

Rusthall Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8RA



Company No: 4774580

Registered Charity No: 1101737

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 31st August 2022 at 7pm. Minutes.

Attending:

Ann McCueLiz DayBarrie StringerPhilip VEugene Gardner (chair)RosemaKaren GardnerToby OKevin PowleyKaren Gardner

Liz Day Philip Winter Rosemary Romano Toby Odone

After a welcome and introductions the meeting approved the minutes of the 2021 AGM. There was discussion about celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the hall's formation. The feeling was that all regular user groups could be invited to lay out a stall to promote their group. Liz Day agreed to lead the endeavour and 17th June 2023 was selected as the target date with 15th July being marked as a backup.

The Trustees Report of the year had been read before the meeting and no one had a comment to make on it beyond hearing of plans for a rear extension that would be a permanent store to replace some of the wooden sheds currently at the back of the hall. Planning permission had been granted and Building Control approval was expected within a week or two. After that three builders would be invited to quote for the job. The expected cost could be met by existing funds, together with the solar panels which were hoped to be completed in November.

The accounts for the year were scrutinized. Eugene (Treasurer) reported a balance of almost £60,000 in the bank and explained that there were two large items on the near horizon the be paid for: the new rear extension and the purchase of solar cells for the roof.

Eugene Gardner and Toby Odone were then re-elected to the board of Trustees having completed a three year period of service. Joby Gifford (currently co-opted) was also elected a Trustee. Trustees with two years remaining (Phil Winter, Kevin Powley, and Barrie Stringer) were thanked for their contributions to the smooth running of the hall. Rev. Ronnie Williams was confirmed as ex-officio Trustee, and Liz Day as the Scout representative.

The meeting then received reports on the year's activities of

• the Community Cinema. A recent lunch to accompany the first of two films in a day had been a success, as was the film festival that attracted entrants from over 40 countries. Improvements to the sound and lighting system were underway.

- The table tennis group. Four tables had now been bought and were fully utilized two evenings a week such that the players' £2 contributions had now repaid the capital outlay that the hall expended.
- The Repair Café started slowly but the second event doubled the number of repairs of the first and the endeavour looked likely to be a successful contributor to the hall's offerings to the village.
- The planned badminton group was currently stalled waiting for completion of the new rear extension, needed to store the mats. A grant of £4,500 had been received from Sport England and donations of nets, shuttlecocks, and a peg board had been received from the now defunct Homewood House School Friday badminton group.

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