

HUMSHAUGH VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2022 at 7pm

1. **Welcome and apologies** – Those present Diana Linnett, Dave Scott, Marie Roberts, Peter Woodward, Alex Chylak, Tim Taylor, Mick Jonas, Jo Common, Suzanne Newell, Herbie Newell, Wendy Reed. Apologies from Jenny Nohl, Chris Robinson and Peter Linnett.
2. **Minutes of the last AGM** were agreed as a true record – proposed by MR, seconded by MJ and signed off by DL.
3. **Matters arising from minutes of last AGM** - none

4. **Chair's report** – DL read out a summary of the achievements and performance from the 2021 Annual Report, of which the first half continued to be dominated by Covid-19. When permitted to re-open on a Covid secure basis, steps were taken to ensure compliance with government guidelines and legislation. During the year we have continued to be compliant in line with the relevant regulations as and when they change. We are very grateful for the support offered by Community Action Northumberland and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) throughout this time. New external doors are soon to be fitted. There have been discussions with St Peter's church about overhanging trees and the condition of the north boundary wall. The trees have been cut back and we await information from the diocesan surveyor regarding the wall.

The catering businesses that use the kitchen were able to continue throughout the pandemic in line with regulations, though the annual village apple pressing was unable to go ahead in the autumn due to the poor apple harvest. A Welcome Back day was held when we were allowed to reopen and it was a happy and successful event. A fortnightly coffee morning started on a Saturday. We obtained a grant for social inclusion projects, which funded the purchase of 3 laptops and a printer, and fortnightly computer cafes now take place.

DL thanked all the committee for their continued hard work during another challenging year. DL thanked Sue Birleson for her service as a trustee; she is retiring to spend more time with her family. MR thanked DL on behalf of all the trustees for her hard work and drive as Chair. There were no questions.

5. **Treasurer's report** – DS gave a comprehensive Treasurer's Report. Letting income was impacted by Covid during the first six months, after which regular users slowly returned. By the end of the year, use was close to pre Covid levels. Lettings income plus reimbursement for EV charger electricity was less than running costs, resulting in an operating loss of £2,101. Fortunately the hall was generously supported by £12,492 of Covid Business Support Grants from Northumberland County Council. Receipts and payments were explained, as was the reserves policy. In summary we ended the year in a much better financial position than if we had been depending on normal levels of lettings income. DS wished to thank Corinne Campbell for examining the 2021 Financial Statement.
6. **Election of Six Elected Members** – remain DL, PW, MJ, TT, AC & JC.
7. **Election of Five/Six Representative Members** – remain MR for WI, DS for HCVL, CR for Parish Council, JN for HAP. Wendy Reed was elected to represent the Art Group.
8. **Any other business** – none, and the meeting was declared closed at 7.23pm.

Diana E. Linnett

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