



**Kaber  
Village  
Hall**

# **Kaber Village Hall Trust Chair's Report for 2024 AGM**

Monday 16th September 2024

7.00

## **Minutes of last AGM**

Sadly, so far we have been unable to get a copy of the minutes from the last AGM or EAGM so cannot approve these, or provide them for you in your documentation for tonight.

## **Reflecting on the Year**

It hardly seems like a year since we all met at the last AGM, but that is perhaps because we (the Trustees and the working group) have been busy organising lots of events to continue with our vision of a functional and well used village hall.

We have been discussing with the Charity Commission the structure defined by the Village Hall Trust's charity constitution for 8 trustees. This requirement has been difficult to comply with for many years, and some people prefer to support the hall without the legal responsibility of being a Trustee.

So, we have applied to the Charity Commission to have our constitution amended to reduce the requirement to 4 trustees and a Working Group chosen by the Trustees to support them. We are expecting to hear back from them soon if we have their approval. As this was the recommendation *they* made during the discussions we doubt there will be a negative result to this application for change to the constitution.

We have been operating on this basis all year. For your records the Trustees currently appointed are Sarah Lofthouse (Chair), Julie Lane (Secretary), Louise Duckett (Treasurer), and Damon Green.

The current Working Group members (appointed by the Trustees) are Rachel Green (Bookings Manager), Wendy Belsey and Malcolm Duckett. These are of course supported by all the members of the community who act as keyholders, event organisers, cooks, and helpers.

The Trustees and Working Group have held regular meetings and we try to ensure that all the minutes of these meetings are on the new website for everyone to read. [kaberVH.com](http://kaberVH.com)

There is a new online booking system, new policies for H&S, first aid boxes and logbooks all in place in the Hall.

## Repairs and Maintenance

The old gas heater has been disconnected and arrangements made to remove the large gas tank (this is planned for the 3<sup>rd</sup> October). The gas heater has been inspected and we have been advised that it will be safe to reconnect and use for heating with Calor gas bottles – so reducing the costs of heating using the storage heaters.

Last winter rather than closing down the building we had some frost stat heaters fixed in the kitchen and bathrooms to help prevent pipes freezing, there has been a deep layer of roof insulation added and the original single glazed window has had a pane of secondary glazing added. More recently the light fittings have been replaced with energy efficient LED lighting – this should help going forward to keep the building warmer whilst keeping the cost at a level we can afford.

## Events

We have regular bookings for craft evenings, coffee mornings, and (upcoming for winter) a series of clubs for Thursday nights alongside bingo, quiz night, domino drives, musical evenings, Christmas events and most recently the restart of KVH show – all of which have been very well received and attended by old and young alike.

We hope going forward to see more events and the people of the parish enjoying their hall.

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I now hand you onto Louise to give you the Treasurers report, and then the existing Trustees will step down (a legal requirement) and you can elect the new ones for 2024/5 (although we are all willing to stand - if you want us back)...

*Sarah Lofthouse (Chair of Trustees, 2023/24)*