

**SHERBURN IN ELMET COMMUNITY TRUST
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

6.00pm on 18th December 2018

Present: Paul Doherty, Gary Limbert, Alma Hodgson, Kevin Sibson, Karen Packham, Les Wake and Andrew Potts

Apologies: Tony Hewitt

Invited Attendees: Tom Jenkinson

Declaration of Interest: PD and LW as Parish Councilors and AH Gala Committee

Reappointment of the committee: PD agreed to continue as Chair. GL to continue as Vice Chair. KP agreed to continue as Treasurer. AP to continue as Secretary. All other Trustees agreed to continue as members of the Trust.

Chair's Report: The Chair said the key achievements during the year ending 31st March 2018 were:

Old Girls School

Asbestos and garden work completed and windows replaced.

Air Raid Shelter renovated for use by Gala for storage.

Nursery lease signed.

OGS lease signed.

Café negotiations continuing.

BLF Grant application confirmed.

OGS contractor appointed.

Community Cinema agreed for when OGS opens.

Community Library

The Community Library opened on 1st April 2017 and has had a successful first year.

Volunteer retention has been good and it's pleasing to confirm that 100% of all shifts has operated, with the Library never having to close due to a shortage of volunteers.

The lease has been signed.

Cleaning contract negotiations continuing.

Youth Hub

In November 2017, the Trust was asked to consider taking out a lease on the Library Garage, so that it could be converted for use as a Youth Club. It is disappointing to note that progress has been slow. The main reason is that following the reorganisation of the Prevention team, the plans for the building are uncertain and unlikely to be clarified before early 2019.

Summary

Overall this has been a successful year. At the close of the year Community first Yorkshire carried out an independent assessment of the Community Trust and submitted a report on its findings. The Trust received scores of 8 or 9 (out of 10) in all categories, except for Marketing (7). The Trust recognises this weakness and is currently recruiting a volunteer with marketing and strategical skills. The Trust is preparing a business plan for the next 3 years, so that it can ensure that future challenges and opportunities can be planned for.

Tom Jenkinson thanked the Trust for its hard work and success with taking on the Library and the OGS.

The Chair thanked TJ for his support for the Trust, through the Stronger Communities programme.

Treasurer's Report:

Income during the year was £126,180

Expenditure was £68,737.

Net of receipts was £55,443

Current balance was £89,190

Income generated was from donations, legacies, grants, fundraising, service provision and room hire.

Positive balance was healthy and in place for funding works on the OGS.

Accounts produced by Childs have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

PD proposed the accounts were accepted.

Seconded by LW.

Approved by all Trustees.

The Chair thanked the Treasurer for her continued hard work.

Any other business:

LW proposed that the AGM be moved to April, so that it would be in alignment with the financial year. The Treasurer noted that the accounts would not be ready until July. It was agreed that the 2019 AGM be brought forward to October.