



**IVINGHOE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY HUB:
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in the Old School,
Ivinghoe: 26th September 2016 at 7.30pm**



**Registered Charity
Number 1165850**



LOTTERY FUNDED



PRESENT: Carol Tarrant	Alex Wynne
Hayley Wesley	Owen Wynne
John Wallis	Tracella Owens
Jeanette Wallis	Anne Eastwood
Bob Corn	Gail Dodsworth
Sylvia Simmonds	Connie Wesley
Margaret Holliday	Geoff Travis
Claire Bamber	Jade Wesley
Karen Groom	Cath Laidler

APOLOGIES: Richard Wade

1.0 Previous AGM Minutes:

Agreed as a true and accurate record – although the date shown was 2014, and should have been 2015!

2.0 Chair's Report:

- 2.1 Carol presented her report as attached – with visuals via the projector and new projection screen! Karen proposed acceptance, Sylvia seconded – carried.
- 2.2 Carol thanked outgoing trustee Alex Wynne for her invaluable and tireless work given to the Old School Community Hub project since its inception - everyone had signed a card and enthusiastically supported the thanks.

3.0 Treasurer's Report:

- 3.1 As attached – Bob presented on behalf of Treasurer Richard Wade - John proposed acceptance, Margaret seconded - carried.
- 3.2 Bob reported that Richard has expressed a wish to stand down as Treasurer due to his work, family and other commitments – he would wish to hand over the role by January 2017 at the latest; the meeting expressed their thanks to Richard for his sterling work on the Hub's behalf!

4.0 Trustee Elections:

- 4.1 Chair: Carol Tarrant – proposed by Karen Groom, seconded Sylvia Simmonds – carried; Carol accepted the role.
- 4.2 Secretary: Bob Corn – proposed by Karen Groom, seconded Geoff Travis – carried; Bob accepted the role.
- 4.3 Treasurer: Claire Bamber to 'shadow' Richard Wade with a view to take over the role by January 2017 at the latest – proposed by John Wallis, seconded Carol Tarrant – carried; Claire accepted the 'shadowing' role.
- 4.4 Trustees: Election of Trustees was thus (noting the 'Management Committee' style of Trusteeship):
 - 4.4.1 Karen Groom – proposed Hayley Wesley, seconded Alex Wynne – carried; Karen accepted the role.
 - 4.4.2 Margaret Holliday – proposed Hayley Wesley, seconded Alex Wynne – carried; Margaret accepted the role.
 - 4.4.3 John Wallis – proposed Hayley Wesley, seconded Alex Wynne – carried; John accepted the role.

- 4.4.4 Sylvia Simmonds – proposed Hayley Wesley, seconded Alex Wynne – carried; Sylvia accepted the role.
- 4.4.5 Gail Dodsworth – proposed Alex Wynne, Margaret Holliday – carried; Gail accepted the role.
- 4.4.6 Anne Eastwood – proposed Margaret Holliday, seconded Hayley Wesley – carried; Anne accepted the role.

Noted that whilst they were not able to offer support in a Trustee or Management role, Geoff Travis, Tracella Owens and Alex Wynne offered support in a general sense where they are able to help.

5.0 Any Other Business:

- 5.1 There was no other business, save that of noting the intention of informally meeting every six months or so with the CuriosiTEA Rooms Team to discuss ongoing progress.
- 5.2 There was a private matter which Trustees needed to discuss urgently – this discussion took place after the meeting closed.
- 5.3 Sylvia and Margaret had arranged refreshments which all were invited to join in with – many thanks to Sylvia and Margaret!

6.0 Next Meetings:

Next **AGM to be held in September 2017** – date and time to be announced, to be held in Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub;

‘October Clean Up’ – 5th October 2016 at 1.30pm at the Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub;

Next **Trustees Meeting to be held on 25th October 2016 at 7.45pm**, in the IT Room, Ivinghoe Old School Community Hub.



CHAIR'S REPORT:

Hello - I am **Carol Tarrant**, chairing the Hub Trustees after five long years of saving and then running the Community Hub spaces.

Reviewing the past year since September 2015 - we installed our new PA system, into our large two classroom space. This system has been used for public talks...some of them on traffic calming parking matters searching for a future solution, also public meetings facing up to Gladman developers and other such unplanned challenges, public music concerts, choir practice and choral concerts, and a great taster for further Saturday night Jazz evenings - plans are afoot for spilling out onto the new paved back courtyard!

Oct 2015 Hallowe'en saw gentle nods to use of our pumpkins and some face-painting witchery in the café, **Oct 31st 2016 the Café team is hosting a Halloween Arts and Crafts presence 10.00 - 3.00, and a proper dress-up Halloween romp here** in the form of an open party 4.00-5.30.

Nov 2015 saw the third appearance of a **Winter Christmassy Market, repeated again this year on 25th November 2016** marking the beginning of sparkly festivities and mid-winter fun for our Community -Market stalls of hand crafted Christmas presents inside and out, little lights everywhere, Decorated Christmas Trees, mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas Carol Singers, maybe Bell Ringers and roasted Chestnuts for sure! We run a Raffle, Tombola, some children's 'eye-spy' Christmassy games - sometimes a special Christmassy person visits us here. We made around £600 at the last Christmas Market.

Dec 2015 We launched the subject of **Time Credit thank-you remuneration** by saving up 'credits' from volunteering time to use elsewhere for free swimming, theatre or museum visits in London and other towns, and free computer time here. Volunteers are always needed when communities try to pull together a venue like this with activities for different generations where help for others younger or older especially is crucial to facilitate their movement around the space, etc. It was thought that some pleasant swap of their volunteered time might be very acceptable to us all.

Pancake races on the Lawn on February's Shrove Tuesday are an example of the Hub using the Lawn for community activity- where fun, tradition, sport and yummy pancakes all intermingle with the trustees providing free prizes and direction - combining our Hub space on the Lawn and CuriosiTEA Rooms cooking skills! At the end of February we had a special general meeting to consider the constitution to make a small change to enable our gaining **Registered Charity Status. Hurrah!**

Last March we just managed to squeeze our scaled down Easter Market, Easter Egg Hunt, raffle, Tombola and inside Craft stalls - £300 fund-raiser, into the back courtyard - before the full scale effects of pulling up the tarmac and laying new brick pavers hit the Hubs everyday existence. Tree roots and ancient plumbing produced problems but solutions were always forthcoming and the café was able to stay open as usual, and activities filled the Hub as normal. Our side gate was again attempted to be stolen, after it had been re-fixed by the paving workmen - we still have it, but it is yet to be securely fixed in position. We are left with a very beautiful paving job finished to a

very nice design level where an alternative ramping design has paid off -we all enjoy the gentle undulations for travel up down - drainage is similarly landscaped!

At the end of this building work our own trustee's landlord Bucks County sent their annual deputation of inspecting personnel for a day's visit to scrutinise our activities, plans, refurbishments and finances. As with the two previous inspections, they were very pleased - satisfied by the way we have delivered our Community Wellbeing remit to this community and its visitors! Two more benches were purchased by Hub trustee savings, the five new planters were filled with plants which we enjoy but share with the voracious Cabbage white butterflies eggs, caterpillars and black beetles!

During June/ July Bob was liaising with Abi Parveen of Bucks County on her desire that we host the '**Simply Walks**' activity on Monday mornings, setting off from our Hub for a half hour or slightly longer walk in a circular direction coming back to the Hub for coffee if required and a chat! We particularly welcome such an activity because, this new group is ideal for those in our community, like myself, who have some painful limbs with special requirements and slow pacing. Also some community members in the first stages of mental confusion and ideally suited to walking in a well-recognised environment with other community members who look after their reminders to come, welfare and delivery safe home - leaving the group size to expand gradually and naturally will give all users time to remain feeling confident and safe.

At the end of July, we hosted the second annual **Old School Re-Union** which proved very enjoyable. We should mention here the **Heritage Book** centred on this School's History, contributed to by ex-pupils here - organised by Sylvia Simmonds and her team of Margaret Holiday & Bob Corn....which is coming together well - containing much Ivinghoe historical interest, and when published will be a must to purchase!

In order to help meet the Lawn litter problem co-operatively, we ordered in some green bins which we attached to our gates for the community to just use at will, if not taking their own litter home, and we went off to find terra cotta flower pots to act as ashtrays in order to eliminate fag-butts littering our new pavers - alas one was stolen within the first week!


The latest project is the erection of a motorised **big Film Screen** high over one of the window gables in the 'hall' space which is the last factor we need in place in order to deliver **Movers & Shakers - a three part activity** of healthy moving gently to music; a Luncheon Club for an hour in the same space sharing a big table and prepared, cooked & served by Hayley; and whilst we digest that lovely meal we can have the last of the three hours playing table top games or cards together, listening to a speaker or watching a chosen film together. Look out for an advertisement for 'Movers & Shakers' this autumn helping each other through another winter together!

Every year the trustee's role evolves further, able and generous trustees join for a while, firstly saving the building, then applying for grants to restore it, and now running it with all the administrative obligations, financial dealings and the careful growing of the facilities to keep pace with the community's expressed needs, each new introduction's sustainably into the future...particularly conscious of providing a community centre style venue

for all the diverse members of our wider community, with all that takes.

We thank all those generous trustees - and particularly Alex Owen and Richard Wade who will be hanging up their trustee hats this year, but staying hubberlovin' friends!

Carol Tarrant
26th September 2016.



Treasurer's Report for year ending 31st March, 2016

21st September, 2016

Revenue and surplus

Income for the year has risen from £14,177 to £15,150 due to increased use of all of the Hub's facilities. This was achieved despite a drop in income at the end of the year due to the paving works.

The surplus (revenue less expenses) was £3,862, down from £5,064 last year

Expenses

Expenditure at £11,292 was £2,179 higher than in the previous year due to electrical work, the lamppost and signage and the commissioning of the PA system (although the bulk of the cost was covered by a grant). Building improvements remains the largest cost as refurbishments and improvements are carried out when sufficient funds are available.

The Hub is fully insured for fire, public and employers liability.

Bank and cash

At the end of the financial year the Hub had funds of £8,163 in the bank and cash to the value of £394. The operating reserve of £6,000 was also maintained. The reserve is to be used to maintain the viability of the operation in the case of an unforeseen loss of income.

Examiner

Colin J Arney has kindly agreed to continue to examine the Hub's accounts.

Looking forward

The hub continues to generate a small surplus of funds after maintaining and improving the building. A new three-year contract with the main tenant was put in place in the 2016/2017 year at a modestly increased rate reflecting the improvements to the external facilities.