

THORNHILL COMMUNITY HALL
Back Loan, Thornhill, Stirling, FK8 3QB
Registered Charity no:SC021671

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 30 Apr 2024.

1. **Attendees:-** Chair: Bryn Coulthard, Peter Rickard, Alastair Morrow, Jim Mills
Richard Waite, Alison Wallis, Neil Wallis, Liz Coiffait, Charlotte Johnston, Sara Fullerton, Joyce Firth, Gary Richardson,, Elaine Young, Adam Bassett, Veronica Batchelor Robert Turnbull, Katie Gracie-Orr
2. **Apologies:** Belinda MacMillan
3. **Minutes from 2023 AGM:** These had previously been circulated. There was one mistake in point 8 'Elaine Young became a Trustee at the Committee Meeting not the AGM' otherwise minutes acceptance proposed by Sara Fullerton and seconded by Adam Bassett.
4. **Chairman's Report for 2023:** Bryn gave this report to the meeting

2023 was the final push on renovation.
He thanked the committee for making the year a success.

Finance

This was a simpler year with less focus on grants.

Development

The 'Warm Room' has had a complete makeover and has now become a permanent fixture. Funding has been secured to allow it to continue

Bookings

There has been a big increase in bookings up 40% on 2022 and up 100% on pre Covid year 2019.

Improvements

This year has seen more improvements to the hall:

- a) The Meeting Room has had new chairs, carpets, walls painted and some great local photographs on the walls. Mostly funded by the Bank of Scotland Foundation.
- b) Main Entrance too has been painted and new carpets fitted partly funded by the BoS Foundation as well as hall reserves.
- c) New Fire Doors have been fitted to the main hall, stage and changing rooms. Funded by the Tea & Chat fund.
- d) A defibrillator has been fitted to the outside wall funded by the Robert Connal Trust.

5. Treasurer's Report :

Accounts for the financial year 2023

These accounts have been completed and audited.

Summary.

- **Income:**
 - Lets and fundraising was up to around £18,600
 - Grants income totalled £27,800
 - **OVERALL: income was £46,400**
- **Payments/Outgoings:**
 - With more use, cleaning costs have gone up as have electricity prices
 - Running costs were £21,800
 - Project Costs were £28,800
 - **OVERALL: costs came to £50,600**
- **OVERALL:**
 - **Overall Deficit £4,200** mainly due to decoration not covered by grants,

The Hall can now take online payments by credit/debit cards through STRIPE.

Our annual grant was cut from £1000 to £750 in 2023 and maybe cut further

As a charity we receive a mandatory 80% exemption on rates and Stirling Council waive the other 20%. However with so many cutbacks at SC there is a worry about the 20%

6. Proposed pricing for 2024 – 2025

The price rises proposed recognise ongoing rises in costs.

These rises are kept minimal for community users.

New rates for Commercial/Concessions are:-

Facility	2024-25
Main Hall (per hr)	£24.15 / £8.40
Meeting Rooms (per hr)	£15.75 / £6.30
Use of Showers Only	£42 / £26.25
Entire Facility All Day Hire (8am – Midnight)	£350 / £200
Entire Facility Evening Hire (6pm – Midnight)	£200 / £120
Entire Facility Daytime Hire (8am – 5pm)	£180/£100
Concession Childrens Party Rate(up to 4 hrs between 9am and 5pm)	£40 (locals only)

The meeting voted to approve these new charges.

7. Interim Summary

Bookings

- Demand for hall is looking strong so far

Hall investment & upgrades

- No further significant plans for this year. Focus in 2024 will be on maintenance.
- New cleaner has been appointed recognising the increased need for cleaning as volume of bookings continue to increase

Financial forecast

- We need a clear view of running costs given the major changes that have happened over the last few years.
- Costs and Income are being well managed by Peter.

8. Appointment of Office Bearers

- CHAIRMAN Bryn Coulthard is stepping down as chairman.
Jim Mills agreed to be the new chair.
- TREASURER : Peter Rickard agreed to stand for another term
- SECRETARY Alastair Morrow agreed to stand for another term
- BOOKING SECRETARY : A new booking secretary is needed.

These positions were accepted by the meeting.

Serving committee members

Adam Bassett (Scouts Rep), Robert Turnbull, Sara Fullarton (Playgroup Rep), Liz Coffait (Bio Committee)

Trustees

Bryn Coulthard, Peter Rickard, Charlotte Johnston, Elaine Young

9. AOCB
- a) **Warm Room:** It was pointed out that our Warm Room is now listed by SC
 - b) **Upstairs Meeting Room.** Some users asked if this room could be improved as it makes a very pleasant meeting space.
 - c) **Playgroup** reps asked about securing barriers to the hall wall outside to allow outside play. No objections were raised.
 - c) **TCT:** All present were invited to the TCT AGM on 20 May.
 - d) Gary Richardson proposed a vote of thanks to the committee.

10. Closing Remarks

Bryn thanked everyone for their support through 2023 and over the last 5 years and the Hall building and bookings look in good shape for the years ahead

11. Next AGM

The proposed AGM for 2024 will be in April 2025. A date has tbc