

*Grampound & Creed*



*Village Hall*

## Grampound with Creed War Memorial Recreation Ground and Public Hall

### Annual General Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2015

*Present:*

Jane Sloan (Chair), Mark Taylor, Victoria Ling, , Bob Egerton, Simon Fann, Richard Pryor, Helen Bunt, Arthur Hill, Viv Webb, Allan Webb, Val Warrington, Annette Egerton, Philip Freer, Cat Evans, Irv Bunt, Ron Hicks, Dean Jenkins, Alison Ryves, Margie Lundie, David Taylor, Sarah Daniel, Norman Way

*Apologies:*

Liz Fisher, Kay Chapman, Peter Wooton, Grampound Players

#### **I. Minutes of the last meeting**

Agreed as correct

#### **II. Chairs annual report**

In some ways this is a sad report for me to write in that it will be my last after five years of chairing the Management Committee. On the other hand, I am sure it is time to hand over to younger and much more capable hands with new ideas and new energy to continue the improvements and achievements of the last few years. But first I would like to thank both the other Trustees, past and present who have been such a support over the time I have tried to chair this committee. An especial thanks to Simon without whom the hall would have not been able to continue as a community hall. His dedication is outstanding and I wonder where he sometimes gets his energy and enthusiasm to continue when the audiences to shows were falling and other problems seemed to pile up. My very special thanks, Simon, for all you have done to support the Hall and me over the last few years.

As a whole I do not want to pick out individuals as the management of the hall and recreation ground has been a team effort but there are two others without whom the hall would not be in the central position it now holds for all the community. One is Mark, our treasurer who has not only managed our finances in a way that means we are no longer in the perilous state of unpaid bills and less than adequate financial reports but has also used his knowledge of leases and legal matters to ensure that repairs which were needed were indeed funded by Cornwall Council as part of their lease. His intervention probably saved us in excess of £12,000 and for this we should all thank him. The other is a volunteer, Geoff Hodgson who as always helped with repairs when asked but more important has taken over the grass cutting both of the playground and around the hall. I am sure you will all have noticed how much better it looks these days. Thank you Geoff.

So what has been achieved in the last year? We now have the store and coffee shop bringing many in the community regularly in contact with the rest of our activities and in particular advertising the many and varied events held in the Hall. We have a refitted play area with decent and safe railings and no hedge to cut! We have separated the car park from the pedestrian areas

with replacing the old and rotten wooden posts with metal posts and chains. We even have a defibrillator thanks to the W.I. and better outside notice boards doing away with the mess of notices on the hall door. We have instigated The Friends of the Village Hall and would welcome more to join – there are benefits as was realised as they came to drink Champagne together to celebrate 200 shows since the Hall was rebuilt. In so many ways the G.C.R. and V.H is truly now serving the whole village as was intended by those good people who donated the area to us all in 1918/24.

Finally I would like to wish the Trustees the very best in their task of maintaining their Trust both the Hall building and the surrounding ground. I am sure that they will ensure that it continues as a hub of the community and I am equally sure that our Community will support them in their task as so many have done in the past. Thank you.

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.
- **Mark Taylor** thanked Cat, Kieran and the team for hosting the murder mystery which made a profit of £1,100
- **Mark Taylor** thanked Jane and Victoria for the “Friends” initiative which has brought in £445
- **Jane Sloan** noted that the accounts showed that the village hall should be the hub of the village
- Geoff Hodgson has agreed to continue auditing the accounts for the next financial year

### **IV. Hall annual report**

- Thanks was given to the shop for selling and promoting events.
- Mark Taylor, Sarah Daniel and Jane Sloan and their helpers were thanked for cakes and refreshments provided at the shows
- Irv Bunt, Phil Manell and Tony Davies were thanked for helping set up the hall for shows
- 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 day
- 24 shows have been produced this year, which is on target
- Up coming shows include: Hitler Dances, NosLowen, Grampound Players, Christmas time and the Office Christmas Do
- Bookings for next year are coming in
- The hall has some sports representation including the Football club, Pilates and Zumba

### **V. Election of trustees**

- Victoria Ling, Richard Pryor and David Taylor will remain in post.
- Those standing for election: Mark Taylor, Helen Bunt, Bob Egerton, Alison Ryves, Cat Evans

- All those standing were voted in by the meeting and therefore elected as trustees of the Village Hall

#### **VI. AOB**

- Margie Lundie thanked the Hall on behalf of the shop for the support it has provided in its first year of trading
- Bob Egerton advised that the hall committee will take over the maintenance of the toilets within the grounds from March 2016, with support from the Parish Council
- Mark Taylor thanked Jane Sloan on behalf of the hall trustees and community for all her hard work over the last 5 years