

Sunnyside Community Hall

Minutes of Sunnyside Hall Annual General Meeting 2021

Held at Sunnyside Hall at 1800 on 30 November 2021

Present:

Toby Odone (Chair)	Phil Winter	Jenny Blackburn
Michael Sefton	Sue Deniz	Barrie Stringer
Eugene Gardner	Lee Harper	
Karen Gardner	Liz Day	
Ronnie Williams	Kevin Powley	

Apologies:

Kieran and Rebecca Shah      Alex Britcher

#### **Minutes from last AGM and matters arising**

After brief introductions from everyone Toby Odone (Chair) opened a discussion and sought approval for the minutes of the 2020 AGM. He reported on the actions taken from that meeting. They included renewing the Hallmark accreditation, done by Eugene Gardner for another year till March 2022. He reported that Hallmark has been unable to carry out a required inspection because of Covid.

Toby Odone made enquiries about extending the Planning permission for the extension beyond April 2022 because of Covid restrictions etc. The answer was no. Jenny Blackburn said she had put off getting the attention Rusthall Life because of Covid.

No one has managed to get new people interest in becoming trustees.

And the idea of getting the attention of mayor of Tunbridge Wells Joy Podbury has become moot as she is no longer a councillor.

The 2020 minutes were approved as written

#### **Annual accounts**

Eugene Gardner gave a brief report of highlights of past year and annual accounts. He said the reserve had increased by more than £3000 to more than £46,000. This was mainly thanks to a Covid support grant of £17,400. Eugene also managed to get a £4,600 grant from Sport England for a badminton court.

He warned that the reserve should be maintained to cover any major costs such as new floors, roof, lighting etc. In response to a question from Kevin Powley, Eugene spelled out that many of the high cost fittings such as the screen, the lights, the projector were owned fully or 50% by the Rusthall Community Cinema. The new ventilation system however is fully owned by Sunnyside.

The accounts were approved.

### **Trustee appointments**

All three trustees at the end of their three year term: Kevin Powley, Phil Winter and Barrie Stringer were re-elected for another three year term.

Liz Day remains as Scouts Rep

Revd Ronnie Williams is ex-officio trustee and remains in place

Eugene Gardner was re-elected in 2019. Toby Odone was elected for first time in 2019. Both have one more year to run.

### **Side fence repair progress**

Kieran Shah apologised for not being able to attend the AGM and submitted in writing a report on the border fence that lies between his house and the Hall. The report from Kieran was not read during the meeting as the chair only discovered it after the meeting.

Kieran Shah said "We have already explained to Eugene, that we already have an extensive hedge marking the boundary. As a good will gesture, we have spent a significant sum in the summer having this trimmed, despite the fact that it's not our responsibility.

Therefore if the fence is becoming a major issue, we would consider removing the faulty panel, until such a time that we can either afford to replace it, or get the entire fence replaced or removed."

Phil Winter said the fence repair still needed doing but it was not dangerous to hall users as they would have to climb over another fence to get near it.

### **Building extension status**

Eugene Gardner said the plan to get the Hall extended had been abandoned as no trustees had the time or the enthusiasm to make it happen.

### **AOB**

The chair gave special thanks to a number of people as follows:

Big thanks as always to Eugene for everything he does

Also to Phil for bins and general maintenance

Ronnie for his works and volunteering

Lee Harper for sterling work on repairing the leaking roof parapet

There was a brief discussion about doing more forms of community activities following an issue raised by Phil Winter. He pointed out that the Hall is almost totally fully booked. That means that it would be very hard/impossible for any one off community event such as a wedding anniversary or birthday party to be held. All agreed with Ronnie Williams that it was great the hall is so well used. And Jenny Blackburn pointed out there are other venues in the village for those one off events.

Jenny Blackburn's suggestion for a community summer party, perhaps to celebrate the hall's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was also agreed to. Jenny and Liz Day will discuss and report back.

Kevin Powley raised the topic of more storage as current capacity is pretty well used and the planned extension which might have given more storage has been shelved.

The meeting was closed at about 1845.