

Ashton under Hill Social Centre Committee

AGM Tues20th May 2014

Green room 7.00 pm

Minutes

- 1. Present** Brian Stephens, Sarah Lane, Tom Archer, Jo Brown, Ruth Barnett, Charles Archer, Doreen Cope, Ian Facer.
- 2. Apologies** Gerald Barnett, Judy Templeton, Wendy Shirra
- 3. Minutes of last Meeting** Were agreed and signed.
- 4. Matters arising** None
- 5. Chairman's report**

Firstly I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work during the last 12 months. We welcomed Tom Archer to the Committee this year, and after today's meeting are sorry to be saying goodbye to Wendy Shirra & Judy Templeton who have decided not to stand as committee members next year. Thanks to them for all their help over many years.

I note from the minutes of last year's AGM that we were due to have a meeting with Sharon Cole to finalise the new Dual Use Agreement, we are still waiting for this meeting! I have asked Sharon to contact WCC to send an e-mail version of the draft agreement so that I can amend this as agreed with Bryony and the various representatives of WCC. In the meantime the school are happy to continue with the existing arrangements.

I feel that it has been a good year for the Social Centre and we have undertaken various projects, some still to be completed, that will benefit various aspects of community life in Ashton.

In no particular order, we have

1. Provided new net posts and nets at the Tennis Courts.
2. Works have been carried out to help prevent flooding of the playground.

3. Wicksteed should shortly be installing matting and new bark in the area damaged by the rainwater runoff.
4. A quote has been approved for the hearing loop in the village hall and this should be fitted in the summer holidays.
5. Two new benches have been provided at the playing fields site.
6. We finally managed to get Severn Trent to carry out the works to prevent excess water from the booster station running down onto the basketball area.
7. We contributed to the new entrance lobby at the school, and to the emergency electrical work.

Apart from our usual source of income we are extremely grateful to Open Gardens for their donation of £4250, and our thanks also go to the Parish Council for a one-off grant of £3500. Unfortunately the Football Club have folded and left owing us £250, which we are unlikely to see.

We look forward to a successful Fete (run by the fete sub-committee) in September and an Autumn Supper in October.

The Cricket Club have requested a new lease (the old one expires in 2015) to enable them to take up a recent Sport England award.

If you are aware of anyone who you think might join the Committee then please encourage them to come along. Once again many thanks for all your support.

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6. **Treasurers report** Ian made the point that although we have a balance in the bank after all due payments are paid we don't have any contingency funds for depreciation of assets. We also need to let Ashton residents know what it costs to maintain the hall and playing fields so that when we are given funds it will be understood that they can't always be used for new projects.

. Expenses were..... and income was leaving a bank balance of at the end of the year

We thank Ian for his hard work as treasurer over the year and in preparing the accounts.

7. **Auditor** Geoff Mills has agreed to audit our accounts again this year.

8. Election of Committee

Chairman. Ian Facer proposed Brian Stephens and Jo seconded it. Brian agreed to stand and was duly appointed.

Secretary. Doreen Cope proposed Sarah Lane and and Brian seconded it. Sarah agreed to stand and was duly elected.

Treasurer. Brian proposed Ian Facer and Charles Archer seconded it. Ian being willing to stand was duly elected.

The following were also elected:

Tom Archer as Cricket Club representative

Charles Archer as First school representative

Ruth Barnett as playgroup representative

Doreen as Parish Council representative

Gerry Barnett as executive member

Jo Brown in charge of publicity

Jenny Simpson as playground representative

Wendy Shirra and Judy Templeton have stood down this year and we thank them for their hard work on the committee.

We need two or three more members to join the committee and were all asked to make an effort to ask people.

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