

EVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 30th September 2023 at Everton & Lymore Social Club

Present:	Sheila Nash	Finola Samuels	Penny Clarke
	Toby Sears	Carole Cahan	Carol Rook
	Gillian Peard	Judy Malec	Richard Malec
	21 members of the public		

The meeting opened at 3.00 pm

- 1 The Chair, Sheila Nash, welcomed everyone and explained that there had been an Extraordinary General Meeting held in January 2023 as the previous AGM in September 2022 had not been quorate. The minutes of the EGM were accepted.

2 **Chair's Report**

The Chair reported that a new ECA committee was formed in January following the EGM. This gave 3 months to organise the Coronation Fete. Despite 8th May dawning overcast and raining, I think people would agree that it was a great success. The Chair thanked the committee and wonderful volunteers for all of their hard work before, during and after the event. Further thanks were given to local supporters, Hyundai garage who paid for all the publicity, the shop who got us drinks (at cost), provided the beautiful bouquets and let us "encourage" shoppers to buy raffle tickets, Hayward Fox (New Milton) for £200 towards prizes/sweets, Aldi & Tesco. Our local residents who donated to the bottle tombola and Shorefield for an amazing first prize worth £1000.

Thank you to the Club for once again providing a bar, our amazing WI for keeping everyone warm with teas & coffees and cake and the Crown Inn for the BBQ.

The Coronation Fete provided something for everyone and it was great to see so many families enjoying the activities. As a committee we want to continue to offer a wide range of events that cater for the diverse population we have in the village. Therefore, we are open to suggestions and whilst we might not be able to do everything suggested it will give us an idea of what the village wants.

In addition, we have updated the Everton Village Voice Facebook page. The page only accepts posts of interest to villagers, about the village, directly relevant to the village or events and activities occurring in or adjacent to the village or parish and we have refreshed the rules on the page to make these clearer. Administrating this site is no easy task, thank you to Harry Nash for taking this on.

The Village Website is also on the schedule to be updated. As a committee we want to have a village website that provides updated information of our village and Parish. My thanks to Nick at TinStar who hosts the domain and also maintains it for us. However, significant changes will have an additional cost so it is key that what we want to achieve is done appropriately, therefore if there is anyone in the village who would like to lend a hand (might be something for a GCSE coursework project) to what is an enormous task, then please contact me either today or by emailing ECACommittee@outlook.com.

As raised at the EGM in January, we have updated the ECA Constitution in line with the Charity Commission Guidelines. The updated constitution was posted on EVV and the ECA Notice Board at the Pavilion, 18 days prior to this AGM. Copies were also made available to anyone who wished to email the committee. You have a copy of this draft in front of you and it is item 4 on the agenda to be approved.

The purpose of the ECA is “To promote the benefit of the residents of Everton, Hants and its immediate neighbourhood (hereinafter called “Everton”) by associating the said residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in or near Everton in a common effort to advance the local community and to provide facilities and activities in the interests of social welfare for the recreational and leisure time occupation with the object of enhancing the conditions of life for the said residents.”

Simply put, we want, where appropriate and possible, to enable our village to thrive. Therefore, going forward, we want to offer small grants to local community groups/activities that benefit the residents of our village. This will be done via a grant process and more information will be given around this process once the committee has approved it.

The committee was also able to pay for the annual insurance for Everton Pétanque Club and a parasol to go with the table provided by a grant from HCC.

Monies raised from the Coronation Fete have enabled the committee to support the Everton Village Children’s Halloween Disco, hosted by Everton & Lymore Social Club. The committee will be helping with funds for the DJ, decorations, prizes and food.

It has been a very busy 8 months for this committee and I want to thank everyone of the team for their support & enthusiasm we could not have achieved what we have without the team effort.

As we look toward 2024 the committee will be planning activities/events, small and large, for all residents. A notable date is 6th June, the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, to make any event possible we will need a team of volunteers to help plan and organise events that involve all residents and village amenities, The Church, The Club, The Pavilion, The Pub, The Shop. If you would like to get involved you can speak to a committee member after the meeting or contact us via the ECA email.

3 **Treasurer's Report**

Finola Samuels had circulated the audited accounts and explained them to the meeting. She explained how and where the ECA had supported the village in the last year. Maintenance work had been carried out on the walkway near Centre Lane at a cost of £400. This work was done to improve the walkway as there seems to be no record of who the land actually belongs to. The Christmas Lights competition was held but people taking part were not charged an entry fee due to the high energy costs at the time. Ten residents took part and it is hoped to encourage more entrants this year. St Mary's Church organises a Christmas lunch for people who live alone and the ECA donated the cost of drinks for the event. Also, the ECA pays for the flowers in the planters at the entrance to the village opposite Hyundai Garage. Thanks to the WI for maintaining these. Just under £2,000 was raised at the Coronation Fete.

The ECA has changed insurance company during the year as the previous one was not providing all the cover that was required. There had also been difficulties with Barclays Bank and following complaints to them, the ECA received £50 in compensation. The Committee is currently considering whether to change to Lloyds Bank for the future.

Some monies have been moved to the Tracker Account in order to receive more interest and this morning a donation of £200 had been received from a resident.

Income wise, we did receive donations from Everton Garage, Hayward Fox and Fran Carpenter (Hampshire cc) which went towards the running of the Coronation fete. The newsletter still brings in a steady income and we still have £1096 which is ring fenced to carry on the printing of the Everton News.

3 **Reports**

Reports were received from Parish Council, Everton Pavilion, St Mary's Church, the WI, LEGS and the Pétanque Group. These reports are available on request.

4 **Election of Officers**

Chair, Sheila Nash	Proposed: Carolyn Millar	Seconded: Finola Samuels
Treasurer, Finola Samuels	Proposed: Judy Malec	Seconded: Penny Clarke
Secretary, Richard Malec	Proposed: Carole Cahan	Seconded: Gill Rowlands

General Committee

Carole Cahan and Benita Playfoot: Proposed: Sheila Nash Seconded: Richard Malec

5 **Constitution**

At the EGM it was agreed to look at updating the current Constitution. This had been done and it had been simplified and updated with more modern language and format in accordance with Charities Commission regulations. Copies were circulated and the Chair explained the changes which had been made.

There was a proposal that this updated Constitution be submitted to the Charities Commission for acceptance. Proposed Gill Rowlands, seconded Gordon Pound and accepted unanimously.

6 **Open Forum**

Dave Miller reminded the meeting of the Everton Ramblers Association and explained where and when they meet for walks. The group meets on alternating Tuesdays and Thursday and walk for 4-6 miles usually finishing at or near a local hostelry. If any is interested in joining, they should contact Mr. Miller. Fees are £10 per annum. A quiz is also being held on 19th October at 7.30pm at the Social Club.

It was suggested that villagers be approached to see if they would like to receive the Everton News by email thus cutting printing costs and delivery time.

A resident asked if an 'EVERTON' sign could be erected on Wainsford Road indicating that people were entering the village. Cllr Rook explained that this would have to be a matter for Hampshire County Council Highways Department. She agreed to raise this with the local County Councillor.

It was mooted that we may have a celebration for the 80th anniversary of D Day next year but possibly having events at various places throughout the village rather than just at the Recreation Ground. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

It was also suggested that the Music Festival might be introduced in the future but over a weekend rather than a full week. Again, this will be discussed at committee.

The question was asked as to how we might encourage the young people in the village; both children and younger adults. Consideration will be given to how this might be achieved. One suggestion was a Bring Your Own Family Picnic incorporating games such as rounders.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.20pm