

Minutes of Glooston, Stonton & Cranoe Village Hall Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15 September 2021 @7:30pm

Minutes of last AGM

Due to Covid, the last Annual General Meeting was held in May 2018. The minutes of the last AGM were briefly read out and were accepted.

There were no matters arising.

Chair's report

The Chair summarised the events of the past two years:

- Excellent feedback had been received from many quarters about the renovations made to the hall and grounds. Thanks were extended to all who had volunteered to help in completing the renovations. In particular David, Linda and Ce were thanked for creating and tending the garden and hedges.
- Further improvements to the kitchen area would provide better storage and a shed is now probably required to store the lawn mower, barbeque and other outdoor assets.
- Although the hall had to be closed during Covid, bookings were now starting to return with three regular weekly bookings and several individual events.
- The Friday evening bar was proving to be very popular with an average of around £200 per week in takings – the profit from which would cover all running costs. However, further volunteers are required to help run the bar and more formal monetary reporting arrangements needed to maintain audit trails. A training evening will be provided to any bartender volunteers. It has also been agreed that the bar would be named as “The Woodsman” with an appropriate sign being erected above the bar area.

Treasurer's Report

A high level summary of the previously prepared financial statements for the two years to April 2021 was given by Michael Summers. An overall profit of £1230.31 was reported for the year ending 5/4/20 which was the last “normal” year prior to Covid. An overall loss of £4334.92 was reported for the “covid” year ending 5/4/21 – during which grants totalling £5500 and donations from individuals within the village totalling £1210 were received. Huge thanks go to those individuals as their generosity helped the village hall survive during the period when it was closed. These grants and donations enabled the largest investment (in terms of hall renovations) to be made in the past 20 years.

Election of Committee

Alistair Chapman was re-elected as the Chair.

John Neilson has stood down as Vice Chair after many successful years in post. John will continue to maintain the bookings calendar and the village hall website.

Karen Summers was elected as the new Vice Chair, creating a vacancy for the Treasurer.

Michael Summers was elected as the Treasurer.

Phil Cross-Rudkin was elected as the Secretary, having previously been co-opted into the post.

The village representatives remain as before.

Review of Hiring Charges

Following some discussion about the various hall hiring charges, it was suggested that a complete review be conducted. Emma Traynor was commissioned to lead the review with Caroline and Emily forming the team. The review will consider the charges made by other halls and research the market, reporting back to a subsequent meeting. The review will also cover how an alert system could be set up to ensure the cleaning etc of the hall before and after any booked events. **AP25: Emma, Carolina and Emily to conduct review and report back.**

Forthcoming events

Ideas for events to be held in the hall were sought and discussed.

It was agreed that Tribute band nights were universally popular but that it might prove challenging to find a band for our budget within the next couple of months. **AP26: Sean agreed to research availability and cost of a tribute band.**

There is the possibility that a Harvest Supper could take place in the immediate future. **AP27: AC to check situation with Brian.**

Any further ideas are to be invited from the village population. **AP28: AC to invite ideas via email.**

AOB

Having been side-lined by Covid, there is a need for defibrillator refresher training in the village. **AP29: AC to arrange with Justin.**

A working party is required to finish off various items in the garden and complete maintenance to the new hedges etc. **AP30: AC to issue email inviting all villagers to join the working party on Saturday 16 October at 1000.**

The issue of late evening extraneous noise during hall events was raised. Although the hall is licensed for alcohol and music until 1pm, it was agreed that the cut off time for music should be midnight.

Date of next meeting is 13 October 2021 at 1930.