

Mission Hall Trust Annual General Meeting Minutes

21st June 2023

Present: Anthea Heathershaw, Bill Egerton, Yvonne Emery(co-opted), Sue Davis, Maureen Morris, Sue Wintle, Linda Kirkpatrick, Sheena Dearness(co-opted), Neville Wood, Shirley Davies.

17 other attendees **Apologies.** Caroline Crisp, Tony Ferrari, Maureen Cribb, John Allen, Peter Dickinson, Jan Bergman.

The Meeting Opened at 7pm.

Copies of the minutes of the last AGM had been distributed for the committee and attendees to read.

Minutes were approved with no objections.

Matters Arising -no matters arising

Chairperson's Report

Anthea welcomed new members to the committee. Neville Wood has retired as Parish representative being replaced by Shirley Davies. Yvonne Emery and Sheena Dearness joined during the year, Yvonne taking over as secretary from Pam Dawson Hollis and Sheena taking over John Allen's role as Trust Administrator. Linda Fitzpatrick is also stepping down from the committee this year. We thank Neville, John, Pam, and Linda for all their hard work.

Anthea gave a report on the events and achievements over of the last year which included improvements to the acoustics, work on the garden, plaques to acknowledge donations to the hall, meeting held with villagers to discuss the way ahead and renewing the Lease. Decluttering in the kitchen area.

Anthea gave thanks to all those volunteers, helpers and committee members who help to keep the hall running so successfully.

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 committee members and attendees to read in advance.

Bill thanked John Allen for his guidance and support in dealing with the finances. A copy of the report is attached to this email. In summary the bank account is down by £5000 due to the cost of installing the acoustic panels and paying Octopus Energy an advanced fee which will be refunded.

No questions were raised. Neville gave thanks to Bill for making the financial position very clear.

The report was approved and accepted.

Committee Members.

Anthea is stepping down as chairman but will remain on the committee

Bill gave a vote of thanks for all the work that Anthea had put into being the Chairman of the MHTC since 2007. Endless work was taken on in the background and she is owed an enormous debt of

gratitude for everything she had done. Anthea was presented with a beautiful pot of garden flowers as a thank you gift.

The following were proposed, seconded, and approved as AGM appointments to the committee: Bill Egerton (Treasurer and Chairman), Yvonne Emery (Secretary) and Anthea Heathershaw.

Shirley Davies will take over from Neville Wood as PCC representative. Sue Wintle will be the book club representative. Sheena Dearness will replace John Allen as Trust Administrator. Maureen Morris will continue as Art Club representative. Sue Cottam will also join the committee (co-opted). Maureen Cribb will take over from Linda Kirkpatrick as SPS representative. This Committee was approved by the meeting (proposed Shirley Davies, seconded Pam Dawson Hollis)

AOB

Colin Marsh pointed out that because the Mission Hall was classed as a valuable community asset, we have the opportunity to fill in a simple form on the council website which would, should the lease be unavailable in the future, give us 6 months to find the funds to purchase the hall. It would involve us becoming a limited company and would be quite difficult but not impossible to achieve.

Neville Wood advised us to consult the diocese solicitor regarding the lease.

Sheena mentioned the forthcoming works, some already complete, should be considered when renegotiating the lease. Also, we need a survey done to see what important things need doing.

Sheena also suggested that grants may be available to help with the cost of the new floor.

Pam asked if different forms of heating had been explored -this work is ongoing.

The meeting was then brought to a close.