

**1. Present**

Catherine Armstrong (CA), Adam Baker (AB), Fiona Lambrick (FL), Nigel Lee (NL), James Lusher (JL), Polly Lusher [vice EG] (PL), Derek Poate (DP), Glenis Postlethwaite [vice PD] (GP), Clare Round (CR)

Apologies: Peter Deeks (PD), Rachael Edmunds (RE), Eleanor Gardiner (EG), Liz Irlam [vice Christine Walmsley] (LI), Steve Irlam (SI)

7 members of the public: Pippa Collacott (PC), Ann Peck (AP), David Walmsley (DW), Christine Walmsley (CW), Ian Smith (IS), Hanneke van Schelven (HvS), Christine Pledger (CP).

**2. Previous Minutes**

20/07/23. Approved. As attached document: *YTHC AGM draft mins 200723 v3*

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Trustees Annual Report – Chair, AB**

As attached document: *AGM Chair report 250724*. Presented by AB. Questions invited.

a. *AP. Do we need to fit a fire alarm?*

Yes, was in the fire assessment and is in hand.

b. *PC. Is the hall in profit because of more use or less expenditure?*

Have spent less, bit of both.

c. *HvS. Acoustics in hall are not good, difficulty in hearing, will anything be done?*

Redevelopment of the hall could include a suspended acoustic ceiling (like the Kirkgate centre in Cockermonth). JL – The hall has a hearing loop fitted.

d. *HvS. Are we going ahead with redevelopment or a new hall?*

Initial findings of Parish Questionnaire suggest people would like to see redevelopment of the existing hall. PL – Development Group within the Committee are looking at number of options.

e. *PC. Parish Questionnaire was only a small sample size and not representative of the village view so YTHMC could not say redevelopment was the preference. JL agreed – no specific question on the hall.*

YTHMC not saying it, but quoting from the initial summary of the Parish Questionnaire. Would need to wait for the full results of the survey. NL – everyone had the opportunity to respond, can't complain if they didn't.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

As attached document: *YTHMC 23\_24 accounts signoff*. Presented by CA.

Summary of YTHMC finances for the year ended 31 March 2024, £600 surplus. Success of regular events such as table tennis and film nights plus major, well organised and supported events.

Donations have helped. YTH has also taken the opportunity to donate to charities.

Payments have risen with inflation causing a rise in the insurance price, electricity costs, banking fees and the internet line. Recommendation to continue to promote the hall and its use. Look to organise some big events – important for generating the necessary income. Questions invited:

- a. *PC. Is the hall in profit because of more use or less expenditure?*  
Increased hires. Hire rate no impact as year is to 31 March. Hire rate increase effective 1 April. Have spent less, but mostly more hires. JL – back to where it was pre covid.
- b. *PC. Do you need a special licence for the betting for the Race night you're planning?*  
No. As long as the main proportion returned to the winners.
- c. *HvS. Nice to see the school children having parties in the hall.*  
Yes.

#### **6. Notification of Representative Members**

Explanation of composition of YTHMC committee. 8 bodies nominating trustees are:

- Blindbothel Parish Council – AB
- Film Club – PL
- Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society – FL
- Lorton Parish Council – PD
- Lorton Vale Gardening Club – LI
- Melbreak Communities – SI
- Parochial Church Council – RE
- Table Tennis – NL

#### **7. Thanks to members stepping down**

Vote of thanks to Christine Walmsley for her role as LVGC representative member and to Eleanor Gardiner for her role as Film Club representative member.

#### **8. Election of six Elected members**

Explanation of voting system for elected members to members of the public; 'for' and 'against' votes would be tallied. CA, JL, DP and CR indicated they would like to stand for re-election.

- CA – unanimously re-elected
- JL – 6 for, 8 against; not elected
- DP – unanimously re-elected
- CR – unanimously re-elected
- IS – volunteered for election – 14 for; elected

#### **9. Appointment of Independent Examiner for the coming year**

Ann Cummings was unanimously accepted by YTHMC as the examiner for the year. A note of thanks for her work had been given by CA on behalf of the trustees.

#### **10. Amendments to the Governing Document**

Explanation that YTHMC were previously considering changing the Governing Document and constitution of the Yew Tree Hall charity to a Chartered Incorporated Organisation.

However, following discussions with village hall specialist advisors (ACT) it was advised that significant changes to the current Governing Document would suffice.

Before closing the meeting, AB, on behalf of YTHMC, thanked JL for his contribution to the committee.

PL advised that she was standing down as Film Club rep and that IS may want to take on the role.

AB thanked all for attending the AGM.

Meeting closed 7.35pm

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