**EVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM**

**HELD IN EVERTON AND LYMORE SOCIAL CLUB**

32 people were present at the meeting

**1. CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME** - Barbara Runham welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

**2. APOLOGIES** - Cilla and Mike Johnson, Barry and Carol Morgan, Hilary and Chris Knox, and John Wigglesworth

**3. APPROVAL OF LAST AGM MINUTES** –The minutes were agreed upon and Proposed by Cheryl Fillmore and Seconded by Alan Paice.

**4. MATTERS ARISING** – There were no matters arising

**5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** - Barbara reported that she was surprised how the time had flown and we are holding another AGM. We decided to bring the AGM forward to September because of the weather and dark night later in the year. Thank you to Roger for letting us hold it in the Social Club

I must thank all the Committee for their support over the three years that I have been Chairman. They are a great bunch. If anyone would like to join the Committee we would be glad to see you.

What a wonderful event the Festival was. I loved everything, particularly the birds. We are hoping to have another next year. It is a lot of work and we must thank Cheryl and Steve for all the organisation and imagination that went into this.

As I mentioned last year the Newsletter is a lifeline for the village and once again we must thank Cheryl for all the effort she puts into this. I understand the next one is due in November.

As I have been three years as Chairperson I think it is time to hand over the reign to another person. I think three years is long enough and a change is always good and you get fresh ideas.

Thanks to you all and may the ECA go from strength to strength

**6. TREASURER’S REPORT** - Bob stated that everyone should have a copy the accounts, if not, perhaps you could share.

As the AGM has moved to September rather than November/December as previously, this year’s accounts cover the eleven month period from 1st October 2015 to 31st August 2016.

Overall expenditure over income of £350.34 compared to £726.18 in the previous year.

This was helped by a profit of £186 from the Village Festival, and thanks to generous donations from Everton Hyundai, Purewell and the Social Club, plus good raffle sales.

As usual we made donations to the Social Club Children’s Christmas party and St Mary’s Christmas Lunch wine. There was a small increase in the Newsletter printing costs, totally justified by the improved paper quality and colour printing

I would like to thank Harry Simpkin for auditing the Accounts once again.

**7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - As Barbara Runham was standing down we needed to elect a new Chairman, Roger Hockham agreed to stand, this was Proposed by Bob Cockburn and Seconded by Melvyn Rand. Also, Elizabeth Kempe agreed to join the Committee.

The Committee consists of:

Chairman: Roger Hockham

Treasurer: Bob Cockburn

Secretary: Pauline Breeze

Publicity: Cheryl Fillmore

Committee Members: Barbara Runham, Gordon Blain, Alan Paice, Mike Taylor,

Melvyn Rand, Councillor David Ironside and Elizabeth Kempe.

Roger presented Barbara with a bouquet of flowers thanking her for her time as chairman.

**8. NEWSLETTER REPORT -** The Newsletter has improved considerably now it is in colour and the next one will be bigger, which means the cost is a little more expensive. But, because it has improved it is receiving extra interest with the placing of adverts and articles. It costs at the moment £15 to place an advert but Cheryl will be looking into raising this price sometime in the future

Cheryl also wanted to say a thank you to everyone that helped to deliver the Proposed Housing documents to all residents in Everton at very short notice, they were printed on the Wednesday and were delivered by that Friday.

**9. EVERTON ARTS FESTIVAL REPORT** - The Festival was a success, with some events more supported than others, she wasn’t quite sure why the Arts Trail and the events at Everton Nurseries on the Sunday afternoon were poorly attended, but will bear this in mind when planning for next year’s event.

The Festival was fortunately enough to be included in the New Forest Arts Festival publication which helped to advertise our events, they get funding from the National Heritage Council and hopefully she can make greater use of this again next year.

Although the Festival Sub-committee has not reconvened yet, and the planning is in very early stages Cheryl hopes to open next year’s event with a Classical concert on 11 June and end with the Swing Band at Everton Nurseries on Sunday 18 June. Cheryl hopes that you will all support the Festival again next year.

**10. PAVILION COMMITTEE REPORT -** Alan reported that he is the Vice Chairman on the Pavilion Committee and deals with the bookings. It is a registered charity with the landlords being Hordle Parish Council, the Charity owns the building. The 1986 lease has just expired and David Ironside is in the process of revising and negotiating a new right to occupy, and bringing the constitution up-to-date.

Repairs to the outside have just been completed and they have a reasonable reserve of funds.

The bookings are quite good with Acorns Pre-school there every morning, and regular Yoga sessions taking place with a new regular booking starting in January which will bring in approximately £400 a year. The weekend charges are competitive but, not many people are aware that they can use it. It is advertised on the notice board at the Pavilion and is also in the Newsletter and on the Web-site.

They are looking for more people to join their committee and ideally should have someone from every committee/club within the village attending their meetings. It was mentioned that there might be two WI members who would join.

**11. ST MARY’S SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT** – John Wigglesworth had sent in a report as follows: As a church sponsored committee we continue to organise and arrange social events throughout the year, which, all local residents are most welcome.

Future Dates:

Saturday October 22nd - Autumn Bazaar in Church Hall

Friday November 11th at 11.00am – a short Remembrance Day Service at the Recreation Ground by the Flag pole.

Mini bus outing to Stewarts Garden centre – to be arranged

December – Coach outing to Winchester for Christmas Shopping (date pending)

December - Outdoor Carol Singing - on the Village shop forecourt.

Early New Year – Film show in the Church hall.

Dates for all events are shown on posters around the village.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - Cheryl extended her thanks to Barry and Carol of the Post Office for their help in collecting in the forms about the proposed housing, 200 forms were handed in, with others being posted. Roger also mentioned that although they had only recently taken over the shop/PO they had been very friendly and had also agreed to have the defibrillator mounted on the shop wall. Further news about the defibrillator is to follow.

Several people wanted to know more about the ECA, Roger explained that it is a charity and everyone that resides in the village is a member, as the name suggests it is a Community Association and although the village has an older population the ECA is there for everyone. All of the events that happen in Everton are advertised either in the Newsletter or on posters, there are approximately 2,000 residents in Everton and we need them to get involved in Village life. The Social club holds events for all ages with music on a Saturday night, Christmas and Halloween parties for children and a Pumpkin Day to be held soon.

The meeting ended at 8.15