

28th October 2024

MINUTES of WVH AGM

Meeting held in WVH 7.30pm

Present: Tony Schiffman, Margaret Pratt, Michael O'Donnell, Amanda Curley, Zof Sloan, Kathy Wells, Rob and Isla Reid, Karen Beauchamp, Paul Barham, Peter Selway, Dorothy O'Donnell

Apologies: Tan Black, Christine Inglis, Shona Marshall

Minutes of the last AGM, held on January 10th 2024, proposed as correct by Margaret Pratt, seconded by Tony Schiffman

The Chairperson, Tony Schiffman, gave a report covering all that had happened at the VH since January. This report in full can be found on the VH website in the AGM folder. Tony thanked all the Committee members and the people who had worked hard to ensure events held at the VH were a success. Special thank you was given to Tan Black, who has worked tirelessly as Treasurer for the past three years. We were pleased to hear that Tan would be willing to continue on the Committee.

Treasurer's Report- Tan Black. Tan had emailed her Report and Dorothy read most of it to the meeting attendees. The full Report can be found on the VH website, as above. Rob Reid had audited the Accounts for 1st April 2023-31st March 2024. All correct and Rob commented that our VH expenses have risen, as in accord with all household increase for electricity, insurance etc. Rob complimented the VH Committee on their successful Fund-raising which has helped maintain the VH.

Grants have been obtained from West Kintyre Community Fund to help pay the costs for a Hearing induction Loop System and the external walls painted.

We should always remember the bank Balance includes the £3,000 that the Trustees have asked the VH to retain, in case of future needs eg a pandemic, or emergency situation. The current Bank Balance is £9317.66 with monies to come in and go out.

Paul Barham, a Whitehouse villager, suggested changing Internet provider to find a better priced fee. The BT contract we have at present was set up for two years, when this is due for renewal we can discuss an alternative provider.

Any other Comments:

Paul Barham asked if there had been any attempt for a reduced speed signage through the main road? There are now a number of small children in Whitehouse and their safety should be considered. Margaret Pratt intimated that over the years the Committee and the Community Council had tried to have a speed restriction applied to the Main road but no positive outcome. Paul Barham is willing to get a petition running for Villagers and others to sign and he will lead the request.

The VH is a great space for children and the Villagers should be encouraged to make use of the Hall. Hopefully the parents in the village will work together on a children's Play Time.

On behalf of the Trustees, Margaret Pratt thanked the VH Committee for their continued hard work in maintaining the VH and organising a variety of events over the year.

All present Committee stood down. A request for a new Committee was made by Margaret Pratt. No volunteers came forward for Chair. Tony agreed to return as Chair for the coming year.

Chairperson- Tony Schiffman. Proposed by Karen, sec by Dorothy

Treasurer- Tony volunteered to become Treasurer providing there were no objections to him holding two Committee posts. Prop by Amanda, sec by Margaret.

Secretary- Dorothy had hoped a new secretary would come forward this year, but no one offered to undertake the role. Dorothy stated one more year only then someone else would have to be Secretary, she has held the current post for seven years!! Prop by Margaret, sec by Amanda. Kathy Wells kindly agreed to work as 'Joint-Secretary' with Dorothy.

Committee Members: Karen (representing FAC), Tan, Shona to be asked if she will continue as Member. Christine is willing to help out in future. Peter and Verity would be willing to help at events.

AOB

The Pub Night should be started again. Interest to be determined first.

Karen offered a Table Tennis kit to use in VH

Games Night would be good fun, if someone undertook organising it. The above ideas could be started in Jan / Feb '25.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING- MONDAY 11TH NOV., 7PM in VH.