

St Margaret's Hall
Management Committee
Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Saturday. 16 May 2015. 0900

1. Present

Chris Bailward (Deputy Chair), Gareth Cherry (Treasurer), Sally Collins, Vicky Franklin, Emilie Gordon, Jean Handy, Maria Hawkins, Charles James, Keith Norman, Jacqueline Pyne, Hannah Williamson. John Macdonald (Chair).

2. Apologies

None.

It was with regret that the death of one of our Trustees, June Wood, was announced during the previous week. JM read an Appreciation of June by one of our former Chairpersons, Gill Elston. Gill's words struck just the right tone for June, who had served this community and the committee with distinction for many years.

3. Approval of Accounts 2014/5. Previously circulated.

Accounts approved. Proposed CB, Seconded JP.

Once again John Fleming has kindly audited and signed off our accounts and the Committee are grateful to John for auditing our accounts.

4. Minutes of previous meeting on 10th May 2014.

Previously circulated, signed. Minutes approved. Proposed CJ. Seconded MH.

5. Matters arising.

None.

6. Chair report.

JM explained that the chair report had reverted to the approved Hallmark format for Trustee's reports and read the salient points.

Trustees report for the year April 2014 to March 2015

The Charities governing document is the trust deed, the original copy of which is held by the chair of the Committee.

A management committee is formed each year. Presently it numbers 13.

Representatives of user groups will make up part of the committee.

There are no paid staff. Trustees received no remuneration. Out of pocket expenses on behalf of St Margaret's Hall are repaid.

The charities bankers are: HSBC Bank, Wincanton Branch

Our insurers are: Aviva Plc

The object of the trustees is to provide a Village Hall for the use of the inhabitants of the parish of Horsington, County of Somerset. The Hall should be held upon trust for the purposes of physical and mental recreation and training and social moral and intellectual development for the benefit of the inhabitants.

The trustees are pleased to report that these objectives continue to be met. The Pilates classes continue under the instruction of Carol Pirie. Jean Powell's Upholstery classes are held on a Tuesday which is followed by Badminton in the evening. Louise Holliday now instructs her students on Wednesdays at an earlier time. The art classes are very popular and run on Thursdays and Fridays. The monthly meeting of the WI continues to be held in the hall as do meeting's of the Parish Council.

The trustees members have been bolstered by three new recruits, Charles James, Jean Handy (WI Representative) and Hannah Williamson following the retirement of Paddy Hughes and the Secretary, Sarah Warren. We are grateful to Paddy for his long years of service and his positive input and we will miss his fund raising capabilities. Also we are appreciative of Sarah for her years as Secretary to the Committee. St Margaret's Hall continues to maintain a healthy financial position. We retain a sensible amount (£12000) in reserve. This was reduced in the previous financial year when the exterior of the Hall was refurbished. The Hall held a successful fund raiser in November with our popular Village Hall dinner which raised considerable funds (£750) for the reserve. My thanks must go to the other members of the committee for all the help in everything from cooking to the organisational skills required for the successful evening we undoubtedly had.

The fall in the price for heating oil has helped. Day to day classes and the renting of the changing rooms to the popular SCUFC keep our current account in surplus. We continue to maintain our charges set at the level in 2008, which remain very competitive with our immediate neighbours in the surrounding villages.

The website horsingtonvillagehall.co.uk is edited by the Deputy Chair and provides a platform for information, feedback and the occasional bookings.

The fire risk assessment is carried out each year at the time the fire extinguishers are inspected by an outside company. Our triennial electrical inspection is due in 2016 and routine maintenance is carried out on the heating boiler and kitchen electrical equipment on an annual basis.

We continue to maintain our Hallmark 1 category which covers all the aspects of management, forward planning and development.

A new Hiring Agreement has been approved by the committee and is now in use. In respect of improvements to the Hall we are hoping to upgrade the heating in the hall and to redecorate the main hall this summer.

The Hall Management Committee is grateful to the Parish Council for its continued monitoring and maintenance of the Hall surrounds.

7. Treasurers report.

St Margaret's Hall continues to maintain a strong financial position with a positive cash flow for the year of £1980.75. One of the principal drivers of this was the successful village dinner raising £774.85. As well as this clubs and classes are the main contributors of income with the art classes/group and the upholstery class being the lead subscribers.

There were no significant works carried out through the course of the year; however with accumulated funds of £14,863.21 the hall is in a position to maintain a maintenance regime and the funds are there to continue to improve both the decoration and heating of the hall as well as being in a position to meet any major works as and when required.

CB made the point that with the present positive cash flow we should be wary of building too much of a cash reserve.

8. Bookings report.

The Village Hall continued with all its usual classes and activities, the WI, Parish Council meetings and this years General Election Polling Station, gave the Hall a healthy, steady income. We have had a few adult parties and the usual children's parties. There have been a number of enquiries from the website. Everything is running smoothly, with nothing else to report.

June Wood's Funeral Wake will be held in the hall, which is very fitting as she has done so much to help the Hall over her lifetime.

9. Sports Report.

Another successful year for the South Cheriton United Football Club. The First team reached 4th position in the senior league; the Reserves 7th in league division 4. The Under 16's finished 6th in division 1; The Under 13's 8th in their division. The Under 11's won League Division 2 and reached the semi-final of the cup. The Under 9's lost four games and the Under 8's only lost two games in the season. The Under 7's trumped the U9's and U8's by only losing one game all season long. Unfortunately, the Under 16's will have to be disbanded, because, by going up an age group, the flood lights are not suitable on the Horsington pitches for evening games that their age group league require. It is possible that the U16's will be replaced by a second Under 7's team.

10. Resignation of Committee.

The Committee resigned.

The meeting closed at 0920.