

Appendix B

Appledore Village Hall Management Committee Agenda Annual General Meeting 10 June 2022

Appledore Village Hall
Chair's Report June 2022

There has been no annual general meeting since before the pandemic and subsequent refurbishment for this I apologise. However I wrote to residents in March 2020 and March 2021 to keep them updated. (see Appendix A)

Paradoxically, whilst so much has changed physically at the hall, there is relatively little to report. In short the hall has been closed, effectively from the outbreak of Covid, refurbished and reopened in April this year.

The refurbishment was paid for by Appledore Parish Council. The trustees would like to express their warmest gratitude for this. Very many people have been involved in the refurbishment and it is invidious to name names. However special thanks must go to Mr Derek Winter who acted as liaison between the hall trustees, the council and the developers. Derek's smoothing of the occasional ruffled feathers went a long way to ensuring the efficient running of the project.

The trustees would also like to thank the the developers. They were very open to changes to the build suggested by the trustees during the project. The developers also very kindly made a donation of £10,000 which went towards the new furniture for the hall. They have also, since completion conducted minor works items for us that were never included in the original scope.

We have been fortunate in that the regular hirers of the hall have returned. In addition we have a new group, mothers and toddlers, using the hall. The hall is therefore in use most days of the week. Casual bookings are now being made into 2023. The Lady Mayoress remarked, during our Jubilee tree planting ceremony, what a lovely building it had turned out to be and we should be proud of it. As indeed we are.

We have effected a change to our deed of trust during lockdown. This specified, by name, the local groups who must be represented on the hall management committee. Drawn up in the 1970s the list of groups was outdated. One cannot draw up a new deed of trust and change is very a formal and complex process. Under the amended deed of trust the trustees now maintain a list of groups from within the parish that they consider to be supportive of the hall's objectives. Each group has the right to appoint one member to the hall management committee. The current list of groups is:-

The Football Club
The Parochial Church Council
The Local History Society
The Recreation Ground
The Mother and toddler Group and
The Gardeners' Society.

There is a synopsis of the governing document of the Hall section of the village website.

My wife and I moved from the village last summer. Whilst there is nothing in the hall constitution that bars non residents from holding office, it is not appropriate that I should remain as Chair. I shall not be standing at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

I would like to finish, on behalf of myself and my fellow trustees, by thanking everyone who has had a hand in helping run the hall including our volunteers, our hirers and our users. The hall is there for the benefit of the residents of Appledore and its hinterland. I would urge you to use and support it.

