

MINUTES of AGM THURSDAY JULY 11th 2024

Prepared by Roz Blacklock

Committee members present:

Mary Stastny (Chairman). John Oates (Treasurer). Roz Blacklock(Minutes Secretary). Fred & Jane Robineau. Liz Treadway, Howard Haughton.

Apologies

Joanne Davey. Rodney Dawson. Peter & Michelle Bigge. Andrew Knox. Linda Alderson.

Minutes of April 25th Meeting - Agreed.

MATTERS ARISING

There were none.

Chairmans Report

The Chairman submitted her report.(Please see the attachment.)

The Chairman then vacated the chair asking the secretary to invite any nominations for the new Chair. Mary Stastny was duly reelected to the position being proposed by Liz Treadway and seconded by John Oates. Also nominations for Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary were invited.

Howard Haughton was elected Vice Chair proposed by George Stastny, seconded by Roz Blacklock.

John Oates was welcomed as a non trustee appointee as Treasurer. He presented a Financial Overview showing that The Current Account held £3161.24. Savings Account held £18,548.40 and £366.11 was held in cash. With a breakdown of income and expenditure of The Open Gardens Event showing an overall profit of £2633.80

Roz Blacklock was elected as Secretary, proposed by Fred Robineau seconded by Mary Stastny.

The Chairman extended thanks to John Oates for taking up the role of treasurer, and thanked Fred and Jane Robineau for their role as Hall Managers ably assisted by Howard Haughton and Liz Treadway.

Sarah Steven's was elected to the committee.

Howard Haughton noted that The Charity Commission should have a copy of the accounts. John Oates agreed to action this and said he was meeting with the accountant next week.

JO

There being no other business, The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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Volunteers

Ann Foster, Anne Woodward.

1 Apologies

Joanne Davey. Rodney Dawson. Andrew Knox. Peter & Michelle Bigge. Linda Alderson.

2 Minutes of last meeting. Agreed

3 Matters Arising None

4 Finances

JO presented a Financial Overview(see AGM Minutes).

He asked what the committees "Vision "for the future was and stated that funds held were in a healthy condition. MS emphasised that £10,000 should be held as a contingency fund. GS said a reason for the funds being in such a sound state was due to Government Grants during COVID which has given us a buffer.

HH reiterated that £5000 pounds needs to be raised every year to cover our costs.

Open Gardens had been a great success and everyone involved was thanked for their help as this had involved a lot of work . Everyone agreed it had been a great experience.

JO noted that Doug from Lowfield had agreed to donate A Hanging basket and £20 as he had such a successful sale of plants. As yet the £20 was still outstanding AW agreed to follow this up.

AW

5 Hall Charges

FR had drawn up a proposal for Hire Charges to include a discounted price for regular use of the hall. People from outside the village to be charged more, suggesting there should be a setting up charge and a rental charge for the projector.

More promotional material should be provided showing eg Yoga, Parties and Theatre Performances.

JO suggested more focused Advertising eg using social media such as linked in and Facebook on a personal level to encourage business contacts to use the hall for meetings for example. FR agreed saying that the regular use of the hall for business meetings would be a welcome source of income. JR suggested a basic catering provision could be provided at an extra cost and a Function sheet provided listing options. JO suggested Sub contracting catering provision. The Chairman asked JO to print an A5 sheet financial statement for inclusion in The Whorlton & Westwick edition of The flyer.

JO

The Chairman had been asked if a donation to a charity could be made from the funds raised at Open Gardens. It was pointed out that this was not possible because of our charitable status.

MS

JO suggested that part of “The Vision “should be “To Enhance the village environment also proposing that we draw up a Statement of The Vision and possible costs.

6 Publicity

The Chairman said that she had a good contact at The North of England Newspapers which could prove to be helpful.

JD reported that there had been ticket sales of £919 for The Folksy Theatres production of As You Like It . The Chairman said she was pleased with the publicity for the event. and she was following up with promotional email to the data base of 150 people.

7 Past Events

a. Open Gardens

The Chairman asked for negative/ positive comments to be learned from the event which all agreed had been a great success. The use of Bangles on entry proved to be very successful. There was a query concerning reduction in parking for future years and the effect of the bridge reopening. GS suggested liaising with Keith about facilitating parking.

AW Thanked the committee for operating the parking in such a way as to afford access to the church for a christening.

JR suggested that the tombola ticket sales should be separate from food payment area in future. LT suggested that the Tombola was unnecessary as it had raised very little money.

b Polling Day

This had gone very well.

Future Events

a Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings continue to be popular and bring in a regular income.

b “As You Like It Production” by The Folksy Theatre Company

The company’s request for food to be provided for the cast was turned down due to the varied and complex dietary needs. MS said that she would let them know. **MS**

FR & JO agreed to set up and to “Meet & Greet “ along with help from SS.

FR.JO.SS

Bangles to be issued on payment. MS to provide Gazebo and bangles. **MS**

The Running time for the show is 2 hrs 20 minutes with a 15 minute interval . There is no bar provision. All risk and Health and Safety Assesments have been undertaken by The Folksy Theatre.

c Suggestions for future events were invited, these included:

Quiz Nights, Monthly Soup / Pudding Lunch, Curry/ Italian Nights , Fish and Chip supper, Film Nights. Summer Salmon & Strawberry Lunch / Supper.

JR Said plenty of time should be given to advertise chosen events.

Any Other Business

AW Invited everyone to a celebration of the history of Whorlton being compiled by Amanda Long to take place in the village hall on Sunday 11 th November .

Date of next meeting

Thursday 12th September 7 pm.