

BELLINGDON AND ASHERIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (BAACA)

Reg. Charity No. 1087494

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 23rd July 2020 at 8.00pm held via remote Zoom link

Attendees:

Trustees/Management Committee Members – Don Baker, Alf Field – Chairman, Hugh Griffiths, Helen Harding – Committee Secretary, Nick Richardson – Treasurer, Jo Richardson – Bookings Secretary, Gary Woodley, Helen Valvona – Communications.

Peter Watson – Treasurer elect.

From the Community: Barbara Baker, Jill Watson, Jane Edmunds, David Watson, Kirsty Fiddes.

Apologies: Emma Eckersley, Marjorie Davies.

Meeting opened at 8.00pm – Chaired by Alf Field

1. **Minutes** – from previous meeting 9th July 2019 were approved.
2. **Matters Arising** – none.
3. **Chairman's report for year ending 31st March 2020 – full copy will be available on the website**

In summary – the Chairman confirmed that it had been another good year all round, highlighting the key achievements especially the community really pulling together to support one another in the latter part of the year with the Covid 19 pandemic.

A special thanks to Don Baker (who is resigning) and his wife Barbara for 10 years of commitment to the hall, ensuring that it was in a very strong financial position.

Don felt his key contribution was relocating the heater into the rear storeroom – a huge improvement which means it can be used throughout a hire and everyone can still hear themselves speak!!

He recognised that the hall was a 'whole package' which included the annex, recreation ground, whilst managing the finances supported by successful applications for grants. He will remain available for consultation.

The Chairman also thanked Nick Richardson, who resigned as Treasurer at the meeting, for his support over the last 2 years.

Finally, he thanked all the BAACA Trustees and Management Committee for their support across their various roles and expertise.

4. **Financial Statement – copy on the website** Don Baker highlighted the key points, confirming that the Association is in a strong position.

The income from clubs and activities is good along with private hires.

Most costs remained similar to last year.

Income from the fete was down vs 2018 due the hot weather resulting in the cancellation of the dog show. Forro Fest income was the same as the previous year however there had been investment in terms of water and heating to support it which had been written off against income.

The four main projects had been repairing of the hall wall subsidence, replacement of the zip wire in the playground, removal of the large conifers from the playground and CCTV.

Reserves remain healthy at 50K; these have been allocated to kitchen update, replacement mower, roof repairs, car park resurfacing and emergency reserves.

5. Village Organisations

St Johns Church - Jane Edmunds confirmed that they had embraced technology – the Sunday service is held each week online and the flower show had been successful, also online. They will see how the online option works for the foreseeable future.

Bowls Club - Don Baker reported a positive performance in both leagues, winning one and coming 2nd in the other. They are unsure when they will restart, Brian Latham who runs the club is waiting for guidance from the Bowls Association.

Archery - Jo Richardson reported on their behalf that they are back to normal as the nature of the activity allows for social distancing; they are adhering to all the government guidelines. They remain very happy with the facilities.

6. Election of Trustees

All trustees stepped down, and all except for Don Baker and Nick Richardson stood for re-election.

Peter Watson elected as Treasurer – proposed by Jo Richardson, seconded by Helen Valvona.

Emma Eckersley and Kirsty Fiddes joined as new members were both proposed by Helen Valvona, seconded by Alf Field and Jo Richardson, respectively.

Helen Harding as Committee Secretary – proposed by Helen Valvona, seconded by Gary Woodley.

Alf Field, Hugh Griffiths, Helen Valvona and Gary Woodley were all re-elected – proposed by Jo Richardson, seconded by Nick Richardson.

7. Any Other Business

Charity Commission Website – Peter Watson will maintain the site, Helen Harding to manage new forms and enter them onto the site. New forms to be issued to Emma and Kirsty.

Goals – David Watson asked if the goals will be re-instated onto the recreation ground for community use. Alf Field confirmed that they were locked up for security reasons; the keys were available whenever required. He is also looking into the option to have a separate set for recreational use and will be applying for additional funding to provide them.

Re-opening the Hall – the hall has been assessed for reopening in line with the Covid 19 information guidelines provided by ACRE and Community Impact Bucks by Jo, Helen H, and Helen V.

Each hire will be reviewed individually to confirm their and BAACA's proposals meet all the government requirements – key is the safety of hirers.

Playground – the playground is checked monthly to ensure that it meets all safety and insurance requirements – Helen V has a log of all visits. Kirsty to take this over from Helen V.

Alf Field thanked all the Trustees, members of the Management Committee and the whole community for their support of the hall without which the facility would not survive.

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