

CLEARBROOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 14th July 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Committee Present: Christine Newberry (Chairman), Ray Moorhouse (Treasurer), Patricia Medlen (Secretary), Chris Britton, Sue Britton, Alan Hughes, Tony Medlen, Jo Wallis, Mary Strickland.

Villagers Present: John Dean, Alan Newberry, Glynne Miller, John Miller, Marigold Meergaus, Kathy Watts, Martin Watts, Judy Ellis, Jill Moorhouse, Gail Cooper, Patrick Cooper.

1. **Apologies:** Val Dean, Jenny Worrin, David Worrin, Lyn Thurston
2. **Minutes of last AGM:** Adoption proposed by Sue Britton, Seconded by Tony Medlen
3. **Matters arising:** None
4. **Chairman's Report:**

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

- Summer BBQ – good food and music
- Curry & Skittles – showed off villagers culinary skills and was very popular
- Fireworks – excellent display and good bonfire. First time we have not made a charge for village children but still made a profit
- Christmas lunch – excellent food as usual
- Burns Night – good evening with organized Scottish dancing. Made an unexpected profit which was donated to Shelterbox
- Coffee mornings – continue to be popular.
- New Year's "Bucks Fizz Breakfast" especially popular and made a profit which was donated to Devon Air Ambulance
- Walks – have gone very well and although not hugely supported do have a loyal following.

Events that have not worked so well were mainly those with children in mind:

- Carol Singing – very poorly attended with only 2 children
- VIA, Storybox – an excellent production but very poorly attended with only 5 children
- Children's Christmas Party – not held because of insufficient interest
- The Christmas Party was cancelled because there were too many people with opposing views on how it should be run. The Chairman very much hoped that the village would support whatever events are proposed for this Christmas.

The Hall continues to be used for a variety of activities including: Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi and Games Night.

Thanks were extended to: Chris & Sue Britton who organize nearly all the social events, particularly the food; Jo Wallis and Alan Hughes for organizing the walks programme; Jenny & David Worrin for the prize draw.

We are trying to reduce the village's carbon footprint by sending the Newsletter by e:mail where possible.

Overall it has been a successful year with a healthy profit being made from Hall rentals which have continued at a high level and although the Committee has been smaller than usual this year we have still managed to organize quite a few social events.

5. Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 2009/2010 were presented, which show that the total financial assets of the Association, as at 5th April 2010, were £39,776.53. There is a healthy profit from Hall rentals which have continued at a very high level. Receipts and Payments for the year ending 5th April 2010 have been validated by John Fry and show a surplus of £3,621.06. There are some outstanding invoices which are slightly higher than last year but this is because of the high level of hirings by public authorities. The heating system in the Hall has been refurbished this year.

Due to the dramatic reduction in interest rates this year, the Building Society interest was only £12.66. During the year a new account has been opened with United Trust who is paying higher rates of interest. We are still actively looking for any other investment which would produce a reasonable rate of return in the current climate.

The financial strategy for 2010/2011 suggests that the surplus income will be transferred to our investment account. The Treasurer pointed out that Hall bookings could drop significantly because of the economic/financial squeeze.

Adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Alan Newberry and seconded by Tony Medlen.

6. Funded Events

The Summer BBQ, Christmas Lunch, Coffee mornings and fireworks for village children are all funded from village funds. It was decided that fireworks for village children should continue to be free.

7. Charity Nominations

It was agreed and a vote taken that the two nominations we had received, Devon Air Ambulance and Devon Wildlife Trust, would be the chosen charities for 2010/2011. There was discussion as to whether we should divide profits between both charities or run specific events but we have to abide by the Constitution. A suggestion was made that the Constitution should be on our website.

8. Resignation of Officers and Committee Members

In accordance with the Constitution, the existing Committee stood down. Alan Hughes stated that he would not be standing for re-election.

9. Election of new Committee

Of the previous Committee, Chris Britton, Sue Britton, Ray Moorhouse, Christine Newberry, Patricia Medlen, Tony Medlen, Jo Wallis and Mary Strickland offered to stand again. They were proposed en-bloc by Alan Newberry and seconded by Martin Watts.

New nominations were, John Dean, Gail Cooper, Patrick Cooper, Jenny Worrin and David Worrin. They were proposed en-bloc by Chris Britton and seconded by Sue Britton.

10. Proposal and Election of new Officers

Ray Moorhouse proposed that Christine Newberry should be Chairman again, seconded by Mary Strickland. Christine Newberry stated that this would be her last year in office.

Christine Newberry proposed that Ray Moorhouse should be Treasurer again, seconded by Martin Watts. Ray Moorhouse stated that this would be his last year in office and felt that during the coming year somebody else should be trained to fill the post next year.

Christine Newberry proposed that Patricia Medlen should be Secretary again, seconded by Gail Cooper.

The meeting closed at 8.03 p.m.