



Grampound with Creed War Memorial Recreation Ground and Public Hall

Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2016

Present:

Helen Bunt (Chari) Jane Sloan, Mark Taylor, Victoria Ling, , Bob Egerton, Simon Fann, Richard Pryor, Richard Kitson, Philip Freer, Allan Webb, Philip Freer, Cat Evans, Irv Bunt, Dean Jenkins, Alison Ryves, David Taylor, Sarah Daniel, Victoria Ling, Alice James, Liz Fisher

Apologies:

Kay Chapman, Margie Lundie

I. Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed as correct

II. Chairs annual report

The objective of the charity, and therefore the work of the trustees, is the provision and maintenance of a public hall and recreational grounds for the use of the inhabitants of Grampound with Creed.

We meet these objectives by providing the community with an extensive programme of events and shows. We host meetings and gatherings for a number of local and county-wide organisations as well as numerous parties, celebrations and craft fairs. This year we have held our second annual beer festival.

There has been an emphasis on maintaining the highest possible standards throughout the building and grounds. The Trustees, together with much valued volunteers, have worked hard to keep up to date with routine maintenance and ensure the whole area is kept clean and tidy. We have had significant problems with the heating system recently and so have replaced the boiler, flue and pump system and are hoping for a warm and trouble free winter. The hall floor has been stripped back, thoroughly cleaned and resealed by professionals. We have improved signage from the road, at the entrance and on the front of the hall building as well as having drainage work done on the playground surface.

Other accomplishments this year include the following:

The monthly Antique Fair, which is a new addition to our schedule, has proved to be a very popular event and a good fund-raiser for the hall. Over 240 people attended the fair in October and there is a waiting list for stalls.

Land west of the hall has been donated to us by the Ham family. Thanks to grants from the Garlennick Fund and Section 106 Open Spaces money, we have been able to re-invent the field making it accessible to the whole community. Work there is nearly finished so that it can be used by children from the school, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows. It is also open to the general public for picnics and other outdoor activities.

The monthly Film Club is another new addition to our calendar. Having been lucky enough to take over first-rate British Film Institute projection equipment, we have been up and running since May. There are over one hundred film club members and audience numbers of around 50 at each film evening.

Responsibility for public toilets was handed over by Cornwall Council at the end of March. They are now managed by the Hall Committee and financed through a grant from the Parish Council. Since March, the toilets have been smartened up with a coat of paint. We have also installed baby changing facilities and a notice board to promote village events.

The playground and the new play equipment are very popular and well used. We keep the area safe with regular inspections and have just had a new climbing wall installed.

We have also just launched a new website www.grampoundvillagehall.org.uk . It is an excellent source of information about the hall and events and will be regularly updated.

The hall and recreation ground is home to lots of other village organisations too. Three of these organisations have provided us with a report on their highlights from the year:

Joyce Barratt, Secretary for the Bowling Club, tells us *'The bowling club has yet again had a very busy & successful season. The weather was kind to us which enabled all matches to be fulfilled - with no cancellations (due to bad weather). The Club is growing in numbers each year - which is wonderful, but new members are always very welcome. The Club not only has a full bowling calendar but a full 'social' calendar too, both of which are well supported.*

Due to a lot of manual work carried out on the green, Grampound's green has now been recognised by the County as a very acceptable green to accommodate County Matches and we are proud to say that 4 County matches (including a Top Team Final) were played at Grampound this past season, with 5 County matches already booked for next year. We are all looking forward to another successful season next year.'

Margie Lundie tells us that *'Grampound Community Shop continues to enjoy an excellent relationship with the Hall committee. Over the past year the monthly Antiques Fair has provided a boost to the Coffee Shop, which does a brisk business serving stall holders and customers to the market. It is a mutually beneficial arrangement whereby we are both building up a regular clientele.*

We are very happy to sell tickets for performances in the Hall and to display posters for events in the Hall. Customers are becoming increasingly aware that we hold tickets.

The meticulous care and maintenance of the car park and surrounding area undertaken by the Hall committee and its volunteers is much appreciated and it greatly enhances the appearance enjoyed by all the facilities provided on the site. The additional signage at the entrance to the car park is an aid to boosting footfall to the Shop. Thank you for providing it.'

Allan Webb tells us that *'The football club staged its first ever cup final in its 114 year existence when we were awarded the Duchy League Cup Final last May between Veryan and Tregrehan Mills. A very big crowd watched a good game and the club has received quite a number of congratulatory messages regarding the playing surface, arrangements, viewing area and general facilities at the Rec. The pub was also full until late that night where we put on a buffet for all the players and officials and I am sure that Joe and Donna were pleased with the number of spectators who made their way there after the game. We hope we will be awarded another final soon.*

A girl who plays for our Under-14 team, Olivia, has been selected for the Cornwall U14 girls squad. As far as we know, she is the first Grampound registered player to be selected for a county squad.

Embarrassingly, I should mention my own nomination as Cornwall FA Administrator of the Year at their annual awards event. I was runner-up, but very proud to be nominated in a strong group of nominees and I regard it as an accolade for the club as a whole.'

To conclude, I would like to thank everyone for their help and support over the last year. The dedication and hard-work of the trustees who form the Management Committee has been exemplary. A huge thanks to all our volunteers who have, between them, taken care of maintenance issues, kept the grass cut, baked lots of lovely cakes and helped to run events and raise funds. Last but not least, many thanks to all those who have attended hall events during the year. We thank you and hope you will continue to do so...

No further questions were asked

III. Treasurers annual report

- A copy of the accounts was circulated by the treasurer, which have been audited by Geoff Hodgson.
- **Mark Taylor** noted that the hall was not running at a profit but was breaking even. In order to continue to break even events provided by the hall must continue to be supported by the local and wider community.
- Antiques fair this year has been the big earner for the hall
- Show profits were noted to be down for the year as all expenses were being reimbursed
- Trading profit of £500
- Most large maintenance works are covered by grants rather than from hall reserves.
- 100 club has seen a decrease due to the loss of players.

IV. Hall annual report

- Beer Festival saw its 2nd successful event and the 3rd annual Beer Festival is the 4/5th Feb 2017.
- Ham Field has been converted into a usable space.
- Regular hirers continue to use the hall, however there are some times still available. It was noted that the committee room was now available during the afternoons.
- One-off hires were available for events such as birthday parties, training courses, band practice and consultation events.
- 20 shows have been produced this year, which is on target
- Craft fairs are held 3 times a year
- Antiques fair has been strongly supported
- Produce market continues to be well supported
- Consultation on the use of the village hall resulted in a poor response. The purpose was to be able to use the data as public support when applying for grants. If you still have the questionnaire please complete and return to the village hall

V. Election of trustees

- David Taylor has resigned as a trustee.
- Richard Kitson and Kay Chapman would like to stand as elected trustees. There is now a vacancy for a Parish Council Representative.
- Proposed that the elected trustees would increase from 9 to 10 in line with the constitution. All in favour.
- Richard Kitson and Kay Chapman welcomed onto the team of trustees.

VI. AOB

- Nil other business.

Meeting closed at 20:05