

Honley Village Community Trust

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th May 2019 in the Village Hall

Present:

Existing Committee Members: Margaret Wadsworth (Vice Chairman); Steve Hemming (Secretary); Dennis Roberts (Treasurer); Sylvia Sellen (Deputy Treasurer); Carol Roberts; John Murray; Marcia Murray; Neil Littlewood; Maisie Belcher; Jo Bonds; Peter Bonds; Vivian Rayner; Margaret Rayner.

HVCT Members: David Hardy; Charlie Duncan; June McClean; Michael Horner; Sue Horner; Gavin Cocker; Jared Croft; Lyn Croft; Brenda Robson; Keith Robson; Diane Hargreaves; Caitlin Hartley; Clifford Hayes; Elaine Bedford; Kevin Bedford

Apologies: Ian Blagborough (Chairman)

In the absence of Chariman Ian Blagborough, due to illness, Margaret Wadsworth (Deputy Chariman) took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the 2019 AGM of Honley Community Village Trust

1. Presentations of the Awards became the first item on the agenda as Neil Littlewood had to leave early.

The Chairman's Award

This was presented to Andrew Wray for his tireless, voluntary work for the Trust. The presentation to him was shown on video.

The Community Award

Caitlin Hartley accepted this Award on behalf of Emily Smith, who received it in appreciation of her 'Red Box' initiative, which supplies sanitary products to girls unable to afford to buy them.

A presentation was made to Neil Littlewood, who is stepping down from the committee. Neil, who will continue to help on a voluntary basis, has been the representative for Land and Buildings and was presented with a gift as a token of thanks for all the hard work he has undertaken for the Trust, over many years.

2. Secretary's Introduction

a. Steve Hemming (SH) advised that copies of the Agenda, Annual Report for 2018 and Accounts for 2018 were distributed on the chairs and would be referred to during the proceedings. He advised that the formal part of the AGM would close after the election of Officers and Committee members and that under Any Other Business there would be an opportunity for questions. He advised that following the meeting there would be refreshments.

b. SH presented a history of the Trust, formed 25 years ago, and reported that the Trust has started the process of applying for an Asset Transfer from Kirklees Council in respect

of the Village Hall, which could lead to a 125 year lease. The presentation gave an overall view of the work and responsibilities of the Trust. It showed the main points of the Constitution and gave the aims and objectives for the future, emphasising the need for more volunteers to help in continuing the management of the Trust.

c. The minutes of the AGM held on 17th April 2018 were read by the Secretary and approved.

3. The Secretary read out his review of 2018 as contained in the Annual Report

4. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasurer's Accounts for year ending 31st December 2018 were available for all present.

Dennis Roberts (Treasurer) presented a financial analysis of previous years. 2018 showed a big improvement in the financial situation from 2017, due to the income from the lettings of the Village Hall, which is now running at nearly full capacity. Costs have risen with inflation and due to an increased usage of the hall. The overcharging by energy suppliers has been resolved after the Ombudsman found in the Trust's favour. Land costs were higher in 2018 due to a necessary survey on the trees and the employment of a tree surgeon to carry out the work identified by the survey.

Various community donations were listed.

Thanks were expressed to Charlie for all his help on the land with heavy plant.

5. Sub Committee Reports

The following sub committee reports, contained in the Annual Report, were read to the meeting.

- a. Village Hall – Marcia Murray
- b. Land and Buildings – Steve Hemming
- c. Honley Remembers – Carol Roberts
- d. Honley Flyer – John Murray
- e. Over 55 Leisure Group – Margaret Wadsworth
- f. Friends of Honley – Sylvia Sellen

6. Chairman's Report – Margaret Wadsworth thanked the presenters of the reports.

7. Appointment of Auditors: Proposal to appoint D and A Hill as the auditors for the next financial year. Approved.

8. Election of Officers 2019 - 2020

The nominations for the election of officers were contained in the agenda papers. The following were elected in the absence of any other nominations. This year Neil Littlewood has decided to stand down from the committee and his role as Land and

Buildings Representative. Steve Hemming is relinquishing his role as Secretary to take over responsibility for Land and Buildings.

Chairman – Ian Blagborough
Treasurer – Dennis Roberts
Secretary – Margaret Rayner
Vice Chairman – Margaret Wadsworth
Deputy Treasurer – Sylvia Sellen
Deputy Secretary – Steve Hemming

Margaret Wadsworth expressed the grateful thanks of the Trust to Steve Hemming for his dedicated work as Secretary over a period of 5 years.

9. Election of Committee Members 2019 -2021

The nominations for the election of members to the committee were contained in the agenda papers and the following were elected in the absence of any other nominations,

John Murray
Marcia Murray
Jo Bonds
Maisie Belcher
Vivian Rayner

There are now 3 vacancies on the Committee.

10. Margaret Wadsworth and June McClean spoke about the Youth Club and the positive effect it is having on the youth of Honley.

The formal part of the AGM was then closed

11. Any Other Business

Residents questioned if there would be a problem building a wall on their land, which borders Trust land at Green Cliffe.

No objections were raised as the wall will be built on their land.

A query was raised re the method of purchasing goods through Amazon, where a small percentage of the cost is returned to a nominated charity. Marcia Murray, initially, and later Vivian Rayner had both contacted Amazon to find out if, where and when any money owed to us had been paid. They had both received emails in reply saying the matter would be looked into but so far no result.

12. The meeting closed at 8.58pm and refreshments were served.

