

## **MINUTES OF AGM OF MISSION HALL TRUST 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE2022**

### Present:

Anthea Heathershaw (Chair person), Keith Potter (Treasurer), John Allen (co-opted), Sue Davis (W I), Neville Wood (PCC), Sue Wintle (co-opted), Maureen Morris (street fayre, booking secretary), plus about 10 Attendees.

### APOLOGIES:

Linda Kirkpatrick (Sutton Poyntz Society), Ruth Egerton

The meeting opened at 7.00pm

Copies of the minutes of the last AGM and the Treasurer's Report had been distributed around the hall for committee members and attendees to read.

### Minutes of last AGM

Tony Heathershaw proposed that the minutes be approved; this was seconded by Sue Davis.

There were no objections so the minutes were approved.

### MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the list of groups eligible to appoint committee members had been changed by deed of variation to the lease in 2019.

The insurance policy had been amended to include 3 of the regular user groups, one off users were already covered. The Committee thanked Tony Heathershaw for his hard work in achieving this.

A survey on the acoustics had been commissioned and the report had just been received but the committee had yet to read it.

### CHAIR PERSON'S REPORT

Anthea gave a report on the events of the last year. She explained that various repairs had been done to the hall including the renovation of the floor. A tree had fallen down in the garden and this had been removed and was to be replaced by another donated by the WI. She also reported that the Committee would be changing as a result of the resignation of several members. John Allen was retiring after 23 years service, for many of them as treasurer and later as co-opted member dealing with the charity commission. Pam Dawson Hollis had retired as secretary. Keith Potter was retiring as treasurer having worked very hard keeping the accounts in order and supervising the maintenance work and contractors. Anthea also thanked all those who had cleaned and looked after the hall in the past year.

Sue Davis proposed the report be accepted and Maureen Morris seconded this.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the report had been distributed around the Hall for people to read in advance. Keith pointed out that due to a decrease in the number of groups hiring and the cost of maintenance there had been a net decrease of £1,618.84 in the balance during the year. Neville asked if there would be a continual decrease in the balance and Keith replied that there would, because of the reduced income and increasing cost of maintenance.

John Bellis proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's report and Bill Egerton seconded it. There were no objections so the report was accepted.

#### THE WAY AHEAD

Sue Davis gave a talk on the way ahead in which she explained the composition of the Committee and its purpose, which is to keep the hall well maintained and available for use for the benefit of the community. To that end she asked for the help of the community to keep the hall as a well used asset and in a good condition so that it could be used by different users for a variety of purposes for the benefit of all. She asked for volunteers to help and especially some to replace John with his work with the charity commission and legal services and for a replacement for the secretary. She also pointed out that the present lease runs out in 6 years and if this was to be continued, an extension of the lease would have to be negotiated with the PCC.

Neville gave his opinion that the PCC would look favourably on an extension but the length and conditions would have to be worked out.

Ros Evans commented that not everyone in the village was aware of how the Hall was managed and what was the role of the Mission Hall committee. John Allen suggested a leaflet drop to all households explaining the role of the committee and calling for volunteers to help.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chair person  
Anthea Heathershaw stood down as chairperson and Keith Potter took the chair.  
Anthea's re-election was proposed by Neville Wood and seconded by Maureen Morris. There being no other candidates, Anthea was elected.
- Treasurer  
Keith was retiring and Anthea explained that Bill Egerton had volunteered to serve as Treasurer. His election was proposed by Sue Davis and seconded by Maureen Morris; there being no other candidates, Bill was elected.
- Secretary - there was no volunteer so the post remains open.

The rest of the committee are appointed by Hall user groups, not elected.

Jez Cunningham said that he was asked to represent Bill Davidson because he had volunteered to come on the committee. Anthea said she would write to Bill.

#### Any Other Business

No points were raised.

John Allen gave a reflection on how pleased he had been to serve the committee for 23 years. Anthea thanked both John and Keith for their hard work and dedication and presented them each with a book token.

The meeting was then brought to a close.