



**Kaber  
Village  
Hall**

## **Minutes of Kaber Village Hall Trust AGM**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 7pm

### **Part 1 - The Statutory Meeting**

#### **1 Attendees**

- Sarah Lofthouse, (Chair & Trustee)
- Louise Duckett, (Treasurer & Trustee)
- Julie Lane, (Secretary & Trustee)
- Damon Green, (Trustee)
- Wendy Belsey, (Working Group)
- Rachel Green, (Working Group)
- Olwyn Lane,
- Liz Staley,
- Christine Coulson,
- Silvia Capstick.

#### **2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Colin Belsey, Margaret Brassett, Ian Colson, , Adam Tracey, Malcolm Duckett.

#### **3 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

No minutes from the 2023 AGM or EGM were made available despite several requests to the previous chairperson. If they are made available in the future it was agreed that they would be approved (providing they gave a fair reflection of the meetings) and would be made available on the KVH website.

All the notes and handouts available at the meeting are also available on the

web-site including the Chair's report and the Treasurer's report.

**Question from Liz Staley** – will everything be available online? – Sarah Lofthouse responded "Yes"

## **4 The Chair's Report**

Sarah Lofthouse, delivered her report. See attached (and available on the website).

## **5 The Treasurer's Report**

Louise Duckett, delivered her report. See attached. (and available on the website).

## **6 Election of Trustees**

Sarah Lofthouse stated that all 4 trustees would stand down, as required by the charity's constitution, but would be happy to be re-elected if required.

Sarah Lofthouse asked the meeting is there was any additional persons who would wish to stand as a Trustee. There were no additional nominees.

Christine Coulson proposed the previous 4 Trustees, (being Sarah Lofthouse, Louise Duckett, Damon Green and Julie Lane) be put forward for re-election. Liz Staley seconded the proposal.

The proposal was put to the floor and received a unanimous vote in favour. Therefore, the above named people were elected as Trustees for 2024/25.

All required business having been completed, Sarah Lofthouse called an official end to the AGM Statutory Meeting.

## **Part 2 - The Coming Year**

### **7 Events & Bookings – Rachel Green (Bookings Secretary)**

Rachel gave an outline of the plans for the the rest of 2024.

- A continuation of the Tuesday craft evenings,
- Coffee Mornings every 3rd Saturday (aside from 21st December as this is a busy week)
- A whist social has been planned
- Soup and Sweet in October
- Domino Drive in December
- Christmas Bingo
- Carols

A future plan for a “Thursday Club Nights”, commencing at 6:30pm, is being developed. The idea is to try running informal themed meetings as a rotating pattern of “Club Nights” on different themes/topics. Our initial ideas are noted on the website and in a “flyer”, but we would love your ideas, support & feedback for other club nights you would be able to organise/run/attend once every 6-8 weeks or so.

It was pointed out that there were other events outside the village that people were committed to and could clash. This was accepted, but there are many interesting clubs and associations in the area, it would be impossible to avoid clashes.

### **8 Building works, grants and future plans – Damon Green**

The planned building works for the front elevation is scheduled to be completed this year and the grant for that work is in place.

There are a lot of grants available, both national and local, however, in order to make use of them it is important to have defined projects with aims and objectives and a detailed plan.

Many grants are supporting buildings that are looking to be energy efficient.

With that in mind we have secured a small grant from ACT (Action with Cumbrian Communities) ACT is the rural and community development charity for Cumbria. They champion community and rural issues and support communities to plan for the future.

Using the grant from ACT we have had a building survey to look at energy efficiency and we expect their report in 3 weeks. We have been told that there is nothing wrong with the building but there needs to be longer-term sustainability, considering options such as air source heat pumps, solar panels etc. Once the report is available ACT will help us put together applications for supportive grants.

We have had support through ACT in checking our current fuel supply and it has confirmed that we are on the right tariff for our usage.

We will be looking at options for the kitchen, its current location is not ideal and there is significant damp.

It was asked if the toilets were the best utilisation of space & could anything be done with the outside building & space. Damon explained present researching and looking at grant options.

## **9 Any Other Business**

No other business was raised from the floor.

## **10 Closing remarks by the Chair of Trustees – Sarah Lofthouse**

Thanked everyone for attending and supporting the meeting and the events that have made it possible to keep the building as a community asset.

## **11 Official closing of AGM 7.40pm**