



# Goring Village Hall

## Minutes of Village Hall Management Committee: Annual General Meeting Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mike Baker (MB) (Chair), Davies (PD), Bill Jackson (BJ), Linda Palmer (LP)  
There were no members of the public present.

Item		Action
1. Welcome	MB welcomed everyone to the meeting. He assured those present the meeting had been advertised both in the Goring Gap News, on our website and on Social Media. BJ commented that since no-one other than the committee had turned up we can assume users are happy with how we're managing the hall.	
2. Apologies	Neil Lecky Thomson (LT), Emma Horwill (EH), Mark Kibble (MK) and Roger Wood (RW).	
3. Minutes of last AGM 2023	The minutes were approved and passed for publication on the GVH website.	
4. Matters arising from last AGM	There were no matters arising	
5. Chairman's Report for year ending 31.12.23	<p><u>Summary</u> MB reported that overall this had been a very quiet year. The hall had seen large numbers of bookings, nothing had broken nor had there had been no major expenses.</p> <p><u>Bookings</u> Most users returned, though still some were using hybrid Zoom/face to face meetings. Bookings were still not quite back to pre-pandemic levels. Expenses were still being kept at low levels.</p> <p><u>Energy</u> We have negotiated a 24 month fixed energy contract which whilst 33% higher than our previous one was nevertheless a good deal and allows the hall to budget with some certainty.</p> <p><u>Maintenance</u> Two lights in the hall had failed and been repaired by Colin</p>	

	<p>Sylvester. The PA system required some repair too. Again this was carried out by Colin.</p> <p><u>Thanks</u>  MB gave thanks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trustees for all their hard work and devotion</li> <li>• Jack Calder for his excellent minutes throughout the year</li> <li>• Bernard Novell for continuing to support the website</li> <li>• Bill Norman and Paul Carter for their help and flexibility during this difficult year</li> <li>• All our users for their understanding and support through the pandemic</li> <li>• The friends of GVH</li> <li>• Our suppliers Colin Sylvester and Harry Denison for responding rapidly when we need them.</li> </ul>	
<p>6. Treasurer's report for year ending 31.12.23</p>	<p>The accounts are available as a separate document. SS reported:</p> <p><u>Income</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income was slightly higher than last year - £38,807 compared to £38,093 in 2022.</li> <li>• Bookings were varying but holding.</li> <li>• No grants or donations were received in the year.</li> </ul> <p><u>Expenditure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As with 2022 we kept operational and maintenance expenses to a minimum.</li> <li>• Operational spend was £28,515 in 2023 compared to £25,498 in 2022.</li> <li>• Spend was £12,360 under budget due to: no capital and low maintenance expenditure and a delay in the heating project consultation fees to 2024.</li> </ul> <p><u>Bank Balances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The positive bookings position and our careful management of expenditure allowed us to carry forward a surplus of £10,293</li> <li>• As a consequence the cash in the bank increased and stood at £69,362 at the end of December</li> </ul> <p>MB thanked Lecky for all his work, and proposed that the accounts be adopted and forwarded to the Charity Commission.</p>	
<p>7. Environmental Project</p>	<p>Investigations were started in 2021 into changing from gas convection heating to an alternative that would use renewable electricity and also potentially free up floor space in the main hall. MB handed over to PD to report on progress. PD explained that the heating system in both the main hall and Belleme Room needed replacement with an efficient new solution using the latest</p>	

	<p>technology to meet our environmental objectives.</p> <p>Consultants had been engaged who had reported on some suitable systems for the hall. Subsequent work shows there are two viable solutions employing either air to air or air to water heat pumps. Current work is going on to determine which is the best option before then going out to tender in the second half of this year.</p>	
<p>8. Election of Management Committee officers and members for the coming year</p>	<p>MB listed the trustees in 2023 and their main areas of responsibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Baker – Chair</li> <li>• Neil Lecky Thompson - Treasurer</li> <li>• Emma Horwill – Social media</li> <li>• Phil Davies – Projects</li> <li>• Bill Jackson – Licensing</li> <li>• Linda Palmer – Caretaking</li> <li>• Mark Kibble – Projects</li> <li>• Roger Wood – Projects</li> </ul> <p>All the current trustees are willing to continue. There being no new candidates to stand as officers or trustees it was not necessary to hold any elections.</p>	
<p>9. Any other business</p>	<p>There being no other business the chairman closed the meeting</p>	