



MINUTES OF A G M OF BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2018

Present: Edwin Wilkinson (Chair), Joanne Roberts (Treasurer), Monica Tasker (Secretary), Brian Tilley (Booking Officer), Bill Burton, Ruth Everatt, Pat Wilkinson, Mrs T Maughan, Tom Thompson Sheila Proudlock and Monica.

Apologies: Ken Gaskin (Vice Chair), William Wilkinson, Jamie Rickelton, R Wilson, Pat Stevenson and Christine Bragg.

Edwin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked if everyone had read the Minutes of the 2017 AGM and whether or not there were any queries. As there were none, the Minutes were noted as being a true record, proposed by Brian, seconded by Joanne.

Any Matters arising from the last AGM: There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: Edwin reported:

Welcome everyone to our AGM. Bellingham Town Hall has enjoyed a much improved year, and is being used much more regularly. Lettings are up, community bookings are up, entertainment and outside traders are using the hall more regularly.

The year has seen:-

- a) Northumberland Community Development Network has assisted with ideas and help in putting on events. Our thanks to Janet Cresswell for her help and this included the event Tools for Wellness. Monica's daughter, Jessica greatly helped pull this program together, whom we thank. In the afternoon meals from the Food Artisan was served.
- b) NCDN gave us valuable assistance in organising a very enjoyable concert last month given by Sam Quentin and Al Catraz. Thank you Lynn Johnston for organising this event and for all your help.
- c) The Community Room is hired by the Job Seekers Forum once a week for 6 weeks.
- d) The Tower Clock has been refurbished and two new winding motors c/w control gear have been replaced. We have in place a yearly maintenance programme.
- e) The Town Hall was very pleased to assist Bellingham Middle School when the school had to close for chimney repairs.
- f) We opened the Hall to accommodate participants of the Perelli Car Rally.
- g) Also for the Tyne Runners as a food station.
- h) One of the highs was the Tour of Britain Cycle Race coming through Bellingham village. The Town Hall looked great decked with the red and yellow bikes fixed on the wall and lots of bunting over the main door and garden area.

Coffee and biscuits were served. Santa Claus was very grateful that the bikes were still there to ride at Christmas time!

The old tank room is now completed and has made an excellent studio room. This has been hired to Melissa Pick as an extension of Melissa's Mobile Beauty Box. We wish her every success in her venture. A complete new sound system has been installed for music with microphones, and we thank Joanne for obtaining a grant of £1000 from the Community Chest Application, this was match funded from the Friends of the Town Hall fund.

Once again we are very grateful to the Friends of the Town Hall for their donations, and thank you Ken for organising the letter drop and collection.

May I thank all the members and especially the volunteers for helping at the Prize Bingos, our Jumble Sales and the Craft Fairs, all the help is much appreciated.

Over and over we thank Graham and Tom Tom for the Saturday Night Bingos – stalwarts of the highest order.

Thanks to Pat once again for keeping a beautiful garden, photographs have been circulated everywhere. This year's theme is bright red and yellow with a very special theme for a Tommy silhouette commemorating 100 years end of WW1.

Future maintenance must 'to do' are to obtain new circular curtain rods to take the weight of the curtains.

Possible future entertainment events are a Race Night and a Quiz Night.

I take this opportunity to thank Monica, Joanne, Pat and Brian for their regular every week tasks, and to thank our hard-working members for their unstinting efforts to keep our Town Hall a living hub for Bellingham.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Joanne had reported on the accounts in the pre-AGM meeting, and wished to thank Chris Gillie who audits the accounts free of charge. The accounts were proposed to be accepted by Pat, and Brian seconded this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Tom Tom reported that he has resigned from the Leek Club, the AGM will be shortly and hopefully a new representative will be named.

Tom Tom also said that he has proposed to have the Bingo nights on a Sunday as there seem to be more events held on Saturday nights which means the Bingo has to be cancelled. Edwin said that in these cases, it is possible to use the Masonic Hall.

Edwin thanked the representative members for attendance and support at this meeting.

Election of committee members will be done in the following committee meeting,

There being no other business to discuss the Committee membership was dissolved as the term of office had ended.

Meeting Ended 7.15pm