AGMminutes2023

Minutes of the Greysouthen Village Hall Committee
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 16 May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1. **Welcome**
   Jen McCulloch took the chair and welcomed 6 people to the meeting.
2. **Present:**
   Jen McCulloch (Chair), Chris Scrugham (Treasurer), Gwyn Lloyd (Secretary and Bowls), Roger James (Facilities Manager), Janette Pollitt (Health & Safety), Howard McCulloch (Seniors), Hannah Gate (Grasshoppers)

3. **Apologies**
   Adrian Sims (Vice Chair & Bookings), Lee Jackson (Parish Council), Margaret James

4. **Approval of the minutes of the last AGM**
   The minutes of the AGM of 17 May 2022 were approved as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising**
   Hallmarking is a nationally recognised quality standard for the management of community buildings/village halls. We have 87pieces of evidence in place to hopefully gain levels 1 and 2. Further action on this is still required.

   Progress continues to upgrade the internal makeup of the hall.

6. **Chair's Report 2023**
   Special Thanks to all the Trustees and the work they do within their roles. Alongside the Trustees thanks must also go to the Volunteer working party and those who fundraise for the hall.

   Thanks to Cumbria Community Foundation for the £1,200 grant to replace the cooker, saving the hall in excess of £6,000. Thanks also to Arnold Clark Ltd for a grant of £1,000.

   Thanks to all the user groups: Carpet Bowls, Fitness, Band Practice, W.I., Heavenly Fish, Chef Alec Anderson, and Greysouthen Grasshoppers.

   Fundraising Events to support the hall

   A social evening was held following the Christmas Lights switch on with Christmas Raffle. There had been a Whisky Tasting evening. Platinum Jubilee event, working collaboratively with the Parish Council and a W.I. Coronation Raffle.

   Moving Forward

   The Trustees have taken steps to upgrade the hall and are in consultation with an Archiect to look at ways we can ensure the hall is more inclusive for those with any disabilities, how we can reduce our carbon footprint and how we may improve the storage facilities with better use of the area behind the curtains. WK Design were chosen because of their experience of designing and improving old village halls.

   In line with inflation and increasing running costs the Trustees have no choice but to increase the hourly hire rate to £10, this is still very much in line with other local halls.

   Fundraising is an essential element for the longevity of the hall and the Trustees are working hard to encourage local villagers to take a more active role in this.

It is hoped that Instagram will be used more actively alongside other social media platforms to promote activities and events in the hall.

Greysouthen Village Hall Treasurer Report 16th May 2023

Account Information.

Financial Year 2022-23 (FY ending 30 April 2023)

Total Gross Income (YTD) £ 9785.81 (This includes £950 holding for Greysouthen WI and £500 for the bowling club) .

- £ 1,000 Arnold Clarke Donation
- £ 1,295 Grant for cooker
- £ 500 from sale of old cooker
- £ 4928.50 from Hall Hire
- £ 612.01 from Village hall events
- £ 950 holding for Greysouthen WI
- £ 500 holding for Bowling club

This total is below the Charity Commission threshold of £25,000, above which all Charity Accounts must be independently examined, and a fully certified copy of accounts must be filed along with an Annual Trustee Report. The annual update is to be submitted to the Charity Commission by end February 2024 .

Total Expenditure (YTD) £ 5115.81 including

- £1321 for cooker plus accessories

This gives an excess income in the year of £ 4669.7(including £1450 holdings for WI & Bowling club) .

The balance in Account (at 30 April) was £ 40219.70

"Normal Income" £4928.5

Hall Hire income £4928.50

"**Normal Expenditure**" **£3641.72**

Utilities £1678 .51 (£2370.66 for last financial year) .

Maintenance £232.74

Cleaning £1006.79

Insurance/Licences £723.68

£4928.5 - £3641.72 = £1286.78 excess income from normal income and expenditure .

The average Daily running cost of the Hall during this year was approximately £10 per day

Treasurer points of note.

Toddler group income was £980 for this year.

Bowling club income was £869 for this year.

Whiskey nights have resulted in £317 income for this year.

Utility costs are £692.15 lower that last FY despite the increased electricity tariff , this resulting from a significant reduction in the gas tariff (fixed to Jan 2024) . However, this gas tariff is projected to increase by 250% in Jan 24 . Assuming a similar gas usage to this year , the increase would be approx. £1500 per annum .

Utility breakdown

Gas	£604.78	(£1115 last FY)
Electricity	£580.17	(£393 last FY)
Water	£493.96	(£492 last FY)

In summary

Disregarding the Cumberland account balance of £40219.43 , current hall usage and projected utility price rises will result in an operating deficit in the next financial year .

Options to resolve this are :-

Increase hall usage
Increase current hourly rate
Increase level of fundraising activities

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None

The AGM closed at 8.30pm.

Signed…… Date……..
Chair, Greysouthen Village Hall Committee