

GGVA AGM :14 May 2014

26 people in attendance

Chair's Report – Chrissie Hall

Welcome and introductions from the chair :-

- Apologies list (Lynne and Gary Maughan)
 - Peter Leggett is in attendance from the Local Council
- Minutes from 2013 were referred to, asked to second the minutes from the chair
 - John Fisher approved and Diane Dobson seconded
- Matters arising from the minutes
 - Advice from the floor was no matters required to be discussed

Report from the Chair – Chrissie Hall

- See attached.
- Thanked the committee for commitment this year
- Encouraged people to get involved to share the burden
- Councillors from East Gosforth ward were thanked for continued support
- Colin Moore was thanked for work on the land
 - Garden committee to be started by Nick Simon– volunteers can give names if interested in helping.
- Graham Vickers was thanked for trumpeting in rain and apologise were made for not getting round the whole estate due to weather.
- Susan Woods was thanked for organising the Easter event, which was well attended
- Subscriptions - trying to get round doors, however plea was made for direct debits to be placed where possible as this is the easiest method of collection
- Allotments – three years on site, list exhausted at present
- Plea was made to attend clubs where possible to ensure they continue
- Playgroup and toddlers are well attended looking forward to using grass area
- Encouragement to all people to get involved
- Thanks for users groups, trustees and local bodies providing grants, look forward to future.

Treasurers Report – John Fisher

- Full account has gone to auditors, thanks to Peter Ibbotson for examining the accounts; not heard if ok, but not heard of errors
- Rents largest source of income, especially parties from all users and within the ward.
- Insurance is an issue – additional £325 paid as only insured for specific clubs – Bowling, Tennis, WI or Playgroup. Always been the case, therefore added all other groups at £25 per group per year for cover. Private hire, not covered for damage, personal injury etc, although any domestic home insurance may cover an individual's liability. To get round this, have a new form to make hirers aware of this and sign to accept. Carry on for now and look at further insurance, eg village hall and club insurance in future.
- Plea for direct debits as an easy way to collect membership money

- Anyone not in the traditional GV area can pay to be associate members. If member can be discounted from the party numbers, also can recoup £25 insurance costs
- Little extra for cleaning as previous year not full, spent small amount on tables and light outside
- 370 tonnes of rubbish shifted from site during groundworks
- Energy costs 1/3 of previous year with less usage
- First full year in new building and very pleased, user costs previously not covered costs of running building, now more than covers costs
- Changed the way of booking / charging parties to block bookings to simplify things for shop and users.
- Big thanks to shop – letter / card to be sent

Questions

WI—what about a flyer explaining the situation in simple terms and requesting the membership fee and explaining the situation. Litigious society therefore need to address.

Bowling Ward grant – are you expecting more in future. PL amount to give out is diminishing and residents groups are priority supported, but can't guarantee the same quantities. Council members are happier to those who support themselves and raising fund history is in your favour therefore organisation like this would get a fair crack of the whip at any funds that are available. Have won people round at ward meetings that GGVA is a cause worth supporting and is not a private club. Have been well supported.

MB – how does cleaning work. Company that was locally recommended, approx. £30 per week for 2 people for 2 hours. No complaints from groups, no requirement to clean more than once per week.

President of WI – ants in kitchen. Have traps down and doused several times. Any issues please continue writing in the book.

No other questions.

Sectional Committee members

Any comments from user groups – do they want to present – not required.

Motions to GGVA Community

Motion to return to the 'correct' procedures in trust deed, agree to appoint 6 committee members now. In 2015 and 2016 committee will decide which two of those six will stand down at that time, to re-establish the required pattern of 3-year tenure. Want to bring to attention as not happened for some years. Can still retire during tenure. This meeting will perform elections for committee members. Show of hands – agreed.

Chair –any nominations – no – Chrissie Hall prepared to stand again – John Fisher proposed, Susan Woods seconded

Vice Chair – any nominations – no – Nick Simon prepared to stand again – Chrissie Hall proposed John Fisher seconded

Secretary - any nominations – no – Jacqui Lambert prepared to stand again – Eileen Dougan proposed Margaret Banns seconded

Treasurer – any nominations – no – John Fisher prepared to stand again - Bob Wilkin proposed and Diane Dobson seconded

Management committee – any nominations – no – Susan Woods proposed Sandy McQueen and Pauline Dodds seconded

No further takers for resident positions

Agreement to allow MC to coerce someone else to the role – agreed.

Second Motion

User groups – want to encourage other users groups to come to the MC

NS – can this be a paid group? Are they User Groups.

DD – do not want the people from outside the village getting voting rights – not traditional

This is a business – commercial and hiring by the hour -

Put to vote:- In favour - 11; Against – 0; Abstentions - 2 (residents only)

ED – can we review constitution to include non-residents?

This would need to be discussed at committee.

Other business

Community Issues

- Bulb planting – guerrilla gardening – encourage people to plant so bulbs / plants under the trees outside the houses in the streets to brighten the
- PL – many other examples of this have used own funds for this purpose so delighted to help with this, so long as no plants causing issues eg illegal plants, prickles hanging over the plot etc. SMCQ – let peter know and won't cut or put weed killer down. Community takes over council happy to support – PD to take over

Other Community Issues

GV - Defibrillator to be considered

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Traffic to be considered – parking in Rosewood and Beechwood is not always respectful and responsible.

Bob Wilkin – water on tarmac brought up PL to pursue.

Users access to toilets – sign for door and something in hire agreement to ensure hirers unlock rear door.

Closed at 20:40

Minutes Approved By:-

Name:..... Signature:..... Date:.....

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