

Isle Abbotts Village Hall Management and Social Committee

MINUTES FROM AGM

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Present: Susan Vickery (Chair), David Sutcliffe (Treasurer), Lesley Sutcliffe (Secretary), Susan Robson (Booking Secretary), Andy and Fiona Hillman, Gaynor Watts, Claire Smith, Maureen Boyman, Liz Lockley, Robbie Robson, Jackie Jay, Barbara and Martin Rickitts.

Apologies: Boo Grieve, Julia Bull, Sara Bannister, Di Cleal

Minutes of the previous AGM (May 17th 2023) – Lesley Sutcliffe read out the minutes from the previous AGM and these were approved and signed by Susan Vickery.

Matters arising: LS stated that all minutes have since been posted on the village website.

Chair's report: Susan confirmed that the management and social committee are working together as a joint committee again.

Events at the hall have continued to be successful this year. As the trial of a Pop Up Pub in March 2023 proved popular, this has continued on a quarterly basis, with a themed Mexican evening this year and at Christmas the evening raised £350 for Crisis at Christmas. It appears that the idea of the pub nights are proving to be more acceptable to villagers than ticketed events, not enough sold for a Quiz night as an example. The Easter Duck race had to be abandoned due to bad weather. However the Barn Dance held at Manor Farm was a great success, many thanks to Alex and Emily for hosting this. The village show also went well, especially the part involving dogs!

The plans for the Summer Ball are going well. Unfortunately 2 first aid sessions organised by Gaynor were cancelled but we now have a new date in June. This is a follow up to the evening in October 2023 organised by LS on the use of the defibrillator.

Finally SV reported on the village hall survey that had been sent out to villagers, 8 were returned electronically, and 5 paper. Most were in favour of the events organised and a number of people expressed their willingness to help.

Treasurer's report: David Sutcliffe distributed copies of his report with a full breakdown of audited figures.

He pointed out that the insurance of the hall is the largest outgoing. We have now switched to the Octopus company for electricity and the rates are much more favourable and the use of electricity in the hall is much easier to monitor. A

smart meter was installed. A Wifi broadband aerial and system has been installed and we now have a card reader, which reduces the need for cash and cheques. £2000 was spent on purchasing a shipping container to store the marquee. There is an outstanding bill to be paid to SSE since the contract was ended in Feb 2024. We are still waiting for this!

TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR - £4,598.60

TOTAL OUTGOINGS - £5,907.35

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE at 5/4/2024 - £12630.22 (3 accounts, general, trust reserve and marquee)

Election of Officers:

David and Lesley Sutcliffe are standing down from the committee.

Chair - Susan Vickery - proposed by Susan Robson, seconded by Claire Smith

Secretary – Fiona Hillman – proposed by David Sutcliffe, seconded by Jackie Jay

Treasurer – SV stated that Jenny Byrom had put her name forward for this role, although unable to attend this evening. Proposed by Susan Vickery, seconded by Liz Lockley

Booking Secretary* – Susan Robson – proposed by Susan Vickery, seconded by Maureen Boyman

Any other Business:

Fiona Hillman queried the cost of the Music licence (PPL) - this covers any entertainment that takes place in the hall and is a requirement.

Licences for the pub nights and other events will continue to be obtained as required, it is much cheaper this way.

The pub night will continue quarterly.

SV said she had been in contact with a Yoga instructor and will look into setting up an evening session.

FH and AH commented on the state of the glass and putty in the windows. This was noticed when AH cleaned the windows earlier in the year.

LS mentioned that there will be a BBQ and evening of entertainment in the hall on June 28 to raise funds for the RNLI bicentennial.

CS asked about the possibility of obtaining a film licence for the hall. It was thought worth investigating.

Date of the next AGM – Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 7.30pm

Susan Vickery thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8.15pm

***Booking Secretary report:** it was amiss of us not to include this in the meeting.

So this is synopsis of Susan Robson's report –

Choir and Coffee and chat are open to all and continue to be popular. The number of hall and equipment bookings continue to rise. Future events BBQ and trains on 28 July and Harvest lunch 6 October.

The PCC would like to thank the VH management committee for waiving fees for events such as the Big Breakfast and for organising teas and cakes on April 21. Much appreciated.