

EVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

30 November 2015

MINUTES

33 people were present at the meeting

1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME – Barbara Runham welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out on such a cold, windy evening; she also welcomed Councillor David Ironside (Chairman of Hordle Parish committee and the Pavilion Committee).

2. APOLOGIES - Roger Hockham, Anne Cockburn, Di Fisher, Jane Hollinshead, Mike & Cilla Johnson and Paul White

3. MINUTES – A couple of items needed to be changed to last year's minutes they were: Item 6 (whic should read was) and item 10 (Jan should read Ian). They were then Proposed by John Wigglesworth and seconded by Alan Paice. And signed by Barbara Runham

4. MATTERS ARISING – There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMANS REPORT - Barbara thanked Cheryl and Steve for all the work they have done for this year's Art Weekend which was a great success, and reported that next year we are having a Village Festival over the weekend of 17/19 June and hoped that everyone will again help out to make that a success. She thanked everyone who helped this year, in particular those who tuned up at 7am on the Saturday to get the Recreation Ground ready.

Barbara also mentioned the Newsletter which is a lifeline for everyone in the village, as it keeps us all up to date as to what is taking place. The last edition was particularly informative and she thanked Cheryl and her team for all their hard work.

Barbara also thanked her committee for their help and support, and mentioned that we were always looking for new members to join the committee and hoped that some would come forward to help.

Also, she informed us of how she is working quite hard to get the 119 bus back running on Saturdays, but to no avail as yet. But will continue to keep trying.

Barbara thanked Vera who has decided to resign from the committee after many years and presented her with a small thank you on behalf of the ECA.

Barbara also mentioned that it might be better to hold the AGM in the summer months when the weather would be better and the evenings lighter, although Bob said that the Financial End of Year takes place in September. It was pointed out that we could have just a

10 month Financial Year if we wanted to bring forward the AGM. This will be discussed at our next Committee meeting.

6. TREASURER REPORT - Bob Cockburn had placed copies of the accounts onto the chairs. He said that this year we have shown a loss of £726 compared with £24 loss last year, but we did receive a bequest of £2000 last year which made a difference.

The main item this year was the Arts Festival, which was on a much larger scale the last year. The Festival would have made a small loss of £140 on a turnover of around £3500, but Everton & Lymore Social Club very generously made a donation which covered the loss completely. The figures do not show as a precise balance in the Accounts as well over 60% of both the expenditure and income was in cash and the figures in the Accounts are bank transactions only.

As usual, we contributed to both Everton Club's Christmas children's party and St Mary's Christmas lunch. We also purchased 6 pop-up gazebos for a very good price, which will be useful for years to come. Bob thanked Harry Simpkin who audited the accounts once again this year.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - As Pauline had stepped into the role of Secretary a couple of months ago she needed to be elected onto the committee, it was Proposed by Bob Cockburn and Seconded by Gordon Blain.

Councillor Melvyn Rand who is our representative on Hordle Parish council was also elected onto the committee. This was Proposed by Jane Rosie and Seconded by Barbara Runham.

The committee consists of:

Chairman: Barbara Runham

Treasurer: Bob Cockburn

Secretary: Pauline Breeze

Publicity: Cheryl Fillmore

Committee Members: Gordon Blain, Alan Paice, Mike Taylor, Roger Hockham and Councillor Melvyn Rand.

8. EVERTON ART FESTIVAL – Cheryl first spoke about the Newsletter and thanked all the colleagues who help to deliver it, with special thanks to Hilary Knox who organises the whole of the distribution. Also she had received an anonymous letter of complaint about a couple of articles, which had upset her.

On the subject of the Village Festival this year, it will be moved back a week to avoid clashing with Oakhaven's Garden Fete and will be held over the weekend of 17/19 June. There will be a range of activities taking place around the village and Garden centre. There is always a need for volunteers in particular people to help out with the erections of the tents early Saturday morning. This year the Festival is also linking to the New Forest Arts Festival, run by NFPA, which has a National Heritage Grant and is taking place during June. This will

be useful for marketing and additional publicity. Barbara thanked Cheryl for all her hard work in putting all this together.

9. PAVILION COMMITTEE REPORT - David Ironside said that the committee has shrunk to 6 people of whom 3 rent the pavilion. The playgroup makes a major contribution to the pavilion in using it every morning and making sure it is kept clean and in good working order. It is a very good facility for the village to have, but he felt that it was not being used to its full potential. Alan has received some bookings for children's parties but this is declining, probably because of what children expect now. It was suggested that we could hold some summer classes there, David pointed out that the acoustics were not that good. It was suggested that perhaps it could be advertised a bit more, perhaps in the newsletter which would be looked into. Milford's centre was in constant use but was entirely different to the Pavilion and Hordle council is now leasing their Community centre to the Community association which are looking into holding more events for the community, perhaps we should be doing the same. Barbara will be looking into going to a meeting of theirs.

10. ST MARY'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - John Wigglesworth reported on their events which were held per month. There were a wide range of outings/events such as a visit to a garden centre, a Christmas shopping outing, outdoor Carols, BBQ, Whist Drive, Evening Bingo with Fish and Chips, Harvest Supper, a Bazaar in October, a Remembrance Day Service and they decorate the hall for Christmas.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Hilary asked about the cold calling signs in the village as she collects for the Lifeboat Funds, which she raised over £600 pounds this year. She only called at the houses that did not have a no cold calling sign up. It was mentioned that since the signs went up it had reduced that amount of cold calling, although some people take no notice, but they were not acting illegally, the signs are only a deterrent and that if you received a cold caller at your door to ring your co-coordinator. Some of the signs need replacing; a new one has been put up.

Residents of Frys Lane are annoyed with people using their road as a cut through although it has 'access only' sign each end people are not taking any notice of it, although they could end up with 3 points on their licence. Unfortunately, this is a policing matter although it seems that they are not too interested. It was suggest that perhaps the residents should put a video surveillance cameras each end in their gardens and the evidence shown to the Police, although it was thought this might be illegal. Because of the road signs it is a Police matter.

The Meeting ended at 8.05pm