

NEW WINTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting 26th October 2022

Attendance: Eight members of the community were present.

Previous AGM Minutes approved

Chair's Report:

Sally welcomed all attendees and thanks were recorded to members of both the Hall and Social Committees for their work over the past year.

The NWCA is now registered with the East Lothian Community Lottery. Provided the Hall is nominated as the beneficiary, each ticket purchased will provide 50% of the purchase price to Hall funds. There is a weekly draw, and tickets can be bought online or by phone.

This was agreed to be a better fundraising alternative than the proposal to establish a Friends of New Winton group, due to the difficulty of finding a suitable recompense for members.

It is planned to start advertising this around the village in the near future.

Sally also confirmed that discussions are still ongoing about the reduction of the speed limit through the village and the provision of traffic-slowing measures.

Update on Hall usage:

This has gone down mainly due to the departure of the Highland Dancing class. However there is an increase in other bookings, particularly for birthday parties. Bookings remain sufficient to cover costs at present.

Costs of bookings revised upwards during the year to be more in line with other local halls. It was agreed that hall facilities should be free for village residents to put on private events for non-commercial purposes

There was discussion about the reasons for an apparent decline in interest for events put on in the village. It was agreed that daytime events, such as coffee mornings, and the litter pick, were more popular. The BBQ and Bonfire Night were well attended.

The Social Committee is to be amalgamated with the Hall Committee going forward, and the new joint committee is to consider ideas to improve participation.

Treasurer's Report & Accounts:

Sophie reported that the Annual Financial Report for 2021-22 shows a profit of £707. The accounts have been audited.

The bank balance presently sits at £2614

The monthly cost for electricity is £150 following recent price increases.

There is now only one weekly clean.

Current outgoings around £225 per month although this is mostly covered by bookings

Thanks were recorded to Christian Davis for auditing the accounts again this year.

Election of Committee Members:

All current Committee members who were present (Sally, Chris, Hilary, Sophie, Janet, Bryony) were willing to continue in their roles; Ian Suddaby to be confirmed.

Bridget Garvie has volunteered to join the Committee and was welcomed as a new member.

Other members of the former Social Committee to be confirmed.

AOB:

- i) Awaiting Community Council grant for this year
- ii) Bryony to arrange distribution of note around village confirming Bonfire arrangements
- iii) Sally reported that the creation of a joint Pencaitland/New Winton Wombles group for litter picking is under discussion at the Community Council.
- iv) Ongoing discussion about parking. Suggestion that volunteers should direct traffic to suitable parking spots when the Craft Fair is on to prevent dangerous parking and complaints from residents