

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BNVH Committee held on 3rd January 2020 at 7-30pm at the Batheaston Youth Club

Present : G Riley (Chair), P Burcombe, M Corbett, R Foreman, B Johnson, C McCarthy and J Riley (Scribe)

Attending : W Beese, T Davies, K Eardley, P Fear, A Giles, Mr & Mrs P Roebuck

1 Apologies for Absence

S Packer, M Townley

2 Minutes of Meetings 12th November 2018

Proposed	M Corbett	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes of the 12 th November Meeting were a true record.
Seconded	C McCarthy			

3 Annual Report of the Chairman George Riley

3.1 The BNVH year that began in April 2018 was one of great changes. At the start of that year there actually was a hall in existence although plans were well in place to see its demolition which was ultimately completed in September of that year.

The year also saw the departure of many of the members of the trustees board who had given many years of tireless and often very frustrating service to the village and the residents of Batheaston. Those departures and all the appreciation owed to those individuals is well documented in the Chairman's Report given by Tim (Davies) at last year's AGM which you can find within the minutes.

In May of 2018 the hall design was not the one that is being considered today and a debate began over whether that design could in reality be built following an estimated build cost from the designers of £980,000 – we might as well say £1m. Some felt that the fundraising target of £400,000 was not achievable so BNVH should consider building whatever could be built with the funds available at the time. The motion was defeated following passionate debate on the basis that ten years of battle to secure planning, and design and legislation costs would have been in vain to simply begin again looking for a new design, while fundraising was not tested or explored fully.

As well as change it was also a year of great achievement. The end of the year saw the completion of our Case for Support document and Three Year Business Plan for which huge thanks need to go out to Carole Bond and Caroline Frances-King who donated a huge amount of their time in the very detailed preparation of both of these very complex documents. It also saw the adoption of our tag-line "Raising the Money to Raise the Roof" following a public competition, our website was set up which included an emotional appeal video starring our very own Pam Burcombe.

May of 2018 also saw the beginning of discussions with the PCC regarding the lease agreement. Both the PCC and the trustees have since then worked very hard to agree a very complex legal document and our thanks must go to Rob Mimmack and his team for all the effort that they put in to reach its conclusion. In June, with the pending departures, the search for new trustees began. During this search, Jonathan and Helen Harker were approached. They were not willing to be trustees but put forward an offer that they could design a revised hall to meet the aspirations of the White Design but at a reduced cost. This was presented to the trustees in September.

November saw last year's AGM and the enrolment of myself, Ruth Foreman, Mike Corbett and Sam Packer as trustees to the board. One of our first decisions was, in December, to accept Jonathan's offer of a new design and to initiate prospects for engineers, surveyors and contractors in readiness for the securing of Planning on that new design. In January the new plans were presented to the residents and were unanimously approved. Since then a very cordial working relationship has been made with the new management team at the Primary School and we look forward to progressing the project together with them.

We are now at a very exciting point in the project. We have planning and we have agreed lease terms. We are expecting to appoint a contractor by the end of January and we will know exactly what our fund raising target is to be. For we new trustees it has been a year of dogged persistence to be where we are now, for those before us many, many years. So, at the beginning of this final phase, we look forward now to the continued support of the residents to finally complete this project from which they (you) will all potentially benefit.

3.2 To reduce costs a re-design has been offered and Contractors have re-quoted for the Project.

It is intended to select a contractor on 20th January - this month, with the Architect in attendance.

3.3 Lack of the BREDAC information stream has been a problem and hopefully the BPC is to take over control of this medium.

It is understood discussions are in place and we will, hopefully, see its return soon.

4 Accounts for the Preceding Year.

4.1		2018	2019
	Income	£ 85,126	£ 71,198
	Expenditure	£ 3,738	£ 6,305
	Total Funds	£530,857	£565,750

4.2 T Davies & K Eardley enquired about fund-raising and Architects fees.

The Chair explained about recent engagement of a professional 'Fund-Raiser' (V Morby) seeking to raise a further donations. The final needed amount will be finalised later this month when the second round of tenders are processed.

Grant Applications are in progress and a Meeting at the end of this month is arranged for potential donors.

4.3 The Parish Council (BPC) has been approached but unable to assist as there would not be any capital assets remaining with the BPC.

The BNVH Trust declined an offer from the BPC to "adopt" the entire Project.

5 Election of Directors

5.1 The Existing Directors: Pamela Alfreda May Burcombe, Michael Corbett, Ruth Ann Foreman, Brian (Brin) Johnson, Catherine Ann McCarthy, Samantha Jane Packer and George William Riley are all standing for election

Proposed	T Davies	}	RESOLVED -	That the above named are elected for the year 2020 - 2021
Seconded	A Giles	}		

6 Appointment of Auditor or Independent Examiner)

6.1 The present Independent Examiner is

T R Case BSc ACA Chartered Accountant,
Case Accounting Ltd, 20 Goodwood Way, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Proposed	T Davies	}	RESOLVED -	That the above Independent Examiner is elected for 2020 - 2021
Seconded	M Corbett	}		

7 Any Other Business

7.1 Nothing at this time.

8 Date of next Meeting: -

Date and Venue to be determined and advised.

Chairman.....Date.....