

Jubilee Hall - Newton-on-the-Moor
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 3.00 pm

Present:

Liz Rixon (Chairman), Judy Williams (Treasurer), Dudley Williams, Greg Anderson,
Alison Cowen, Diane Williams
Jen Oliver, Friend of the Hall

Members of the Public: David Rixon, Roger Williams

Apologies for Absence

Alison Gallico (Secretary)

1. Minutes of the 2021 AGM Meeting

Proposed by Greg Anderson

Seconded by Dudley Williams

The Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere

There is still a continuing (long running) problem with Lloyds Bank regarding the opening of a new account since the change to a CIO. A request was made from Lloyds Bank for a copy of the Constitution which Alison Gallico took into the bank immediately. We are awaiting follow on from this.

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the members of the public and gave a brief report on the years events.

It is encouraging to find ourselves in happier circumstances than at our last meeting. For much of the past year, we have been in lockdown and the Trustees have held meetings at a distance or online. Likewise, when coffee mornings have had to be cancelled, cakes have been available to collect on the second Saturday of the month.

The Hall started to open again in August, with the first coffee morning and gradually our old friends the Bowls Club and Susan Clarke's two music groups met again. Sadly, we have said goodbye to our friends in the Accordion Club which has been wound up but remember with gratitude their contribution to entertainment in the village for many years.

The Christmas Coffee Morning was a great success. Jen Oliver had assembled an impressive hamper and several other prizes. Heartfelt thanks to Jen and all who contributed to the prizes. Colin Gough sent further copies of his book on the Church in Shilbottle and Newton on the Moor which had proved so popular in September.

We had an interesting variety of stalls offering festive wreaths, decorative glass, Christmas cards, and other seasonal items. Thank you to you all who contributed so much to the success of the morning and to Moles Agricultural Supplies who once again donated the Christmas tree outside the Hall.

On Christmas Eve the traditional Dressing of the Crib took place with clergy from St James, Shilbottle.

Sadly, in November Storm Arwen was unleashed upon the village causing distressing damage to many properties. Thankfully the Hall was spared.

I now turn to some housekeeping matters.

The Trustees have decided to start redecoration of the Hall in stages, commencing with the Reading Room. The front door has been replaced and painted and Dudley Williams sourced the splendid urns which now stand beside the door. A new sound system has been ordered for the Hall.

The Trustees are to present The Kate Ferguson Cup to the Swarland Show in memory of our former Chair so do go along and compete for the best lemon drizzle cake.

Importantly the defibrillator is situated beside the hall door and is a vital asset to the community.

The Trustees have worked very hard during the past year and I wish to thank them all: Judy Williams, our Treasurer who steers our finances so efficiently: to Diane Williams a true all-rounder who makes beautiful cakes: Alison Cowen who has done so much to improve the appearance of the Hall, researches our history and produces the Jubilee Hall website for our friends: to Dudley Williams and Greg Anderson for oversight of improvements and day to day maintenance, especially Greg's on-going battle with the dishwasher.

There are other friends and helpers who deserve thanks, Vivien Boulton who is always willing to help out in so many ways; and Jen and John Oliver. Jen makes a huge contribution and seems to have a never ending supply of a wide variety of scones, likewise John with his plants. Stephen Gallico who has been of immense help to us on legal matters in our endeavours to update our Constitution and on Charity Commission matters. John Cowen has been of considerable help to us in the refurbishment of the Hall; my thanks to you all.

We are a small band, and some have been connected with the Hall for many years. We do need more help, either by becoming a Trustee or by supporting events in this beautiful Hall. Please, if you would like to help or find out more about the work of the Trustees, speak to one of us, our contact numbers can be found on the notice board.

Finally, Alison and Stephen Gallico will be leaving us in the summer to go to a new home. In the few years they have been here they have worked tirelessly for our Committee. Alison has been an amazing secretary, her knowledge has never ceased to astonish me and she has taken on other roles during her time with us with great enthusiasm and efficiency. I am sure I represent all the Trustees in saying we will miss them, wish them well in their new home, and hope they will not forget us.

4. Treasurer's Report

See attached Annual Accounts

The Treasurer handed out the audited Annual Accounts for 2021-2022. These showed a healthy balance of £12,129.57

The main source of income remains comes from the coffee mornings, and thanks are recorded to the Parish Council for their continued support. Hall hirings have been down this year due to Covid closure and we have sadly lost the Accordion Group this year as their numbers have reduced. Next years proposed expenditure is covered in the Chairman's report.

5. Election of Officers – Secretary and Treasurer

Alison Gallico has said she is not standing for re-election and is resigning from the committee as they will be moving from the village in August. Many thanks to Alison and Stephen for all they have done to help over the last 5 years.

Treasurer: Judy Williams will continue for another year. Thanks to Judy for her continued work as Treasurer.

Proposed: Diane Williams

Seconded: Greg Anderson

Secretary: Diane Williams will act as Minutes Secretary and also organise the advertising of events in the Column and Scallop Shell. Correspondence etc will be divided up between the other trustees.

Proposed: Liz Rixon

Seconded: Alison Cowen

Jen Oliver has taken on the buying of coffee morning provisions, cleaning supplies etc from Alison Gallico. Many thanks to Jen for offering to do this again for us.

6. Election of members of the Committee

The committee was elected en bloc.

Proposed: Judy Williams

Seconded: Jen Oliver

7. Any Other Business

a) A very successful Queen's Jubilee coffee morning was held and a toast was proposed to the Queen with a glass of Prosecco, provided by the Hall committee.

Thanks to Alison and John Cowen for the decorations inside the Hall and Jen Oliver for the outside decorations. Thanks also to John Oliver for running another of his successful plant stalls.

The committee had agreed to purchase new planters to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Thanks to Dudley Williams for their purchase and planting with red, white and blue flowers to mark the occasion.

b) Alison Cowen suggested that in future all Hall Minutes, documents etc could be stored on Google Drive so they are accessible to all members. To be discussed at next meeting.

c) David Rixon brought attention to Alncom providing fibre broadband to the village, this has been taken up successfully in Swarland, however it needs enough households in the village to sign up to its installation. The proposed cost is £30 per household which is to remain unchanged over time. The benefit to the Village Hall would be that broadband would be supplied to it for free as part of Alncom's community project.

d) Alison Cowen brought up the subject of redecoration of the Reading Room. To be agenda item for next committee meeting.

e) Queen's Jubilee Grant to village halls - it was agreed that as this was a grant to bring halls up to modern standards it did not apply to our newly refurbished Hall.

f) Dudley Williams will try to organise a wine tasting evening when possible. To be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.