



Sunnyside Community Hall

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Minutes of Sunnyside Hall Annual General Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Present:

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| Charlie Brown | Greg Dann | Phil Winter |
| Chris Gurr | Jean Steyn | Rebecca Rouse |
| Dave Funnell | Jenny Blackburn | Ronnie Williams |
| David Patchell | Kevin Powley | Rosemary Romano |
| Dermott Maxwell | Kieran Shah | Toby Odone |
| Eugene Gardner | Michael Hennis | |

Apologies:

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| Alex Britcher | Joy Podbury | Liz Day |
| Barrie Stringer | | |

Kevin Powley rose to the chair and invited all to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the previous AGM were reviewed. Eugene Gardner (Treasurer) responded to the question asking for an explanation of Repair & Maintenance costs by passing round a sheet breaking down the total of £3,871.12 including a sum of £2,160 for replacement of the three skylights. Similarly a breakdown of equipment purchases (£1,266.40) revealed that £315 was spent on new lighting and electrical sockets, and £299.22 on the new public address system. Minutes were then adopted as a true record.

Eugene Gardner (Managing Trustee) read out the Trustees' report of highlights of the year to 31st May for those who had not already reviewed this on the website. He also presented the audited accounts of the year highlighting the key components of the largest items of expenditure. The PRS/PPL licencing cost was noted as relating to two years; a question about gift aid was raised and Eugene explained that this was not available to the hall as our only income was charging for a service. Excess of income over expenditure increased over the previous year to £4,577.95 bringing the total cash assets to £24,959.15 – a 22% increase over the year.

Trustee appointments were then discussed. Kevin Powley, Phil Winter & Barrie Stringer were elected in 2018 and have completed one of a three year term. Eugene Gardner completed three years and so stood down before being re-elected. Toby Odone stood and was duly elected. There was capacity for two additional elected trustees.

Mrs Catherine Metcalfe was reaffirmed as auditor for the current year.

Any Other Business.

Michael Hennis (Director of Play Place Ltd.) reported that his company had planned to use the hall to run a pre-school nursery from mid-September but at the last minute the appointed manager had stood down. He was actively recruiting a replacement and was hopeful of being in a position to open for business within a few weeks.

Greg Dann (representing Hydra table-top gamers) thanked the hall for being so welcoming and spoke positively about the experience as new regular hirers.

Charlie Brown (table tennis team captain) reported that he had 12 people interested in forming a competitive league to play against similar groups, but was not able to proceed without at least one further table. David Patchell thought that further growth was stalled pending sufficient tables to avoid attendees sitting around waiting for their turn for too long. Eugene Gardner explained that advertising (e.g. in Rusthall Life) was on hold as there were already more players than a single table could accommodate: 27 people had been along to play, 21 of them on more than one occasion, 10 was the maximum on one night, and the average attendance was 6. Young players e.g. Explorer scouts were encouraged to attend.

Jenny Blackburn asked whether an alarm system was under consideration as there was considerable value tied up in Community Cinema and Hall assets. Kieran Shah (neighbour) thought that an alarm linked to Trustees' phones may allow for lower insurance premiums. Others commented on the possibility of CCTV cameras capturing the antics of bad people. The Trustees agreed to review the options and act as they thought best before the next meeting.

Dave Funnell (Councillor) suggested that improved external lighting would be a deterrent to potential vandals and a boon to legitimate hall visitors on dark evenings. Eugene Gardner on behalf of the trustees agreed to follow up.

Eugene Gardner (Lead on the building extension) invited all to review the plan diagram on display for which Planning Permission had recently been obtained. He ran through the potential benefits of each component and invited suggestions for possible uses of the small meeting room that would be created. Two (of three) estimates had been received and the average was £136,530 for which several coordinated grant applications would be necessary.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:30pm.