator – Margaret Ward.

Re-election of other officers – Lynn Owen and Terry Wilson.

Any other Business –

Trustees – John Silverwood advised that unfortunately Steve Bradbury had not confirmed he could continue as a trustee. Chris Goode has accepted an invitation from the committee to join fellow Trustees, David Barker, Richard Duggleby and Judi Wilcox. This change necessitated a new Trustee deed document to be signed and witnessed. Lynn Owen will be contacting the Trustees to complete this process.

As there was no other business the meeting came to a close at 7.45pm, Sue Duggleby thanked the committee for all their hard work in allowing the hall to remain a success.