

## **AGM Minutes March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**

Attendees:- Geoff Plass, Dan Heaphy, Irene Bain, Sue Plass, Dewi Williams, Edna & Peter Taylor, Andy Cross, Sue White, Liz & Kevin McAloon, Brenda & Alan Silve, Deborah Franks, Chris Massey

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Alison & Derek Massey, Judith Brown, Linda Kennedy, Rod peterken, Jason Tighe

### **2. Approval of the minute of previous AGM**

Proposed;- Keven McAloon      Seconded:- Irene Bain

### **3. Chairmans report**

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone, especially my fellow Trustees and committee members who has supported the ATVH in the past Year and give my best wishes for a speedy recovery to Rod our Treasurer and Linda Kennedy. I will try my best to give a brief overview of events and apologise if I have missed out something or got things in the wrong order.

I start with:-

- Tesco Grant for £1000 together with the Dyers Company grant of £500, to help replace and update aging white goods in our kitchen, fridge, cooker & tea urn.
- New improvements to the beer garden area with the construction of a permanent hard standing 5m x 11m with artificial grass for the marquee to stand on.
- A new garage roof fitted to replace the old leaky one and water proofing to the walls to prevent water damage inside the garage.
- BAR: New bottle washer installed and a new BT router waiting to be installed.
- Main Hall has had new sound absorbing panels fitted to the walls in order to help try and dampen sound reverberation and noise.

- Bawming Day was extremely successful for the village and for the first time we were able to utilise the entire fields including the old bowling green for marquees and games.

However on a rather sad note this maybe the last Bawming event on our field as there are changes a foot for this Years event, where the school will be hosting it.(please see website for updates).

- Utility Charges:-

This has caused a massive problem to the running costs for the Hall as well as domestic users. The current situation is that the increase in KWH charges have led to a four-fold increase in our overheads.

Our fixed contract deal ran out for Electric & Gas in Sept & Oct accordingly and we were at the mercy of the open market charges, we managed to secure a 12 month fixed deal bringing the KWH costs down a bit but still extremely high!!!

As a consequence of these increases, we have had to ask our main Hall users(renters) to pay a “ power supplement” to help cover these costs and essentially keep the doors open !!

I would like to thank Kegmasters, AD Dance school and the new Preschool for their co-operation and support. A special thanks to Kegmasters for all the extended work they have done in order to bring down their electrical usage running costs by 25% which has greatly helped.

### **LETS HOPE THE UTILITY COSTS REDUCE SOON**

- The Queen’s platinum jubilee celebrations was very well attended, and fun was had by all enjoying the field activities, BBQ and mini beer festival.
- I would like to welcome the new preschool to the Hall, their impact has been felt immediately and they have made a good impression so far, the committee has used some funding from the Bawming committee to provide a new much needed shed

in the beer garden for their use.

- Xmas Fayre and tree lighting events:  
Both these events were very well attended and enjoyable it was great to see just how many locals turned out.
- Septic tank and toilet refurbishment project: -  
It is not a secret that our toilets & septic systems require refurbishment and especially the septic tank, replacing with a direct connection to the main drains. This is a massive project and couldn't have been even started without the help of key experienced professionals in this field so my huge thanks go the Andy Cross and Jason Tighe, who have given up their time free of charge and used their vast knowledge to build up the project with drawings and planning together with hours of consultation with local companies and of course United Utilities. My special thanks to Andy for this liaison work and his time and expertise,

I have then used these specifications to apply for a grant, as this will be a very expensive project circa £60k to £70k. I'm very pleased to announce that we have been successful and secured a grant of £50k towards the project. Other monies will be found through use of our reserve account and fund raising, we are also applying to our local Parish council and other sources for grants such as the Platinum Jubilee Village Hall grant.

The project has officially started at the beginning of February with subcontractors being engaged and final costs / timescales agreed we are hoping that completion should be finalised by Autumn 2023.

**WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP DISRUPTION TO A MINIMUM**

- Kings Coronation: we would very much like to celebrate this event on the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> May and we will be looking into ideas for the day and welcome any suggestions

Finally thank you all once again for your support and we look forward to the next Year.

#### 4 Treasurers Report

Unfortunately Rod Peterken is poorly and cannot attend the meeting. Dan Heaphy handed out copies of the accounts for 2021 to 2023 and the Chair asked for any questions. The accounts will be made available on the website.

#### 5 The Election of Officers

Rod Peterken offered his resignation giving one year's notice until the next AGM. It was suggested that George Bedford would be interested in becoming the new treasurer. Sue Plass to contact.

Dewi Williams offered to stand as Vice Chair proposed by Geoff Plass and seconded by Irene Bain. Dewi was welcomed once more at being a Trustee.

Geoff Plass was re-elected as Chair and Dan Heaphy as Secretary.

#### 6 Any Other Business

Alan Silver said his son had managed to obtain money from his insurance for replacing his septic tank. Geoff thanked him and said we would investigate.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.