

## Marnhull Village Hall

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

#### Present

#### 2018/19 Executive Committee:

Rob Norton	Treasurer
Dave Targett	Secretary
Sioban Boyce	Booking Secretary
Graham Renwick	Member

#### User Group Representatives and attendees – see Annex 1

#### Apologies

Shirley Blackford, Julie Reeves, Keith Reeves, Lesley Ruth, Anne Dowsett, Elaine Spencer White, Dave Bruce, Viv Bruce, Julie Davies

Graham Renwick opened the meeting by explaining that the committee had been operating without a Chairman for the last year and hence he had been asked to chair the meeting. This was unanimously approved.

#### Minutes of AGM 2018

No comments on the minutes.

Proposed: Stephen Boyce, Seconded: Gwen Bland. It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

#### Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

#### Chairman's Report

In lieu of a chairman's report, Dave Targett reported the smooth day to day running of the hall over the last year and thanked Sioban Boyce – Booking Secretary and Tina Matthews – Caretaker.

#### Treasurer's Report

Rob Norton thanked John Dowsett, the previous treasurer, who had been responsible for the accounts for part of the financial year. He then presented the Annual Accounts, a summary of which had been circulated and is attached (Annex 2). In summary there was an operational surplus for the year of £4321 and separate fundraising income of £25813, of which £20000 was attributable to the Garfield Weston Grant. He noted that hiring income had risen but that the hall had not received a grant from the Parish Council this year and was not expected to in future years.

Proposed: Hilary Parker, Seconded: John Dowsett. It was unanimously agreed that the Annual Accounts be accepted.

#### Constitution:

Graham Renwick summarised the situation with the constitution and the need to approve a way forward for the next 12 months during which the constitution will be updated where possible to clarify the governance of the village hall.

Four motions were proposed:

*Approval for the committee to replace the existing (1970) 'User Group' organisation listing with the current list (for the year 2018/19) and for the following year.*

Proposed: Chris Ryu, Seconded: Charles Dylan

*Approval for the committee to request Representative organisations to put forward a Representative Member for the coming year, each of whom must be prepared to take on the role of Trustee and take a seat on the committee.*

Proposed: Ian Pentland, Seconded: Sarah Lyster

*Approval for the committee to create a definition of a Representative organisation for future use.*

Proposed: Helen Butler, Seconded: Hilary Parker

*Approval for the committee to establish Sub-committees or Task groups as required.*

Proposed: Stephen Bland, Seconded: John Dowsett

All motions were passed unanimously.

### **Building Project:**

Graham Renwick introduced the proposed motion being put forward by the committee:

*"The AGM recommends that the Village Hall Trustees proceed with build project Option 3 (Toilets, storage plus stage area) with a required expenditure of up to £144,000."*

He explained that the discussion would start with presentations of the project to ensure everyone had the same level of information. This is based on the briefing paper that was circulated to all residents in the last issue of the Marnhull Messenger. (Annex 3).

Dave Targett started by explaining the process and timeline that had brought us to this meeting. This was displayed for everyone to see in the hall. The original three priorities of new toilets, more hall space and more storage had been agreed as the result of a village survey back in 2015. In particular, he explained the work of the last year, open days held to socialise the proposals, the meetings that had agreed the options being presented and approved the tender process.

John Dowsett then explained the three possible packages of building work:

- A – New toilets and store in men's old toilets
- B – Main Hall extension
- C – Remove stage, refurbish, new large store on east wall, mobile stage

Three options had been considered:

- Option 1 – Package A – does not meet all the agreed priorities.
- Option 2 - Packages A+B – is not affordable
- Option 3 - Packages A+C – is affordable and meets the three priorities.

Option 3 also included funding for a mobile stage, curtains and lighting.

Stephen Boyce then explained the funding situation. Namely how we had arrived at the current fund, the current application for a Village Hall Improvement Grant and the limited possibilities for raising further funds from trusts, grants and crowdfunding.(Annex 4).

Graham Renwick then explained that Ian Pentland had requested the opportunity to make a statement and introduced him.

Ian said that the current controversy over the building project was a result of a breakdown in the sound governance of the village hall emanating from the lack of support from village user groups and individuals that had left a small committee responsible for both the day to day running of the hall and progressing the building project. It was the collective responsibility of the village to ensure the continuity of this valuable asset. He said that the committee needed to be supported not criticised and that the rest of the village needed to step up to the task and embrace and support the work that had been done.

The chairman then invited comments and questions from the floor.

Vicki Cooper-Hammond said that she had served on the hall committee in the 1980s and was upset by the level of dissent expressed at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Boyd Sofield noted that the building quotes run out on December 6<sup>th</sup> and costs would rise if new quotes were needed.

Hilary Parker said that she supported Ian Pentland's views and asked about time limits on grants and the plan for the old ladies toilets. Stephen Bolyce explained that the grants from Garfield Weston and Bernard Sunley had been held for over a year and could be lost if we do not move forward in the next 6 months. John Dowsett explained that plans for the old ladies toilets had been shelved at present to save cost and to look for the best future use for the space.

Helen Butler thanked the committee for their work.

Sarah Lyster said that she supported keeping the stage and that mobile stages were rubbish.

Pat Budden confirmed that Moviola was often sold out and hence the new space would be well utilised.

Chris Ryu referred to the Save the Stage petition that had 160 names. He questioned the loss of the under stage storage, unsuitability of mobile staging and the need to protect the heritage of the village by keeping the stage. In respect of crowd funding, he said that the average donation was £52 and believed that crowdfunding was possible. He claimed that fund raising in the village had stopped. Stephen Boyce explained that this was not the case and fundraising efforts continued.

Pat Budden remarked that Moviola had contributed £20,000 to the building fund over the years and this money now needed to be spent.

Hilary Parker asked about the types of mobile stage. Graham Renwick explained one option for staging but that constructive input was needed to ensure a staging solution that met the needs of all users of the hall.

Ermma Ryu explained the use of the stage by the pantomime group that embraced all generations in the village. She questioned the viability of putting up a mobile stage and claimed that it would be unsafe for children to use.

Sue Piper asked about the time to erect the stage. Graham Renwick explained that this depended on the type that was purchased. Others gave examples between 20 minutes and an hour to erect a stage. Rob Norton explained that he had been involved in the use of a mobile stage at a school for many years and it had been entirely satisfactory.

The motion *“The AGM recommends that the Village Hall Trustees proceed with build project Option 3 (Toilets, storage plus stage area) with a required expenditure of up to £144,000.”* was moved to a vote.

Proposed by Brenda Calvin, seconded by John Couzens. A vote was taken by a show of hands.

Those in favour fifty seven, those against twenty. Hence the motion was carried.

### **Confirmation / Notification of User representatives**

Dave Targett went through the list of user groups and asked for their representatives, as follows:

Babies and Toddlers – no nominee  
Blackmore Vale Art – not present  
Cricket Club – Rob Norton  
Fest – not present  
Flower Show – Jean McErlain  
Football Club – not present  
Gardening Club – Ian Pentland  
Life drawing – not present  
Luncheon Club – no nominee  
Marnhull Entertains – considering a nomination  
Music Society – considering a nomination  
Pantomime / Marnhull Players – considering a nomination  
POPP-in cafe – considering a nomination  
Table tennis – Peter McErlain  
Tennis club – considering a nomination  
WI – considering a nomination

### **Appointment of elected members to Management Committee.**

Dave Targett – standing down as secretary.  
Graham Renwick, Rob Norton and Sioban Boyce re-standing.  
John Dowsett and Steve Finch standing.

The meeting unanimously approved their election to the committee.

### **Any Other Business.**

Graham Renwick thanked Dave Targett for his work as secretary and made a presentation on behalf of the committee members.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Signed by ..... Chairman.

Prepared by D.J.Targett 20/11/19

## **Annex 1- Attendees:**

Andrew Webb – Garden Club  
John Dowsett  
Ian Pentland – Garden Club  
Linda Pentland – Poppin cafe  
Stephen Boyce  
Judy Fyfe- WI and Music society  
Linda Webb  
Lou Bradlett  
Dave Targett  
Suzanne Targett  
Anita Tacon  
Marlene Plowman  
Jean Shiner  
Ann Davis-Penson – Garden Club  
Simmi Johnson  
Helen Chalkley  
Pat Budden – Marnhull Entertains, Lunch Club  
Brenda Calvin - WI, Marnhull Entertains  
Malcolm Calvin  
John Hardie  
Alan Lloyd  
C.M.Hilder  
P.C.Hilder  
Sam Watts – 2 Foot Moose  
Debbie Chisman – Art for Everyone  
Jeremy Watson  
Rosie Gall - Poppin  
Ian Gall  
Rob Cullender  
E.Woodhouse  
D.Woodhouse  
Alan Loukes  
Jo Loukes  
M.Schellerup  
E.Finch  
David White  
Peter McErlain - Table Tennis  
JeanMcErlain - Flower Show  
Gwen Bland  
Stephen Bland  
Hilary Chenery – Marnhull Entertains  
Royston Chenery – Marnhull Entertains  
Ron Maskell  
Linda Maskell  
J.Randall  
Sue Northcott – Fitsteps member  
Vicki Cooper-Hammond – Marnhull Entertains  
R.So  
Peter Wood

Lynne Wood  
Tina Matthews – Caretaker  
Chris Drake  
Mella Worley  
Hilary Parker – Garden Club, Poppin, Moviola, Music Society  
Rob Norton – Cricket Club  
Margaret Couzens – Marhull entertains  
John Couzens  
Janet Sides  
Stephen Sides  
Sally Sofield - Table Tennis  
Boyd Sofield - Table Tennis  
Judy McTaggart  
Helen Butler  
Sue Law  
Adrian Bailey  
Sarah Lyster  
Celia Jardine Smith  
David Jardine Smith  
Colin Hayward  
S.Cudllip  
Ed Cudllip  
S.Allard  
Sue Piper  
Emma Ryu – Panto, Toddlers  
Chris Ryu – Marnhull Messenger  
Sally Cullender