



MINUTES OF BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT BELLINGHAM TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019

Present: Edwin Wilkinson (Chair), Ken Gaskin (Vice Chair), Joanne Roberts (Treasurer), Monica Tasker (Secretary), Brian Tilley (Booking Officer), Bill Burton, Pat Wilkinson, Peter Scott, Melissa Pick, Mrs T Maughan, Clive Hymers, Pat Stevenson and.

Apologies: Ruth Everatt, William Wilkinson, Jamie Rickelton, R G Wilson, D Allen, Leanne Little, Sheila Proudlock and Christine Bragg.

Edwin welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked if everyone had read the Minutes of the 2018 AGM and whether or not there were any queries. As there were none, the Minutes were noted as being a true record, proposed by Ken, seconded by Bill.

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

Chairman's Report: Edwin reported:

Good evening everyone, welcome to Bellingham Town Hall AGM.

This last year has been a most exciting and fruitful year. We had an excellent rise in bookings and lettings, 75% of which brought in a regular income and these together with the one-off lettings sustain the building for next year. All domestic running costs and invoices are paid up-to-date including the final payment for the clock repairs thanks to a gratefully received grant from the Co-op. This leaves a safe working balance in the bank.

We very much enjoyed having in the hall the Land of Joy, who made an excellent temple within the building. They were a real treat in the village for the three weeks of their event. We also had an excellent Christmas production from Bellingham First School. The staff and children entertained the village community to a very high standard.

We have greatly enjoyed having Melissa in her Beauty Box, and we wish her well with her move into the future.

We welcome Melissa and Peter on to our Management Committee.

Our jumble sales, bingos and table top sales continue to do very well. We thank whole heartedly the committee volunteers for their help without which these would not happen; also Joanne and Monica for their organisation. I thank Brian for organising the bookings, Joanne as treasurer, Monica as secretary and all the management committee who work diligently and continually to keep Bellingham Town Hall on the map and to be used.

The Town Hall garden once again took many great comments locally and much farther afield, thank you Pat for the wonderful display which you grew from seeds. The theme was yellow and red, also displayed was the First World War Tommy and the Suffragette movement. The World War Tommy will be reinstalled up at the cemetery. This year's theme is pink and white and there will be a display for 100 years of the Forestry Commission, Pat has already started over again.

Joanne and Monica have organised the leaflets for the Friends of the Town Hall to assist Ken, who will collate the donations which will be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

This has been a good year and we look forward to the next, thank you everyone.

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 Ken, and seconded by Brian.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Ruth Everatt has given notice that she wishes to resign from the committee and forwarded the details of a future new member. Jamie Rickelton emailed his wish to continue as a committee member.

Edwin wished to thank Tom Tom for the Bingo nights asking Monica to send him a thank you letter.

Ken thanked Edwin for all his hard work and time with the maintenance repairs and looking after the garden.

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 7.13pm