

**Royal Four Towns Hall Association Minutes of Annual General Meeting held
on Monday, 25th September, 2017, 7.30pm.**

Those Present : Nick Bass(Chairman), John Thomson(Treasurer), Lorna Bell(Secretary), Teresa McColm(Bookings Secretary), Graham Anderson(Property Convenor), Jeanette Carmichael(50/50 Club), Jim Burns, Sarah Cowan, Margaret Byrne, Gill Frazer, Jim Burns, Phil Davis

Community Members Present : Margaret Vaughan, Anne Fairn, Dick Byrne

Apologies : Stuart Robinson

Welcome : chairman Nick Bass welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by paying tribute to the late Ellen Hyslop who had been a member of the committee for a lot of years.

Minutes from 2016 Annual General Meeting - these were accepted as a true and accurate account.

Matters Arising – none

Amendment to Constitution : Treasurer, John Thomson proposed a change to the constitution regarding the number of signatories on the bank account, the perceived need for change has arisen due to the account now being held at Santander and the office bearers having been issued with their own debit cards, the committee voted to accept the amendment, the constitution will now read – item 7a “A bank account shall be kept in the name of the Association at such bank as the Association may determine. Withdrawal slips or cheques must be signed by one of the office bearers(Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer). Any amendment to such arrangements must be agreed by the whole of the current Management Committee.”

Secretarys Report : Secretary, Lorna Bell gave a summary of the work and events undertaken by the committee over the previous year.

Treasurers Report : Treasurer, John Thomson gave a summary of the years financial activities. Total assets held at the end of August amounted to £19,166. Income stood at £7935, expenditure was £6110 which leaves a

surplus of £1825. An audited presentation of accounts was not, however, available, this would be done within the next couple of days and dealt with at the next committee meeting. Anne Fairn requested that the non committee members present should be able to view a copy, it was decided to post a copy on the notice board.

Chairmans Thanks : Nick Bass expressed his appreciation of all the good people on the committee working very hard to help maintain the hall and it's place in the community.

Election of New Committee : co opted members Stuart Robinson and Phil Davis were accepted as full members. There were resignations from Sarah Cowan and Lorna Bell(secretary), Sarah intimated that although she would no longer be attending meetings she would be willing to help out wherever possible. Lorna was resigning her post as secretary but would remain on the committee. Phil Davis to take over the role as secretary and Stuart Robinson to take on the position of vice chairman, the remaining office bearers and members remain unchanged.

Margaret Vaughan raised the question of whether there should be a representative on the committee from each of the groups who use the hall. Margaret Byrne felt that this should be the case and pointed out that this was how some members had come to join the committee in the past. Nick Bass highlighted the leaflet drop asking for new members which had resulted in no response. Dick Byrne stated that although there was no such stipulation in the constitution he agreed with Margaret Vaughan's suggestion to write to each group asking for a representative, the committee agreed to organise this.

A.O.B. Margaret Vaughan, on behalf of all the hall users, wished to express how well the hall was maintained and thanked the committee for their work.

Date of Next A.G.M. - Monday, 24th September, 2018, 7.30pm.