

EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Minutes of the meeting held 17 August 2016

1. Attending: Kate Thompson, Edwin Thompson, Steph Griffiths, Caroline Marsden, Richard Kirby (EPC), Jo South, Bob Aldred
Apologies for absence:, Chris Watson, Richard Bartholemew.
2. Chairs Report - Kate Thompson. Thanks were given to the outgoing committee, to all who had volunteered help over the year; to Richard Kirby as Parish Council liaison officer; to George Alderson for finance and accounting help and to Diane Lee for her offer of administrative help. The year's events organised by the Hall Committee were listed and it was pointed out that in addition to fundraising activities, events designed purely as community social opportunities, across all age groups, had proved their worth and been universally enjoyed. (Steph Griffiths, Bookings Coordinator, added here that Private Hire bookings were up 4% over the same period last year, and the Hall had been used on 235 days.) Thanks were given to the Parish Council for help with new heating, a new window in the Male toilets, to the E-Team for the new planters in front of the hall and to other volunteers for maintenance work. Kate also mentioned that that there had been some frustrations over the year, mostly minor but the principle one being the continued dispute with British Gas. Thanks were again given to the Parish Council and Alison Sutton, Parish Clerk for their practical and financial help in resolving this, and to Chris Watson for his follow up work to identify and obtain new energy suppliers. In conclusion Kate said she was proud of the good partnerships that were being forged and she felt that the committee were building good relationships with users and that the Hall is well placed to move forward. The main short term future need is for redecoration once it is certain that there is no more movement in the structure of the kitchen extension. In the longer term the committee are looking at access to grant funding for internal and external improvements, together with the Parish Council and Herefordshire Council. There is currently just over £1000 in the toilet refurbishment fund. There is also a need for more volunteers to help in maintaining the hall as an accessible community asset.
3. Financial Report – Caroline Marsden. Figures prepared by George Alderson to the end of the financial year show that reserves were slightly down on the previous year. (Figures attached to file copy of minutes). However monthly bank balances suggest that income over expenditure is now stable, although a full year's worth of energy costs will need to be available before we can have a true picture of outgoings. As there was still some confusion until July as to how accurately we were being billed by the new supplier, this calculation may not be available until later in the year.
4. The current committee then stood down.

Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting Signed

Date