

# EVENLEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the AGM held in the Village Hall on Monday 24th June 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Trustees:- Eric Millard (EM), Tony Stevens (TS), Joyce Stevens (JS), Derek Haynes (DH), Charles Woodgate (CW), Mike Beasley (MBE),

In attendance 4 members of the public;- Jackie Fox(JF), Maureen Greatbatch (MG), Alison Millard(AM), Guy Moody(GM)

## 1) Apologies & Welcome

Mike Boshier, Kim Golding. EM welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2) Approval of previous AGM minutes (as circulated), held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

proposed MG seconded JF

## 3) Matters arising - None

## 4) Chairman's report-

The Chairman read his statement to the meeting. He thanked the trustees for their various contributions over the previous 12 months and said the management of the hall had benefitted from a stable membership of trustees over the year, despite continuing with a vacancy. He reported that compliments about the village hall and its facilities continue to be received.

The annual accounts showed that we finished the year with have a healthy bank balance, but the Chairman informed the meeting that there were a number of potential financial challenges going forward. He added that having a contingency funds means that we will be able to meet these financial demands without the need for additional fund raising.

It was noted that the village hall's major source of income was from room rental but as previously reported, the 200 number village hall club still contributes significantly to our income.

The Chairman said that we had completed year two of our second five-year plan, but we had faced a couple of new issues brought into the public domain. He explained two disagreements with Evenley Parish Council, which resulted in village hall trustees being severely criticised and subjected to offensive comments at a Parish Council meeting and an offensive email sent by a Councillor. He said this was neither professional nor edifying behaviour by them

The Chairman drew comparisons with a recent event when posters criticising the Parish Council were distributed around the village The Parish Council quite rightly said that Councillors were all volunteers with their main objective being to make the village a better place to live. The Chairman pointed out that like Parish Councillors, Trustees of the village hall are also volunteers, who give their time freely with the interest of residents at the heart of what we do. He went on to say that the Parish Council and village hall management committee share some common goals and whilst disagreements will occur at times it should not develop into conflict and there is definitely no justification for personal abuse.

The Chairman informed the meeting that Paul Crompton was now the Parish Councils liaison person with the village hall management committee and the Chairman had met with him and they believe the relationship between the two parties can improve and look forward to a more amicable relationship in the future. The Chairman concluded his report by stating that Evenley village hall is a registered charitable community facility, whose activities are prescribed by a Deed of Trust and is governed by the Charity Commission. The hall is managed by its

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trustees who take on a legal responsibility to serve as the Evenley Village Hall Management Committee. He again thanked each and every one of them for their contribution and dedication on resident's behalf.

A question was asked about the availability of the Trust deed – EM confirmed he would check the website and respond.

It was observed that there was a lack of younger residents volunteering for a position on the management committee. However, although a great shame this seemed a trend with other groups in the community.

- 5) Treasurer's report and adoption of the year end accounts - This and other financial statements had been publicised prior to the meeting and copies available for attendees.

### EVENLEY VILLAGE HALL TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Year end 31st March 2024

The 12 months to 31/03/2024 shows that our Village Hall has generated a surplus of income over expenditure of £ 4,203.22.

This leaves us with a healthy retained funds balance of £ 24,549 as at the present time.

Hiring of the Hall has returned to a level of over £ 9,000 pa, which was last achieved in 2019. There is a continuing interest in our facilities, in our flexibility, management and pricing structure. This is mainly due to the excellent condition of the hall, well maintained by volunteer trustees.

The Village Hall 200 Club continues to contribute £ 1,200 pa through being fully subscribed with 200 supporters and for that we thank them all.

New and higher contract prices have been initiated on Gas and Electricity supplies, during this year, creating an increased cost base, standing some 50% higher than 5 years ago.

The cleaning of the hall shows a significant increase with the change of contract cleaners during this period, leading to a cost that stands about double that of pre-covid period.

Business Rates are applied for the first time, with the withdrawal of full discretionary charitable rates by WNC.

General Insurance cost has been re-negotiated downwards by the change from insurance brokers to a direct cover basis.

All other costs remain well within an expected and controlled level, thanks to the time and dedication of the trustees, who devote many hours to the running of the hall.

A ball-park budget can be summarised as –

Lettings £ 9,750 pa - Running costs £ 8,500 pa - Surplus £ 1,250 pa

200 Club profit £ 1,200 pa -

A question was asked regarding the hiring rates and the response was as follows:-

Outside village £17 per hour, One-off for Evenley/Mixbury £15.50 for first hour, followed by £12.50 each hour following, any regular user £10 for first hour +£9 each hour following – No charge raised for a wake for the family of any resident.

An offer of help was made as a stand in for the cleaner – Thanks were offered.

Accounts were adopted, proposed MBE, seconded by J Fox

- 6) Re-appointment of Mark Gibb as the examiner of accounts.

TS thanked Mark Gibb for his examination of the accounts and confirmed that Mark had agreed to continue – therefore he was proposed by TS, seconded by AM

- 7) Election of Trustees – voted in en bloc

Proposed AM, seconded GM – all in favour.

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MBE and KG are continuing as representative trustees - for ERA (DH), Bridge Club (KG)

8) Any Other Business – there was none.

There being no other business EM thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed..... Dated.....