

Annual General Meeting of  
Carlops Village Centre  
on  
Friday 24th May, 7pm

1. Present

Trustees

Hannah Walters, Monica Shaw

Committee

Rachel Hughes, Jean Ritchie-Arulanantham, Tim Wilcock

Voting members

Rae Montgomery, Alana Nolina, Mairi Nye, Catherine Young, Guy Walters, John White, Hazel White, Anna Woolverton, Jo Bowley, Stewart Robertson, Mary McElroy, Mary Clare McMillan, Jim Eccleston, Georgie Jones, Alan Ferguson, Tim Wilcock, Michael Jones, Caroline Sanders, Matthew Shaw, Jean Hunter, Christina Gaiger, Chris Forrester, Aonghas MacNeacail, Cailead Mancini

2. Apologies for absence

Sarah Reece, Patsy and Murray Campbell, Stuart Delves and Catriona Taylor, Peter Raine

3. Minutes of previous AGM of 8th June 2018

Proposed - Jean Ritchie

Seconded - Rachel Hughes

4. Presentation of Annual Reports (attached at end of minute)

Chair

Hannah thanked the many people who have helped over the course of the year. Hannah also initiated a discussion on how

we can make more use of the hall - having lost some regular users this year. We would like to know of any ideas and events which people would like to see happen in the hall. The full chair's report is attached at the end of this minute.

#### Treasurer

Tim summarised CVC's financial position and took questions from the floor. Tim re-affirmed our need to attract more regular users to cover our major costs of cleaning, power and insurance/maintenance. The accounts are attached at the end of this minute.

5. Matters arising - none
6. Any other business

We discussed the fact that we have lost some regular users. This is a big problem as regular income is essential. We have talked previously about a new website and discussions are on-going. Hopefully this would lead to more communication and use.

Cleaning costs are currently in the area of £2000 and we don't think we can afford to keep this going. A discussion was had about the possibility of 'in-house cleaning' - involving committee and non committee members on a year round rota system. This could be in the form of the a paid cleaner doing fewer hours, supplemented by cleaning by members of the community. Or possibly the whole schedule being covered by the village.

The number of cleans would depend on the number of people. Several volunteers stepped forward to put their names down. But before we make any decisions on this we have to ensure

we have enough people to do the job. At this point, we have no clear and accurate information about this. It would have to be discussed further at the next committee meeting. One member of the audience suggested we have a “Friends of Carlops Hall” type arrangement, where we would ask for a small, regular (monthly?) contribution from the village residents. This money would go to ensure upkeep of the hall, including cleaning costs.

Heating and lighting are our biggest cost. We would request users to try their best to minimise waste, e.g. no need for all lights to be switched on, reduce ‘pre-heat’ period if you can, fit draft excluders.

All of the committee are unanimous in reaffirming that we want the village to feel that this is their hall. We would like people to see it as an extension of their own home - not just seeing it as an event place. The remit for use covers social, cultural and educational benefit.

#### 7. Election of new Committee

The current committee offered to stand down but were unanimously re-elected.