

## Creighton Hall AGM August 9th 2022

### Present

S&G Coxon, J. Hunter, J. Little, R. Carss, J. Hogg, J. Imeson, J. Lawrence, J. Wallis, K Greenhoff, L. Dixon

Apologies None received

**Matters arising.** The work on the main hall ceiling was delayed until after the school left. No other matters were outstanding.

**Treasurer** Members were given a copy of the yearly balance sheet . J. hunter explained that the income was still up because of Covid Grants, but also pointed out that the Hall had had to pay council tax on the flat when there was no caretaker. The income from the Northumberland lottery is up. The main difference in income and expenditure was because the fridge had to be replaced.

Ongoing price of oil is still up as the Hall had used more this year because of the school being in 5 days a week.

Water charges were shown to have taken large jump but in fact this was due to the horse trough being used over the summer for which the Hall was to be paid. The water company had overestimated the bill and we were in fact £800 in credit. J. Hunter was to look into claiming it back of just having the credit put onto the bill. Overall the Hall had £38,000 in bank/b.soc

J.Lawrence commented that the only grant we would look for now was the toilet refurbishment.

### **Report from Chair**

The Chair gave his summary of the year pointing out the disaster that the Vaccination people had been and that the little income we received did not even pay for 1 delivery of oil. He then went on to say that the school had asked to use the Hall until July 9<sup>th</sup> but because of many building problems they would be using the hall for the foreseeable future. At this point he thanked the smaller user groups for moving to the Parish Room and also thanked Janet for being so helpful in the matter.

He then went on to talk about the possibility of the Hall becoming a safety hub should there be another 'storm Arwen' This would be investigated by a contingency officer and the electrical suppliers to see if it was feasible to import a generator thus creating a warm hub for those without power.

The Hall was part of a scheme looking at the feasibility of installing solar panels etc. The grant had been obtained for the investigation, but as yet no further moves had been made. At this moment it had not cost the Hall anything.

Wi-fi had been installed in the Hall , basically for the school's benefit , but wedding and party groups had also made use of it.

Since the last Agm there had been 2 caretakers -Tom who lasted 3 months and had not been very satisfactory and now Anna who had started just 3 weeks ago and was working her way into the job.

### **Trustees for the Coming Year**

**John Hunter** said that he would be retiring as Treasurer, but would stay in office until a replacement could be found. G.Coxon thanked him for all his hard work over

the years that he had been Treasurer ( since 2010) and told everybody what an excellent job he had done. The Treasurer's post was to be advertised locally in the Net and W.Times. The Chair G.Coxon also stepped down but said he was willing to be a Trustee for one more year to hel a new Chair settle in. At this point it was proposed by Jean Lawrence that Jayne Imeson be elected as Chair Person this was seconded by Judith Hogg.

The date for the next AGM was discussed it had to be in June because of the constitution, Jayne said that she would not be available until after June 15<sup>th</sup> this was noted in the diary.

## **Regular Meeting**

### **All present as above**

Jayne thanked G. Coxon for all his hard work in his time as Chair.

She then went on to say that it had been agreed amongst the Trustees that regular user groups fees would remain the same for the coming year.

Plans for ongoing refurbishment were then listed.

The Hall floor was to be resurfaced with the School being asked to make a contribution towards this. Work could only start when the School left.

The Sleightholmes were to be asked to do various painting jobs over the winter.

The Gents toilets were still waiting for the builder to get in touch with his various estimates.

The elctrian Adam Clarke was to continue with replacing the out of date lights with LED's -kitchen & gents next.

A point was raised about getting a number estimates for various works. S.Coxon said that this had been discussed at a Small Halls Meeting and that it had been agreed that in small rural communities where it was very hard to get more than one quote for a job if the Hall new of reliable tradesmen then that was totally allowable-this is what happens at the Creighton.

At this point John Wallis asked if it could be minuted that over the years he had had a great many experiences of various village halls and that the dedication and hard work from the Managers of the Creighton Hall was far better than any where else.

Jayne Imeson said that our Village Hall and its regular user groups were something to be proud of and we have to cherish it.

Karen Greenhoff said that it had been written int the Parish Pkan that the Hall was an asset of community value and should be maintained as such.

Jayne pointed out that they must also be aware of Christon Bank and the problems it was facing.

The meeting closed at 6.35p.m. when everyone went across to the Creighton Hall for a celebratory buffet to which members of all user groups had been invited.