

CLEARBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 July 2009

Committee Present: Helen Quinn (Chairman), Chris Britton, Ray Moorhouse (Treasurer), Patricia Medlen (Secretary), Christine Newberry (Minutes Secretary), Tony Medlen, Sue Britton (ex-officio and Parish Councillor), Jo Wallis, Mary Strickland.

Villagers Present: Val Dean, John Dean, Kathy Watts, Alan Newberry, Nigel Jenkins(part of meeting), Marigold Meergans, Lyn Thurston, Judy Ellis, Sylvia Huggett, John Huggett.

1. Apologies: Alan Hughes, David & Jenny Worrin,
2. Minutes of last AGM: Adoption proposed by Tony Medlen, seconded by Chris Britton
3. Matters arising: Handbells are now listed as a fixed asset.
4. Chairman's report:

A variety of events have taken place over the year including:

- Walks - thanks to the various leaders
- Christmas Party-thanks to Chris Staniforth for organising this sell-out event
- VIA events – three events were planned but only two actually took place, which were a children's puppet show and a folk evening
- Firework evening – with excellent fireworks
- Summer BBQ- which was great fun,
- Talk from John Killingbeck about Antarctica
- Play by Jenny Coverack, entitled "A Father for my Child".

The Hall continues to be used for a variety of activities including; Pilates, Yoga and the Friday Night Games evening.

A caretaker and a cleaner have been appointed, which has made the running of the hall much smoother, especially as the volume of hirings continues at a high level

5. Treasurers report:

The accounts for 2008/9 were presented, which show that the total financial assets of the Association, as at 5th April 2009, were £36,227.66. This is represented by the current account of £5,944.18 and the Building Maintenance Fund, at £30,000, the balance being held in cash and bar stock.

We have changed our insurance company and this has saved us £600, which has then been used to fund loss making social events. The hand bells are now insured separately by a specialist company.

Maintenance of the Hall and its equipment has been high this year, with £5733 being spent on re-furnishing the kitchen and over £2500 on decoration, floor treatment and general maintenance. The expenditure on the kitchen has meant that some of the Building Maintenance Fund has been used to maintain the viable catering facility.

The income from the Hall continues on a similar level as last year, with operational income exceeding expenditure by approximately £4,000.

6 Funded Events

The summer BBQ, Christmas lunch, Christmas party and coffee mornings are all funded from village funds. A question was raised as to whether the fireworks should also be free to residents. A vote was taken and it was agreed that village children would be free of charge this year.

A further question was raised about why no charge was made for the coffee mornings and the Chairman responded that the village is currently in a privileged position with a high reserve of funds, but that we reserve the right to change this at any time in the future.

7 Charity Nominations

Three charities had been nominated for the village to support throughout 2009/2010, these were: Devon Wildlife Fund, Children's Hospice South West and Devon Air Ambulance. A vote was taken with results as follows:

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| Devon Wildlife | = 8 |
| Children's Hospice | = 12 |
| Air Ambulance | = 14 |

These details will be published in the next newsletter.

8 Resignation of Officers and Committee Members

In accordance with the Constitution, the existing Committee stood down. Les Watson, Neil Cole and Helen Quinn stated that they would not be standing for re-election.

9 Election of the new committee

Of the previous Committee, Chris Britton, Ray Moorhouse, Christine Newberry, Tony Medlen, Patricia Medlen, Jo Wallis, Alan Hughes and Mary Strickland offered to stand again. They were proposed en-block by Val Dean, seconded by John Huggett and the Members accepted the proposition.

It was suggested by Sue Britton and seconded by Chris Britton that Helen Henderson would be willing to join the Committee. However this later proved to be incorrect.

10 Proposal and Election of new Officers

Chris Britton proposed that Christine Newberry be the new Chairman. This was seconded by Sue Britton and accepted by the Members. Ray Moorhouse agreed to stand for re-election as Treasurer and was proposed by Helen Quinn and seconded by Chris Britton and duly elected. Patricia Medlen agreed to stand for re-election as Secretary and was proposed by Helen Quinn and seconded by Mary Strickland and duly elected.

Post Meeting note - Sue Britton was elected back onto the Committee as a full voting member, at the Committee meeting on 20th July 2009.

Nigel Jenkins thanked Helen Quinn for all her hard work as Chairman and thanked the other retiring Committee Members.

Finally a request was made by Judy Ellis for Friday evenings to be kept free from outside bookings in order that the Friday Games Team can meet on a regular basis. This request was duly noted.