

WHITEHOUSE VILLAGE HALL AGM 24th November 2025

Held in WVH 7pm

Present: Tony Schiffman, Margaret Pratt, Amanda Curley, Michael O'Donnell,
Kathy and Nigel Wells, Karen Beauchamp, Dorothy O'Donnell

Apologies: Tan Black, Shona Marshall, Fiona Evamy

The meeting was opened and all welcomed by Dorothy.

Tony had set up online participation for any Villager unable to attend the meeting in the VH. At 7.15pm no one had joined online and the link closed. No other Villagers joined the meeting in the VH. This was very disappointing!

The meeting proceeded with Tony giving the **Treasurer's Report:**

The Report can be viewed on the VH website.

Tony has worked extremely hard in being Treasurer and has made changes to save the VH money by for example, moving from BT to XLN for Broadband services; Hall Insurance now with Zurich; and we now have an Instant Access B of S Deposit Account which pays interest on monies set aside – ring-fenced or for 'Emergencies'.

Tony has been diligent in keeping the Committee and Trustees aware of the Hall's finances and has kept a watchful eye on the Budget for running and maintaining the Hall. Tony states "as of November 2025, the hall's cash position and reserves remain healthy, enabling us to meet ongoing commitments and maintain operational stability".

To run the VH £3,500 pa is required and it is necessary to hold fund-raising events to meet this cost.

In his dual role within WVH Committee, Tony gave the **Chairperson's Report:**

The Report can be viewed on the VH website.

"Over the past year, the hall has hosted a range of successful fundraising events and welcomed regular and occasional users, contributing significantly to its financial stability and community spirit. The dedication of committee members and volunteers has been central to maintaining and improving the hall, despite rising costs and increasing operational challenges.".....

"the report highlights the need for broader community involvement to ensure the hall's sustainability. the continued success of Whitehouse Village Hall will depend on active participation from the wider community. Members are encouraged to reflect on the Hall's value and consider how they can contribute to its future."

A Community call to action was intimated in the invitations sent out to many Villagers where the support and active involvement in the Village Hall has been requested. The future of WVH is in the hands of the Villagers.

Tony thanked everyone who has been involved in supporting the VH.

Future events at WVH have been arranged:

7th February- The Hebridean Baker; Kintyre SWI Craft day 14th February; Jazz Night 27th November. There will also be Polling day bookings.

There was great disappointment in the lack of attendance by Whitehouse Villagers at this AGM.

The current Committee then stepped down and Trustee Amanda Curley took the Chair to continue the process of forming a new committee for the coming year.

Tan Black had intimated she no longer wishes to be involved with the VH, Tan has made a huge contribution of her time and energy over the past several years- thank you.

Shona Marshall has intimated she has time only to help out at events, when she can, and does not wish to be on the next Committee.

As stated at the AGM last year, Dorothy now stands down from the post of Secretary.

Fiona Evamy has said she would be willing to be on the next Committee.

Amanda asked those present to consider the positions of Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Tony said he would be Treasurer again. Tony also indicated he could be Chair, if there was no other willing person. The post of Secretary was not filled.

The Trustees agreed that the Villagers of Whitehouse should be made aware of the situation and asked to indicate their willingness to form a new Committee in order for the VH to have a future in the community. Notifications will be sent out on the VH website, social media and by email. Also by word of mouth.

Trustee meeting is scheduled for Monday 1st December to propose future actions for continuing the trust in light of no new committee being fully formed in the AGM. Tony and Dorothy will continue ad-interim to allow trustees to report back.

The meeting was closed.