

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BNVH Committee held on 1st February 2023 at 6-30pm in the New Hall

Present: G Riley (Chair), P Burcombe, P Fear, R Foreman, C McCarthy, S Packer, A Urbanek and M Townley

Attending: W Beese, D Ceshell(?), M Corbett, D Corbett, S Hammerton, N Hodgess, M Johnson, D Pidgeon, J Riley, M Veal, D Townsend

Chairman George welcomed all for attending. Coffee, Tea and Biscuits readily available.

1 Apologies for Absence

J James, A Rogers, T Davis, K Eardley, C Francis King

2 Minutes of Meetings 1st APRIL 2022

Proposed	C McCarthy	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes of the 1 st April 2022 Meeting are a true record.
Seconded	P Burcombe	}		

2A Matter arising from the above Minutes

Item 7.3 mentioned possible "Encore" monies. (see 7.4 below)

3 Chairman's Annual Report

- 3.1 Once again, we have had a really positive and rewarding year
- 3.2 As the year progressed, we successfully applied for, and got, various grants. In April the Beatrice Laing Trust gave £7,5000, we extended our Founders list which eventually totalled £145,000, an amazing sum. We were in constant discussions with our builders and architects to make sure we were in control of the monies and that the build was progressing. There were some delays due to bad weather and the supply and increased cost of materials, a delayed result of Covid, which of course gave us more time to raise funds.
- 3.3 With the building progressing we felt more and more confident that the end result would be reached and our grant givers felt the same. By June the roof and PV panels were in place which meant work inside could continue in earnest. In September we received £10,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund, all very exciting. Finally in the autumn we agreed a final price with our builders Sage Developments Ltd.
- 3.4 Costs had increased for reasons I have mentioned but good will was maintained and the final push for completion continued. On January 17th we welcomed our first two classes into the hall and started a test period to see how things worked. There was still some landscaping to be done by our builders but I was determined that the hall would open in January. We are all very impressed with the standard of workmanship and materials that have gone into the hall, it is a top-quality building.
- 3.5 The Trustees suffered a terrible blow in July 2021 when our good friend and fellow Trustee -- Brin Johnson - sadly passed away. Brin had, over many years, put an enormous amount of time, effort and passion into getting the project almost to completion.
- 3.6 By July 2021 the majority of the required funding had been raised thanks largely to Brin's expertise and we are very pleased he saw the result of that. He will be missed
- 3.7 In March we had our opening evening where all the Founders were invited to a social gathering to see what their contributions had achieved. Everyone was amazed!!
- 3.8 Also in March, under the leadership of Trustee Andrew Urbanek the Pop-Up Pub group started their regular social evening which are a huge success and have raised many thousands of pounds which go towards items in the hall which include the new Glass washer and the tall fridge in the main kitchen and the upstairs kitchen, so thank you to them.
- 3.9 In September JJ won another National Lottery Grant of £10k for Staging.
- 3.10 And in December this "disbanding" Assembly rooms offered us a PS system, new round tables and chairs, portable stage, coat rack and Umbrella stand
- 3.11 In December we completed the Planning Obligation of Fencing at the rear and planting of a mature 'replacement' Tree.
- 3.12 To develop our storage space a mezzanine floor is being investigated
- 3.13 The same type of Heating/air conditioning system will be installed in this Upstairs Room this month.
- 3.14 Stage Lighting has been investigated and will be installed in the Main Hall by the end of this month.
- 3.15 We recognise the need for outside lighting and investigations are in progress – before this winter ends. We recognise that outside lighting at the front has to be sympathetic to neighbours needs.
- 3.16 The outside space is evolving with new steps, gardening, hedging etc.
- 3.17 I have to thank so many people that have contributed the success of this project, and it has been a real pleasure for me to be part of this wonderful committee! Firstly the Trustees...Peter Fear, Ruth Foreman, Cathy McCarthy, Julia James, Andrew Urbanek and Pam Burcombe. A huge thank you to you all for a job really well done! The time and energy these Trustees put in to making this hall a success is so impressive, and I never need a volunteer as all jobs are just picked up automatically.
- 3.18 Also, a huge thank you to Glenys Adams who came on board in February as our Booking Manager and did a great job, and to Ali Rogers who is our new Bookings Manager (much to the relief of Glenys!), who has introduced the efficient "HallMaster" booking system
Also, to Marie Eames who keeps the hall looking spick and span your efforts are much appreciated, and Mike Townley, our Secretary. To you all our Thanks

4. Treasurer’s Report

- 4.1 If when the Accounts are viewed, and there are any queries, please contact Ruth Foreman directly.
- 4.2 The Accounts up to 31st March 2022 are nearing completion and will be posted soon to our website.

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Income	£ 71,198	£ 13,578	£161,028	£240,232
Expenditure	£ 6,305	£ 58,705	£ 7,462	£4,644
Total Funds	£565,750	£520,618	£674,184	£909,772

5 Acceptance of Annual Accounts to 30th April 2022

- 5.1 Already approved by the BNVH Trustees, and – as above – lodged where required.

6 Election of Directors

- 6.1 The Existing Directors: Pamela Alfreda May Burcombe, Peter David Fear, Ruth Ann Foreman (Treasurer), Catherine Ann McCarthy, George William Riley (Chair) and new members Julia James and Andrew Urbanek are all standing for election

Proposed	S Hammerton	}	RESOLVED -	That the above named are elected for the year 2023 - 2024
Seconded	M Corbett	}		

7 Open Discussion

- 7.1 A “Vote-of-Thanks” offered by SH to all the Trustees and assistants for developing such as wonderful Venue – these thanks unanimously endorsed.
- 7.2 Tickets are still available for the forthcoming “Stones Experience”
- 7.3 The School notes that a child was struck by a vehicle backing out of School Lane. We are aware that parents are parking in the hall car park for school drop off and pick up. A “Parking for Hall Only” sign is needed. BNVH will develop an appropriate “Warning Sign,” Should B&NES provide non-parking lines at the Hall roadway?”
- 7.4 MV stated that remaining committee members of the Encore Theatre Group are attempting to release funds from the dormant Encore bank account. Further updates on progress will be provided to BNVH

There were no further queries from the floor so – with grateful ‘thanks’ to all guests - the meeting closed at 7.15pm, and the refreshments enjoyed

8 Date of next Annual General Meeting: - 29th January 2024 at 18:30 at Batheaston New Village Hall

Chairman.....Date.....