

Minutes of the New Victory Hall Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 2019

24 attendees (9 Trustees, 1 VHMC Minutes Secretary, 14 user group representatives/villagers)

1	<p>Apologies for absence After the Chairman, Doreen Dean, had welcomed everybody to the AGM, apologies for absence were reported from David Church, Rachel Clayton, Sandra Edwards, Jane King, David & Cathy Smith and Chris Walls.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 26 February 2018 Accepting the Minutes, which had been circulated at the meeting, was proposed by Dolly Newcombe, seconded by Jude McGill and, having been unanimously approved, the Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.</p>
3	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes – None</p>
4	<p>Annual Report for 2018 The Chairman went through the NVH Annual Report, copies of which were available at the meeting and would be shown on the NVH and Charity Commission websites, and gave information on the Trustees who served in 2018, the Committees and Sub-Committees, the charity objectives, the many and varied activities and events, including the excellent fund-raising activities, and the finances (sources and income): hire rates were unchanged in 2018 but the July 2018 review made a small increase in the standard and concession hourly hire rate from January 2019. Information was given on the work of the Premises Committee and the Maintenance and Development (MAD) Plan which scheduled the necessary work for the upkeep of the hall and grounds - thanks to Chris Walls, Hugh McGill, Simon Clayton and Doreen Dean. Mrs Dean showed figures for the numbers of bookings and visitors, the user groups, the energy use and the solar panel Feed-in Tariff credit. Information was given on the 2018 achievements that had been met and the plans for 2019. Thanks were also due to the tireless efforts of the Events Committee to raise funds, as well as the Village Screen Committee and the organisers of the Farmers' Market, the 200 Club and the Friends of NVH – thanks were also passed to the White House Stores for their continuing support in selling tickets for the different events. Michael O'Brien was welcomed as Caretaker during the year and joined the team of very efficient cleaners. Unsung heroes were thanked including those who helped with notice boards, the library, signs, tea towels, washing-up and indoor plants.</p>
5	<p>Treasurer's Report of 2018 Accounts The approved Accounts, signed by the independent Account Examiner, for y/e 31 December 2018 were circulated. Ian McFadyen, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, stated gross income was £36,290, gross expenditure was £26,669 and reserves at year end were £51,173, but over £9k had now been paid to John Youngs Ltd to resolve the render issue and provide the hall with a better finish, backed up with a 30 yr warranty, and £20k was ear-marked to replace the main hall floor. He explained that it was always felt prudent to keep an adequate contingency reserve. At this stage, thanks were given to the Parish Councils for donations towards the cost of the caretaker. Mr McFadyen confirmed that the hall was in a sound financial position and the Chairman thanked him for his report.</p>
6	<p>The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2018 – The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2018 was proposed by Bev Plummer, seconded by Hugh McGill and agreed unanimously.</p>
7	<p>Election of Trustees – Under the NVH Constitution, the Management Committee comprised 5 elected Trustees, 8 User Group Representatives and 2 co-opted Trustees. 4 people had put their names forward to stand as elected Trustees - Ian McFadyen, Hugh McGill, Bev Plummer and Christopher Walls (Warwick Shubrook had stood down). The proposal to elect them en bloc was made by Dolly Newcombe, seconded by Susan Lamb and carried unanimously.</p>
8	<p>Summary of User Group Representatives - The 8 User Group Representative Trustees were: Jill Bazire (Community Gym): Simon Clayton (NABS): Doreen Dean (WI): Tim Edmunds (Barton & Irstead PC) who had taken over from Gail Murrells: Jane King (Gardening Club): Dolly Newcombe (Friends & Neighbours): Cheryl Pell (WISE): Paul Ryall (Neatishead PC).</p>
9	<p>Any Other Business – None. The Chairman ended by thanking the two Trustees who were standing down or had stood down (Gail Murrells and Warwick Shubrook). She then thanked the other Trustees for all their continuing hard work, energy and commitment; Monica Riley (the Minutes Secretary); the Sub-Committee members, including the resourceful Events team and the Premises team for their untiring efforts (particularly in working so hard to negotiate and resolve the difficult issue over the render work with John Youngs Ltd); the hall users and visitors who supported the hall; and the people who had attended this AGM. Mrs Dean said the Trustees were now looking forward to celebrating the first decade of the hall on 21/22 September 2019 with the villagers and local community. Ian McFadyen expressed his thanks on behalf of the Committee to Doreen Dean for her invaluable work and dedication as Chairman, Bookings Secretary and a valued member of the Premises Group. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10 pm, when wine and canapés were served.</p>