

Yew Tree Hall Annual General Meeting Minutes.

8pm on 20/07/23 in the Hall.

1. Present

Catherine Armstrong (CA) (Treasurer), Adam Baker (AB), Eleanor Gardiner (EG) (Acting Secretary), Steve Irlam (SI), James Lusher (JL)(Chair), Polly Lusher (PL), Clare Round (CR), Caroline Searson (CS), Rachel Edmunds (RE), Derek Poate (DP), Fiona Lambrick (FL), Peter Deeks (PD), Nigel Lee (NL), Liz Irlam (LI) (representing Gardening Club in the absence of Christine Walmsley (CW))

Members of the public – Carol Priestley, John Priestley, Stephen Revell, Ann Revell, Mike Jaques, Glenis Postlethwaite, Penny Poole, Duncan Poole, Ian Smith, Chris Poate

Apologies for Absence. Christine Walmsley

2. Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed the attendees and members of the public to the meeting & outlined its format. All those who are over 18 and live in the community are entitled to vote.

3. Approval of Minutes of Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

Copies had been circulated following the AGM & again with the notice for this year's meeting. The minutes were approved.

4. There were no matters arising.

5. Trustees Annual report – for approval

- i. Trustees' Annual Report – Chairman.
See attachment.
- ii. Trustees' Annual Report – Treasurer.
See attachment

DP asked for the digital costs to be itemised separately next year. The Karate Club does not appear on this year's accounts due to when they commenced.

6. Notification of Representative Members to new Committee.

Steve Irlam	Melbreak Communities
Rachel Edmunds	St Cuthbert's PCC
Nigel Lee	YTH Table Tennis Club
Adam Baker	Blindbothel Parish Council
Fiona Lambrick	L&DF History Society
Christine Walmsley	Lorton Gardening Club
Caroline Searson	Friends of Lorton School
Polly Lusher	YTH Film Club
Peter Deeks	Lorton Parish Council
<i>Representation Declined</i>	Buttermere Parish Council

Note - SI was previously an elected member and the Melbreak Communities representative. He has opted to remain a representative but not to stand for re-election.

7. Election of Elected Members.

Existing Elected Members, Derek Poate, Catherine Armstrong, Eleanor Gardiner, James Lusher, Clare Round, were prepared to stand again. All were elected by a majority.

Stephen Revell, who identified himself as a lawyer, raised a point of order saying that in his legal opinion members should be elected on an individual vote. After some discussion by Peter Deeks and Adam Baker about whether this was correct, Chair James Lusher proposed that the election should be conducted once again on an individual basis. Each member was proposed and seconded once again and elected by a majority.

8. Declaration of willingness to act

This was read aloud for the benefit of members of the public. Duncan Poole asked why the two available Trustee posts had not been advertised. How would members of the public know how to apply?

It was emphasised that if someone wanted to be on the committee and had missed the election then it was possible for them to be co-opted onto the committee until the next AGM when they could stand for election. The availability of Trustee positions would be advertised on the website.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the coming year.

Ann Cummings was unanimously accepted by the committee as the examiner for next year. Ann gives her services voluntarily. The committee voted that CA would give Ann a gift on our behalf to thank her for her work and & her offer to continue in the role.

10. AOB – questions from members of the public

D. Poole – What has happened with respect to the consultation held within the community over YTH development?

PD (who is on the Development Group) explained that the DG is currently developing a draft statement of need, in regards to what the community has said it expects from the village hall

D. Poole - What about the church? Is it still interested in a common space?

RE (representing the PCC) explained that the PCC do not yet have a view but are in the process of discussing possible developments.

D. Poole – Richard Pratt, the Archdeacon, has said the church is still open to cooperation.

RE – it is a church/village discussion that needs to be had.

JL said that the YTH had engaged with the PCC after members of the PCC advocated re-looking at the previous Church/YTH scheme at the January LPC meeting.

D.Poole suggested that YTH look at St Philip's in Eaglesfield as an example.

D. Poole - Why is the Crummock weir scheme discussed on the YTH website?

JL - We have written to UU asking for a meeting here since we feel it will impact Low Lorton at least.

D. Poole – YTH does not have a standing in this. It has no business, as a charity, in being involved.

S. Revell – Even looking at a new hall is beyond the remit of the YTH committee. The PC should look at community need (including other pillars)

PD – Read from Clause 24 of our governing document, that we are entitled to dispose of the YTH if the proceeds are used for a new hall.

S. Revell - that is not my interpretation and I disagree

JL – Noted that the Trustee document is over 100 years old and is in the process of being revised.

J. Priestley – YTH needs capital. YTH needs a finance subcommittee to look at finance and income generation.

PL – DG is looking at the finance, in particular how other local hall development/redevelopments were financed.

Meeting closed 2100. JL thanked members of the public for their comments and their attendance.