

Minutes of AGM, 23rd June 2010

Tansley Village Hall



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Present: Committee members: Jean Peters, Jill Green, Joyce Leaney, Kath Whysall, Jan Knightley, Chris Knightley, Ruth Cooper, Stuart Fletcher, Bev Oates, Jane Flanagan, John Cunnington.
Community: Marion Ball.

Apologies: John Rigarlsford, Stewart Leaney, Russell Lane, Julie Thornhill.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous year's AGM were agreed as being accurate.

2. Chairman's Report (Ruth Cooper)

Overview

This has been a year of mixed fortunes but with support from each other and the community I think, overall it has been a successful year.

Committee members

The committee consisted of 15 members in total but we will be losing three, Julie Thornhill, Russell Lane and Stewart Leaney and so I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank them both for their hard work and support whilst they were members of the committee.

Legal Status

We continue to work towards acquiring a new Trust Deed and registration as a charity with the Charity Commission. We are in receipt of a draft copy of the former and hope to adopt it, or a similar version, in the next few months.

We were granted charity status by the HMRC and so have been able to recover Gift Aid on donations made to date, where appropriate, resulting in a payment of £3,702. I thank Jan Knightley for her hard work in achieving this, as I know it was no mean task, and also thank you to all who have made a donation and 'signed up' so we could make this claim.

Fundraising and Donations

The Community continues to support us in our fundraising endeavours: we thank Carol Hill who donated a watercolour painting which we raffled raising approx £670; Eddie Hallam for his Wildlife lecture; Steve Hrubiak and Pete Wilmot for running the Bike Maintenance classes; Emma Hrubiak and Angela Sinnott for organising and selling the Scarecrow Calendars; the Ladies Group for raising money for us at their Carol Concert; Dorothy Toplis for the money she raised from her Well dressing; Barry Mosley for organising the Hill Run; Angela Colmar and Joe Woods for running the Nearly New Stall at the Fete; the Methodist Chapel for donating their proceeds from the Fete to our cause and Barry Mosley for organising the Hill Run.

I will also take this opportunity to thank Jill Green and Bev Oates for the work they do running the Lotto.

We have had several donations over the last year. These include the very generous anonymous donation to buy our new chairs and, from Mrs Jean McDearmid, the proceeds from the sale of her car.

Also, when we were feeling a little despondent after learning we had been unsuccessful in our WREN and Veolia grant applications, our spirits were lifted by learning that Mrs Beryl Uprichard had left us a legacy of £25,000 in her will.

Grant Applications

Derbyshire Community Foundation's Grass Roots Fund - £5,000

Derbyshire Dales District Council's Village Hall Grant Scheme - £2,000

Restoration and Modernisation Programme

We are about to start Phase 1a of our project which includes rebuilding the current block with a new facility including more toilets and a better disabled toilet. Incorporated into this will be a new entrance which complies with the Disability Discrimination Act.

We will have enough funds available to support any future grant applications we may make and we hope that by users seeing what can be achieved members of the community will be encouraged to raise more funds.

Publicity and communication

The Hotwire continues to go from strength to strength and Jane Flanagan must be commended on the excellent and tireless way she has managed this invaluable facility. We hope that we can get even more subscribers so as many as possible can benefit. We must also thank Jane for producing a monthly summary of the headlines on the Hotwire which are printed for the benefit of those who don't have access to the internet.

Hall usage

We are pleased to report that the hall continues to be well used, despite everything but hope that more will be encouraged to use it as the quality of the facility improves.

Finally I would like to thank all members of the committee for their hard work and support and in particular Jan and Chris Knightley without whom we would not have made the progress we have so far, with the project.

I am looking forward to seeing completion of our first phase and as I have said above, hope this will enthuse people and rejuvenate our fundraising campaign.

The attendees agreed to adopt the Chairman's Report.

3. Treasurer's Report (Jan Knightley)

The Treasurer provided copies of the Statement of Accounts for the 12 month period to the 31st May 2010.

Comparison with the previous financial year for the revenue account shows the following:

1. A £381 deficit compared with a £582 surplus of income over expenditure.
2. An increase of £1,000 (34%) in income from lettings. Several new groups now use the hall on a regular basis. New users have been attracted by the excellent village websites.
3. Increased receipts from Whist were cancelled out by decreased receipts from Bingo
4. A decrease of £154 (85%) in bank interest
5. An increase of only (9%) in energy bills in spite of rising costs and usage and a long cold winter
6. An increase of 34% in water rates

Monetary assets remain healthy at £10,892. This is £400 less than at the last AGM. However, the cost of rebuilding the wall and a contribution to the 1st stage of hall improvements will reduce this amount by a half. £4,500 of the remainder is necessary to cover utility and maintenance costs leaving about £1,000 to meet unforeseen expenditure.

The restoration account total (£43,455) does not include £10,000 pledged by Tansley Parish Council, £5,000 awarded by Derbyshire Community Foundation and a £2,000 grant from Derbyshire Dales District Council.

The attendees agreed to adopt the Statement of Accounts.

4. Election of new members

Julie Thornhill, Stewart Leaney and Russell Lane no longer wish to continue their membership of the committee.

The remaining members Jean Peters, Jill Green, Joyce Leaney, Kath Whysall, Jan Knightley, Chris Knightley, Ruth Cooper, Stuart Fletcher, Bev Oates, Jane Flanagan, John Cunnington and John Rigarsford offered their services again for the coming year. It was agreed that these people be re-elected.

5. Nominations of Representative Members from 3 user-groups (Ladies, Garden & Countryside, Tansley Players)

Jean Peters will represent the Ladies Group this year. Bev Oates will represent Tansley Players. No representative member has been appointed by the Garden & Countryside Club.

6. AOB

None.