

**Jubilee Hall - Newton-on-the-Moor  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 pm**

**Present:**

Liz Rixon (Chairman), Judy Williams (Treasurer), Dudley Williams, Greg Anderson, Alison Cowen (Vice-Chairman), Diane Williams (Secretary)

Members of the Public: David Rixon

**Apologies for Absence**

Jen Oliver – Honorary Trustee

**1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM Meeting**

Proposed by Dudley Williams

Seconded by Judy Williams

The Minutes were accepted as a true record.

**2. Matters Arising**

There were none.

**3. Chairman's Report**

It is pleasing to report that activities are back to normal this year without the need for distancing etc.

We once again hold our monthly Saturday coffee mornings, although two were postponed due to other calls on the venue. Several were themed, Easter, St Valentine, Christmas, with craft stalls; and, of course, the celebration of the Coronation when the hall was liberally decorated in red, white, and blue.

The fiddler's group and the Alnwick pipers regularly meet in the Hall, and they hold very welcome concerts together with guest appearances by other groups, recently we welcomed a wonderful choir from Swarland. The Bowls Club have returned, and we have also enjoyed wine tasting and a very interesting talk by Canon Colin Gough on local personalities. St James, Shilbottle has always been our parish church and we have enjoyed two afternoon teas preceded by a short service and the Christmas dressing of the crib, to continue our tradition of services held in the Hall.

We were thrilled to welcome a wedding reception, the first for some years and delighted that the bridal party had such wonderful weather on the day.

Now to housekeeping. Outside, the east end of the Hall has been pointed. Also, some painting has been done and it looks splendid. John Cowen has been responsible for the welcome addition of new storage facilities at the side of the stage and has also overseen the installation of a new sound system. We are immensely indebted to John for the work he has done and quietly does week by week.

Alison Cowen has been in touch with The Georgian Society who have visited the Hall and have been very impressed with the Reading Room which retains so many original features and which had not previously been on their radar. They are advising on décor and the restoration of the fireplace, which at present is boarded up and we hope to have that improved shortly. They are also advising on grants for which we may be eligible. John and Alison are overseeing this.

Regulars to our coffee morning will have noticed that we now have a card reader which we use courtesy of our friends in Swarland. Greg Anderson is also in the process of securing a permanent flagpole and union flag.

We sadly bade farewell to Alison and Stephen Gallico who have moved to the south of England. During their time in the village, they were of immense help to the Committee, and we thank them both.

Finally, I wish to thank the members of the Committee and other helpers who make the Jubilee Hall such a beautiful and welcoming place. To our Treasurer Judy, and we couldn't wish for better, to Diane who has taken over as Secretary and "you can't see the join" and to Alison who does so much behind the scenes, compiling the history of the Hall for the Newton and Swarland project; who, with Judy and Diane, attends so many meetings at other village halls, and whose painting skills have kept the Hall looking spick and span. I thank the three wise men, Dudley, Greg, and John for the ongoing maintenance work. John though not a member of the Committee is a valued member of the team, and we are very lucky to have them all.

Two other non-committee members who do so much to help are Vivien and Jen. Together with Diane, Judy, and Alison they form a formidable cake making quintet and, of course, we could not do as well as we do without Jen, the Queen of the Scone and bacon butty.

Finally, I must thank all of you who take such an interest in the Hall, by attending events, and helping in so many ways, we are grateful for all you do.

This is a beautiful building and is appreciated by all who use it.

Proposed by Diane Williams  
Seconded by Alison Cowen

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

See attached Annual Accounts

The Treasurer handed out the audited Annual Accounts for 2022 - 2023. These showed a healthy balance of £15,353.45.

The main source of income remains comes from the coffee mornings. It was noted that the change of bank account following the changeover to a CIO had necessitated a lot of extra work for Judy and thanks and gratitude are recorded for her continued hard work.

Proposed by Greg Anderson  
Seconded by Dudley Williams

#### **5. Election of Officers – Secretary and Treasurer**

Chairman: Liz Rixon will continue

Vice-Chairman: Alison Cowen will continue

Treasurer: Judy Williams will continue for another year.

Secretary: Diane Williams will continue.

The officers were elected en bloc:

Proposed by David Rixon  
Seconded by Greg Anderson

Jen Oliver is happy to continue the buying of coffee morning provisions and cleaning supplies etc. Many thanks to Jen for offering to do this for us.

#### **6. Election of members of the Committee**

It was agreed that this is not now necessary after the change of status to a CIO as we are all signed up trustees of the above organisation.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

There was no other business

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm