NEW WINTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AGM

10TH OCTOBER 2026

Present: (Committee members): Sally Thomas, Chris Thomas, Janet Revesz, Ian Suddaby, Hilary Dickson, Marjorie Thrusfield

Apologies: Kate Hansen

17 members of the community were also present

Sally welcomed all attendees.

The Minutes of the previous AGM were approved

Chair's Report:

This has been a very busy year with major improvements to the Hall (financed by grants amounting to c.£35,000), undertaken - namely solar panels, battery storage, and replacement windows. All work has now been completed apart from final gloss paint for windows and replacement of stage curtains.

Thanks are recorded to the following:

Sally for all her hard work in applying for grants and following up applications

Simon for sanding the Hall floor

Contractors Bryant and Cairns (windows) and XKY Energy (solar panels and battery storage)

Chris Davis FCCA for generously donating his services to compile the NWCA annual accounts

Members of the Committee and the wider community for their valued contributions, including Bill Fulton for maintaining the website.

Sally reports that despite ongoing discussion with Francis Ogilvy, no progress has been made on sorting out the Trust Deed for the Hall. The potential for community ownership will be explored as a possible solution.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts

Banking has now been transferred to the Cooperative Bank.

Accounts have been audited and total income was £44,022, of which £36,186 derives from grants obtained to carry out work in Hall, as above, and £7836 from all other sources.

£338 was raised through the Community Lottery this year.

The solar panels and battery storage are to be treated as removeable assets belonging to the community, to appear on NWCA balance sheet going forward.

It is anticipated that electricity bills will be substantially reduced in the coming year thanks to the solar panels. Any unused power generated is sold back to the Grid.

Hall Usage and Social Events

The Hall continues to be well used for classes and social events.

Parking remains a perennial problem and despite every effort to minimise disruption for residents, there are inevitably some complaints.

The village Cuppa and Chat has been ongoing as a popular weekly opportunity for members of the community to socialise. It is run on a voluntary basis although expenses are covered by Hall funds to an agreed amount.

There was some discussion about possible future community events in addition to the regular Bonfire Night, Barbecue and coffee mornings.

Election of Committee Members

Sally has continued in her role as Chair this year but would like to step down; Kate would like to resign from her role as Treasurer. Therefore replacements are actively being sought for both roles and it is hoped to increase committee membership more widely.

All other current members are up for re-election.

AOB

East Lothian Council has intimated that they will undertake the repair of the bus shelter, although no timetable for this has been offered as yet.

It has been suggested that the fluorescent strip lighting in the Hall should be replaced with LED bulbs to save costs.