

Minutes of AGM
Tynninghame Village Hall and Community
Held on April 8th 2022 at Tynninghame Village Hall

Present

Erica Wimbush (Chair), Carol Crowther (Committee member), Shireen Green (Committee member), Rhys Green, Stephen Roberts, Ian Arthurs, Barbara Schofield (Committee member), Nigel Schofield, Priscilla Parry, Lizzie Bell, Churnisay Gwyn, Ali McGregor (Committee member), Alistair Carmichael, Judy Riley, David Simpson, Ruth White, Emma Fenlen, Danny Wight (Committee member), Anthony Maclver, Karine Maclver, Nathan Goode, Rae Goode, Morag Cook, Liz and Alistair Stobart, Margaret Evans, Andrew Jones, Jenni Vernon, David Clark, Tim Harper (Committee member), Chris Gunstone (Committee member). Eric Martin (Hall manager)

Welcome

Erica Wimbush, as chair, welcomed everybody to the meeting. She gave a brief introduction to the charity, what its role was and the committee members introduced themselves.

Apologies

Yvonne Carmichael, Sophie Wild

Approval of Last Years Minutes

Proposed by Shireen Green and seconded by David Clark.

Annual Report

Erica Wimbush pointed out that there were copies of the annual report on the tables around the room and that it was also available on the website. She reviewed the progress in refurbishment over the year (roof insulation, toilet refurbishment, repainting and more recently sanding and varnishing the floor). Eric Martin was introduced as the new hall keeper and the role of the committee in maintaining the interior of the hall and managing bookings was explained. It was pointed out that efforts which had been made to encourage the estate to fulfil its obligations to maintain the exterior, were just beginning to bear fruit. The cricket pitch agreement remains under discussion with the estate. She reminded everyone that the website was an important source of information about the hall and events. Erica then handed over to Carol Crowther to review the community activities that had been carried out over the year.

Carol gave an overview of the activities that had taken place over the year, drew attention to forthcoming events, and the active subgroups such as Wednesday Walkers, Craft and Connect and Tynninghame Sings.

Carol explained that being involved in the Community Engagement Group did not mean involvement in the committee, and that residents were welcome to participate as much or as little as they wished. She reminded people that the bus shelter had details of activities and events.

Financial Report

Tim Harper (Treasurer) gave a brief overview of the accounts, explaining that the apparent overspend was due to spending the grants received the previous year for refurbishments. There is a positive balance in the bank and we actually did quite well considering the effect of covid on bookings etc. (Financial Accounts available on the website)

Dunpender Community Council

Danny Wight (the Tynninghame Representative on the community council) discussed the various strands of work that had been going on over the year.

There seemed to be positive progress on the opening of the path from the village to Binning Wood, and it was hoped that this could be reinstated in the near future.

The council remained resistant to a 20mph limit but were planning to put a gateway into the village with enhanced rumble strips (Similar to Gifford).

Motocross events in Little Binning wood were being looked into by NatureScot.

Electric chargers for cars had been raised as a possibility but had been deemed unviable for a small village such as ours.

Election of the Committee

It was noted that Jacky Oudney had resigned earlier this year and that Barbara Schofield, Yvonne Carmichael and Chris Gunstone were standing down at this AGM. They were thanked for their contributions. The rest of the committee were also thanked for their contributions over the year, and were prepared to stand for re-election. Stephen Roberts proposed that this be accepted and there was general agreement from those in attendance. People were encouraged to join the committee but there were no volunteers at the meeting.

Issues raised by those attending

Throughout the evening those attending were encouraged to raise issues, and there was plenty of discussion! For ease of recording I have listed these below.

- Speed Camera - noted not to be working and Rhys Green reported that he had had no response from the council when he raised the issue.
- Persistent parking problems were noted on Main Street and the safety concerns associated with this.
- There was some concern that the planters as a gateway might be intrusive - raised by several residents.
- The corner by the Old Manse was noted to be dangerous - the pavement stops just before a road drain and cars often corner faster than is safe.
- There was a suggestion of a path from the village to link to the John Muir Way, to avoid people walking on the A198. Danny Wight will remind Nick Morgan (the council paths officer).
- The old village pump is in a state of disrepair and is leaning at an angle which makes it unsafe, especially for children. Several of those attending said that they would be prepared to contribute to its upkeep, but the main responsibility lies with the estate.
- Concern was voiced at the prolonged presence of rubbish from the cafe by the village pump - this seems to be due to unreliable collections by the council.
- Alistair Stobart raised the issue of whether the cricket pitch should be renamed.
- Those attending wanted to record their appreciation of the work done by Rick and Donald in maintaining the village. There was discussion of what would happen when they retire and how the green spaces would be maintained, for instance would there need to be a factor fee?
- There was a feeling from several of those present that communication between the committee and the village could be improved, and concern that someone had been told that meetings were behind closed doors. It was pointed out that any resident can join the committee, that minutes were on the website but this would be discussed further by the committee.
- There was a lot of concern about the exterior of the hall, both its looks and in particular the safety of the outside steps. It was explained that the estate had been frequently contacted about this.
- It was asked whether the renovations had improved energy efficiency- Erica Wimbush replied that looking at the accounts, electricity bills had been significantly reduced.

It was pointed out that whilst the committee would work on these areas, individuals can approach the estate and council and this would help increase pressure to get things done.

Chris Gunstone
Secretary