

Public Hall AGM Wednesday October 12th 2022

Introduction: Derek Winskill introduced himself and said he had been invited to open this AGM meeting.

He asked for any **apologies**: Joanna Allman and Peter Morgan.

The first item on the Agenda was the election of a new chairperson. Stuart Furber had already been proposed by Tony Richardson and seconded by Lorna Matthews.

Derek asked if there were any more nominations in the room, as there were no further nominations Stuart was elected unopposed. After a round of applause he came and took the chair.

Stuart introduced himself saying he had read of Bunbury Village Hall's threatened closure when they had no committee and would hate to see our hall suffer like that so he had joined the committee earlier this year. He had been in the badminton club here, he and his two brothers had their 21st's in this hall and also one of his daughter's christening parties.

Stuart thanked the past committee of the Hall, especially Geoff and Olive Stretch who had freely given so much time to look after the building and assist users here. He also thanked John Tilling the treasurer, Tony Richardson dealing with compliance and health and safety and Jan Morgan the secretary.

Hall Report

Covid had affected the Hall as with many other activities and there had been no AGM for two years. Despite this the Hall is in good shape with much maintenance work being accomplished during the closure. The gym is doing well and there have been several new initiatives such as walking football and ballet besides the many returning users such as Theatre group, Bridge and Probus.

The next agenda item was **election of treasurer and secretary** as the existing office holders wish to step back. There were no immediate volunteers so these posts were left for the new committee to allocate.

Financial Report

John circulated comparative figures for the last three years showing the effects of Covid on our accounts. There had been significant loss of income and we had taken the opportunity to update the fire alarms, lighting and removal of some asbestos, this had all been paid for out of our reserves which had been greatly depleted. There had been some

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compensating income : a government grant of £35,000, an insurance claim for loss of earnings and a final lottery payment of £5,000.

The reserves had sunk down to only £13,000 but now the hall is back in use again John hopes the reserves will be up to about £60,000 by the year end. We are now paying for cleaning in the Hall, the firm which have been doing the annexe are now covering the whole building.

There is still work to be done, the hall floor is due for sanding and resealing and some of the drains require attention.

The tenants who had been in the flat for 13 years have now left. Before reletting work needs to be done and this is without the rent coming in.

The rules for rental properties are changing and the new committee will need to look at this.

Election of Committee members.

Some of the existing committee will remain but Phil Lloyd has moved away and Jan Morgan has asked to step down.

There will be various roles that need filling on the new committee e.g. I.T and the hall website, hall equipment and supplies. dealing with utilities, secretary.

These people volunteered to join the committee:

Tracey Humphries (from ADCA)

Ben Preston

Chris Tipper

Adrian Farrow

Cheryl Cottrell

They were co-opted en block.

Any other Business

Bob Fousert raised the point that a regular booking of Bridge on a Tuesday evening had been asked to give up one week for a funeral wake. He also said that they were no longer allowed to use the kitchen to make drinks.

Betty Minns reported one of the strip lights was flashing. Tony responded they are waiting for the installers to return as they suspect it could be an installation fault.

Tony also said that the Hall was introducing an easier accessible means for reporting any maintenance issues, further details soon.

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The next Committee meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wednesday November
9th in the Small Hall