

CLIBURN COMMUNITY PLAY AREA ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 29th February 2024
Cliburn Village Hall

Present: Paul Dunstan, Margaret Burne, Jo Knight, Christian Westwell

Apologies: Daniela Kaelble, Anita Potter, Henry Nicholson, Stephen Bowness

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm.

1. Minutes

The Secretary read the Minutes of the A.G.M. 2023, which were signed as a true record.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Secretary's Report

The play area continues to be well used and is a welcome resource for the village.

The Play Area Committee have organized various fund-raising events over the past year, including a table top sale, a fun community Easter event and two successful pop-up Pubs. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make these a success. The Play Area also received a Parish donation of £100.

Alan Chappelhow kindly offered to re-do the backing and posts which hold the sign for the Play Area as they had rotted. It was then agreed by the committee to purchase a new weatherproof sign and this is now in place.

The committee have had a discussion on the future of the Play Area as the lease only has five years left to run. It was suggested that the committee approach Eden Housing in two years' time (2026) with a view to extending the lease, then have a full discussion on the future of the Play Area once a new lease is agreed.

Two of the former Trustees of the Play Area have retired this year and two new appointments have been made. The Trustees are now: Stephen Bowness, Christian Westwell and Henry Nicholson. There has been some discussion on whether there is a written description of the role of the Trustees but nothing could be found. This may be something it may be beneficial to produce. The roles of the Committee Members are laid out in the Play Area Association's Constitution.

New signatories for the Play Area Association's bank accounts were needed as former signatories Bev Hall and Jeanette Nicholson are no longer members of the committee. They were replaced by Paul Dunstan and myself (Jo Knight). However I am moving away from the village and resigning my post as Secretary, therefore a new Secretary and signatory will be needed.

All that remains is for me to thank the Trustees and my fellow Committee Members for all their hard work in keeping the Play Area viable during the past twelve months – their time and efforts are much

appreciated by the village.

4. Treasurer's Report

CLIBURN COMMUNITY PLAY AREA ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS			
y/e 31 January 2024			
22/23			23/24
£	RECEIPTS		£
100.00	Parish Donation		100.00
	Easter Event		67.00
	2 Pop up Pubs		393.00
	Table Top		80.00
63.94	Cumberland Building Society Interest		234.86
<u>16.22</u>	Penrith Building Society Interest		<u>35.46</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>910.32</u>
	PAYMENTS		
629.58	Westmorland and Furness Council Maintenance		737.99
	Beech Hedge Trim		150.00
	Sign Repairs		<u>315.00</u>
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>1,202.99</u>
	Total Receipts		910.32
	Total Payments		<u>1,202.99</u>
	LOSS		<u>292.67</u>
	Balance b/f		17,641.55
	Loss		<u>292.67</u>
	TOTAL FUNDS		<u>17,348.88</u>
	REPRESENTED BY		
	Cumberland Building Society		15,411.94
	Penrith Building Society		<u>1,936.94</u>
			<u>17,348.88</u>

5. Election of Committee

Unfortunately other than the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary no other committee members attended the A.G.M., therefore the Committee could not be re-appointed. Secretary to email committee members to ask if they are standing down or wish to remain on the committee. A deadline of 8th March was set for replies.

Jo Knight regretfully gave up her role as Secretary as she is moving.

6. Election of Officers

Chairman Paul Dunstan
Proposed by Margaret Burne

Seconded by Jo Knight

Secretary Jo Knight (temporary until a replacement is found)
Proposed by Margaret Burne
Seconded by Paul Dunstan

Treasurer Margaret Burne
Proposed by Paul Dunstan
Seconded by Jo Knight

7. Any other business

It was suggested that it might be beneficial to canvas families as to what they want from the Play Area. Paul to speak to James Underwood regarding placing a short questionnaire on the Parish website, which could be filled out online. A link to the questionnaire would then be advertised on the village Facebook page.

There was a discussion on how we keep the Play Area Association viable with so few volunteers for the committee. Margaret suggested it might be possible for the Parish Meeting to take over the role of the committee.

There was further discussion about the days and times that committee meetings are held. Is 7.30pm a bad time for those with children? Could we hold meetings during the day? How would this impact those who work? Could we hold committee meetings along with social events such as a picnic in the Play Area, with more meetings taking place in the summer months?

It was agreed that it would be nice to hold social events in the Play Area. Margaret to check with Westmorland and Furness Council whether the existing insurance for the Play Area covers this.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday June 22nd between 4pm-6pm in the Play Area. All in the Parish are welcome to attend.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed: *pending approval until the AGM 2025*