

SHERBURN IN ELMET COMMUNITY TRUST
MINUTES FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
25TH NOVEMBER 2019

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

Apologies: Les Wake.

Attendees: Tom Jenkinson and Allyson Chambers.

Declaration of Interest: PD as Parish Councilor and AH Gala Committee

Minutes of Previous AGM: Accepted as correct

Chair's Report:

The Chair said that overall it has been a very successful year, with the Old Girls' School opening within budget and having a positive first year.

The Library continues to grow and, importantly, has never been required to close through the last year.

Community Library

- The library continues to be run successfully by volunteers with a 12% increase in active users during 2018/19 compared with a 15% decrease across North Yorkshire libraries as a whole.
- In December 2018 we received a certificate from North Yorkshire Library Service for outstanding performance in signing up young people for the Summer Reading. Challenge (the main event in the library year).
- 100% of shifts have operated and library has never had to close.

Old Girls School Community Centre

- Licence agreed for the kitchen and associated room to be used as a tearoom which will complement the activities in the rest of the building.
- Management Group formed
- Community Centre Manager appointed, plus caretaker, cleaner and two Community Centre Co-ordinators.
- Building works completed in August 2018 – on time and below budget
- The official opening on the 2nd September 2018 was tied in with the inauguration of the new chairman of Selby District Council
- Community Cinema started and operating successfully with a dedicated team of volunteers.
- Annual report submitted to the Big Lottery Fund and accepted by them.
- Wide range of activities including the Memory Café, Parish Nurses, Citizens Advice Bureau and also activity sessions for young people.

- Operating successfully and within budget as a community centre.

Community Development

- Community Development Manager (CDM) appointed.
- The quarterly community newsletter was to cease but the CDM has rejuvenated it as a shorter, more topical publication, the Sherburn Informer. The first issue was published in March 2019 and covers April and May.
- The CDM has met and advised a large number of community societies and groups and given advice regarding community projects and grants.
- Pocket Park - successful grant application for £17,500 developed in conjunction with the Parish Council.
- Community Minibus bookings are managed by the CDM and she has helped ensure that this important service is run on a sustainable basis.

Youth Provision

- Grant of £11,000 from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner held for a proposed youth facility.

Treasurer's Report:

Income during the year was £228,601

Expenditure was £207,080.

Main costs were refurbishment and payroll at the Old Girls' School

Net of receipts was £21,521

Current balance was £110,711

Karen will be retiring from the role of Treasurer in April 2020. The Chair wished to thank Karen for her hard work, without which the Trust facilities would not have had the success they have enjoyed.

Reappointment of the committee:

PD agreed to continue as Chair. KS to continue as Vice Chair. KP agreed to continue as Treasurer until April 2020. AP to continue as Secretary. All other Trustees agreed to continue as members of the Trust.

Questions from the Floor:

Tom Jenkinson wished to pass his congratulations to the Trustees and the volunteers for all their hard work and achievements, which have contributed so much to the local Community. TJ confirmed that support would always be available from Stronger Communities whenever required.

The Chair wished to thank Allyson Chambers for her hard work as Chair of both FOGS and MOGS.

Any other business:

None