

Isle Abbotts Village Hall
AGM
at the Village Hall
Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 8.00pm

Attendees:

Robbie Robson, Chair
Lesley Sutcliffe, Treasurer
Diane Lucas, Secretary
Linda & Karl Adams
David & Maureen Bradshaw
Ann Cottell
Elaine Guest
Anthony Habberfield
Peter Herbert

Sarah Lucas
Jo Morris
Kath Phillimore
Linda & Mike Riley
Susan Robson
Sue Steele
Peter Watts

Apologies: Maureen Boyman, Emily Colenso, Helen Evans, Tracy Lanfear

Minutes Of Last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM (21st April 2010) were read and approved
Proposed by: David Bradshaw
Seconded by: Jo Morris

Chairman's report – Robbie Robson

Robbie read his report to those present, where he outlined the many successful events the committee had arranged. These varied from the Swing Band evening to a Games Night. John Medcalf & Tony Habberfield were thanked for the use of their premises. The usual groups continue to use the hall – Playgroup, Singers, Keep fit, as well as more casual users (PCC breakfasts, PC meetings etc.) The marquee continues to raise valuable income for the hall, and the crew were thanked for their hard work, in particular John Lucas for storing and transportation.

After much work Hallmark 1 & 2 statuses were awarded to the hall. A Grants sub-committee has been set up, consisting of Jo & Linda who with the support of Sue Steele & Les Collett (SSDC) have managed to secure £5,000 grant from District Council. The Parish Council will be giving an annual payment of £1,000 for the next 3 years. Although a Big Lottery Fund application was unsuccessful, an application to Biffa for £29,000 is currently being compiled, which includes data obtained from the recent questionnaire.

Georgie Murphy left a bequest of £1,000 to the hall and recently it was agreed that a picture to be displayed in the hall would be bought with some of this money and the balance to be used towards new curtains.

There will be 4 members leaving the committee, namely Helen Evans, Lesley Sutcliffe, Kath Phillimore & Peter Watts, all of whom were warmly thanked as they have given their utmost support not only as trustees, but with village events too.

Finally, as his position as Chairman concludes, Robbie thanked the committee members for all their enthusiasm, help and support.

Full report appended to these minutes

Treasurer's report – Lesley Sutcliffe

Lesley provided everyone with a comprehensive set of accounts which shows the current balance to be £6,361.04 which includes Georgie Murphy's bequest of £1,000. Our main source of income continues to be the hire of the hall, with the main user being the Playgroup. Events throughout the year raised £1,732.75.

Robbie informed those gathered that the accounts had been approved and adopted by the committee at a previous meeting (10th May 2010) and audited by Karl Adams.

Confirmation of appointed representatives & committee members

The other representatives willing to continue are:

Parish Council: * See below

Playgroup: Sarah Lucas (Chair)

Singing group : Robbie Robson

Parochial Church Council: Susan Robson (Secretary)

Keep Fit: Emily Colenso

*Whilst Peter Herbert is a parish councillor, he did not wish to join the committee but agreed to continue to attend as an observer for PC.

Other elected committee members were happy to continue and are as follows:

Linda Adams, Maureen Boyman, David & Maureen Bradshaw, Tracy Lanfear & Jo Morris.

At this point, presentations were made to Lesley (chocolates) and Peter Watts (wine) and duly thanked again for all their hard work.

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There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40.pm

Chairman's Signature _____ Date _____

ATTACHMENT 1

ISLE ABBOTTS VILLAGE HALL

Chairman's Report 2011

The village hall committee has had another busy year organising events which were mainly for fund raising. The largest of these which necessitated the use of the marquee, (which was erected, with grateful thanks to John Medcalf, in his garden) were the Swing Band in May and the ever popular Village Revue in September. On both occasions in excess of 100 people attended which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Other successful events which took place were the resurrected Bonfire and Fireworks Party (by kind permission of Tony and Mary Habberfield), the Christmas Fayre, Blast from the Past and Games Night. Once again, a Christmas lunch was held for the senior members of the village and Emily Colenso arranged for the children to act out a nativity type play based on the X Factor.

We are grateful to the Playgroup, Keep Fit and Singing groups who continue to use the hall on a regular basis plus the more casual users for private functions, PCC breakfasts, Parish Council meetings and the like. The marquee crew had a busy summer which included the hiring out for two events outside the village. This created extra revenue for village hall funds. Thanks go to all those who gave up their time in helping to erect and dismantle and to John Lucas for storing and transporting the marquee.

After much work and effort, we were awarded Hallmark 1 and 2 statuses. It was decided to form a grants sub committee which would deal with grant applications for the refurbishments and improvements to the village hall. This committee consists of two trustees plus two representatives from the village. We are grateful to the Parish Council for giving us an annual £1,000 payment for the next three years plus a £5,000 grant from the District Council. An application is in progress of being submitted to Biffa (the Environmental and Landfill Group) for a substantial amount – nearly £29,000 and this application includes the information recently supplied by the village through the questionnaire. Our thanks go to the community for their valuable input. A lot of work was involved in an application to the Big Lottery Fund, but unfortunately we were not successful. It goes without saying that Linda and Jo, our two trustees dealing with grant applications, plus the guidance of Les Collett, Community Development Officer for South Somerset District Council and Sue Steele, have worked extremely hard on our behalf and to this end I thank them on behalf of the committee and villagers.

At a recent meeting, the trustees discussed how to use the £1,000 which was bequeathed to the village by the late Georgie Murphy. It was agreed that a picture/painting relating to the village would be displayed in the hall and the remaining monies go towards the purchase of new curtains.

The village newsletter continues to be produced quarterly giving reports on past and future events. We are always looking for individual contributions and comments.

It is sad to say that we shall be losing some dedicated committee members this year. Helen Evans, Kathy Phillimore, Leslie Sutcliffe and Peter Watts have given their utmost support, not only as trustees, but with village events. Another person I must thank is our Secretary,

Di. She does a lot of work behind the scenes. She has been a valuable asset not only to me, but to the village hall committee.

Finally, as my position as Chairman comes to an end, I would like to thank all the committee members plus other members of the village who volunteer their services, for their enthusiasm, help and support which I have received over the past two years in office. I'm sure you will give that same support to whoever replaces me.

Robbie Robson

Chairman Isle Abbots Village Hall Committee
18/05/11