

## AGM Minutes March 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

Attendees: - Geoff Plass, Dan Heaphy, Irene Bain, Sue Plass, Rod Peterken, Geoge Bedford, Edna & Peter Taylor, Sue White, Neil Brogden, Linda Kennedy, Sally Manfredi, Mark Roberts, Dewi Williams

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

Liz & Kevin McAloon, Amanda Yarwood, Iain Hebenton, Andy Cross, Sue Williams, Chay & Chris Tomkinson, Alison Massey

### 2. **Approval of the minutes of previous AGM 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Proposed; - Rod Peterken

Seconded: - Irene Bain

### 3. **Chairmans report**

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow Trustees Irene Bain, Dan Heaphy, Sue Plass, Rod Peterkin, Dewi Williams and George Bedford as well all the committee members new and old who have given up their time and supported the ATVH during this Year.

#### **General running of the Hall: -**

Unlike the previous summer period where refurbishment work was being carried out, the VH was open for Business as usual. I'm very pleased to announce that we had several very successful BBQ's as well as other small private events in the Beer garden and field. We continue to miss the annual Bawming event that we used to host but we are very pleased that the event is still being successfully run at the school for the village children.

**Membership:** - this is now at its highest number ever at just over 680 with a mix of Life, family, single, OAP and student levels to choose from. Well, done Sue Plass for her work as Membership secretary as this revenue is of vital importance

to support investment projects for the Hall

**Utility Charges:** -Continue to cause problems to the running costs for the Hall, currently Users of the Hall are paying a small subsidy to help counter some of this cost and will continue until the prices for Gas & Electric return to more manageable rates.

Our thanks go to these Users for their support during this period.

**The preschool** continues to grow in numbers and is a major success, the rear courtyard has been adapted further by the addition of artificial grassed areas create to a safer play area.

### **Events October, November & December 2023**

Successful events such as the annual Beer festival, Xmas Fair and now traditional Xmas tree lighting were held and all were very well attended and most enjoyable, as was the Members & Guests New Years Eve party, it was great to see just how many locals turned out as the weather was not at its kindest. We raised circa more than £1500 from these events towards our reserve's funds for future inward investments.

### **Other activities include**

New security camera fitted in the kitchen area in January, as well as replacement fencing and a new store area for the preschool by the beer garden.

In June the Bar was awarded yet another distinguished honour by CAMRA, so once again well done to Derek, Alison & Chris and all the staff for the endeavors, you make us all very proud.

We held a Clairvoyant evening in September which was well attended and help raise around £167... should have seen that one coming!! The addition of New Oak doors at the rear

entrance has really finished off toilet refurbishments project in style.

We continue to have regular surgery's held by our local PCSO Colin Blancard so please feel free to discuss with him any issues you might have.

HMP Thorn Cross continue to give us excellent support with our ground maintenance such as cutting hedges and grass and other activities to which we are very grateful.

Funds were raised and spent on the Defib unit with the replacement of batteries and pads our thanks go to David Wilson Homes AT Village Choir for their donations.

The Hall continues to be a very invaluable asset for our local community and for our regular Users such as , Preschool, Atomic Theatre dance Group, YOGA, Royal Vale String Orchestra. Brownies, Rainbows and of course the BAR

### **Futures 2025:**

Continuation of our plan and commitment for inward investments

a) The roof continues to be of concern.

b) Further work to start on the replacement and upgrade of our surface drainage system starting in March until Easter, we are sorry if this work causes any inconvenience to the users but it is an essential project.

c) In July/August there will be refurbishment of our existing Kitchen by new units and making better use of the area in general, a new boiler has already been installed

d) Expansion of our existing Wi-Fi coverage within the Hall( already completed)

These inward development projects are only possibly because of the fund raising events and Membership monies as well as successfully obtaining Grants we have been able to

secure two grants of £20k and 10k

#### **4 Treasurers Report.**

Income for FY24 was £46,585, expenditure £43,047, so a net income of £3,537.

Some main items of expenditure in the year were c.£5.8k commission for grant funding, as well as c.£4.3k payments in relation to work carried out on the toilet refurb.

We also had the landscaping and fencing work which came to c.£2k, and the new benches which were £660.

We received £1,106 income from the Warrington community lottery in the year.

Total funds in the bank as at year end were £62,897, cash of £690.

The accounts are still being tweaked but will be available in due course.

#### **5 The Election of Officers**

The Honorary officers were re-elected unopposed. Geoff Plass as Chair, Dewi Williams as Vice Chair and Dan Heaphy as Secretary, George Bedford as Treasurer

#### **6 Any Other Business**

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Next Meeting of Trustees 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025