

Minutes of St Boswells Public Hall AGM Meeting
Held on 30th November 2020, at 7pm in the Village Hall

This counted as a 'business meeting' under then-current government mandates, and was held in observance of social distancing and mask-wearing requirements.

Present: Cliff Ellershaw (chair), John Offord (treasurer), Alastair Minnis (secretary), Christine Little, Dougie Oliver, Charles Strang, Sandra Thomas, Kate Warner, and Robin Wild.

Apologies: Audrey Rae, Amanda Richard

Approval of minutes. Approved by all.

Matters arising. All matters will be raised in the subsequent meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Our gross total income was £14,831.98, our gross expenditure £14,141.24, leaving a surplus of £690.72. Our no. 2 account had an opening balance of £12,555.07 and a closing balance of £10,185.13, the deficit £2,369.94. The sum of £4,306.00 was spent on floor repair and other essential refurbishments. These accounts were independently audited.

Chairperson's report. It started out as a good year, with our regular clients continuing to use us frequently: sports and exercise classes (including badminton, yoga and Pilates), sewing & embroidery, knitting and crochet, toddlers, SWRI and pensioners, together with live music gigs and events organised by the bookshop. The Christmas Fair was a great success in terms of community participation and an excellent example of teamwork. We profited from a car treasure hunt, the 'Wobbly Bridge', and Village Week events. We received a grant for cinema equipment of £1700, which was duly purchased. Various maintenance jobs were carried out, including to the roof and the main hall flooring. Thanks to an anonymous donation, the hall clock was repaired. A CCTV was installed over the front door. A new Complaints Procedure was approved by the committee. All the work was completed at our end for the Registers of Scotland application to have the hall placed on the current land registry, needed to complete our transition to the new SCIO ('St Boswells Village Hall'). Overall, we were in a very good position, serving as a popular venue. Then the pandemic struck, and on Thursday 19th March 2020 we were obliged to lock our doors.

Election of Office Bearers – Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. John Offord and Alastair Minnis were re-elected as treasurer and secretary respectively. Cliff Ellershaw tendered his resignation as chair, whilst expressing his willingness to continue to serve on the committee. The meeting warmly thanked Cliff for his many years' service as chair. Cliff proposed Dougie Oliver to succeed him as chair; seconded by Alastair Minnis; approved by the meeting.

Election of Committee Members. Cliff Ellershaw and Sandra Thomas were re-elected. Robin Wild announced his resignation from the committee; the meeting warmly thanked him for his many years of service. Robin then proposed Kate Warner and Christine Little as committee members; seconded by Sandra Thomas and Alastair Minnis; approved by the

meeting. Robin led a vote of thanks to Cliff as chair together with John as treasurer and Alastair as secretary for their hard work during the exceptional circumstances imposed on us by the pandemic.

Minutes of St Boswells Public Hall Open Meeting
Held on 30th November 2020 in the Village Hall, following the AGM

1. Approval of minutes. The minutes of the meeting of the 13th August were approved.
2. Matters arising. All covered in the preceding AGM. John Offord noted the importance of the SBC's business assistance award of £25,000 which, coming on top of a previous award of £2000, had rescued the hall's finances from the threat of bankruptcy, given that the running costs of the hall are approx. £1000 per month and we were faced with the prospect of no income.
3. There was no other business.
4. The date of the next meeting was left open, due to the uncertainties of the pandemic.

Alastair Minnis
3rd March 2021