



A Community Project  
Registered Charity Number: 1141946. Company Number 7198428

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the BNVH Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 at 10-00am in the New Hall

**Present:** G Riley (Chair), P Burcombe, P Fear, R Foreman, C McCarthy, J James, S Packer, A Urbanek and M Townley  
**Attending:** W Beese, M Corbett, T Davis, K Eardley, D Pidgeon.

Chairman George welcomed all for coming out on such a frosty morning. Coffee, Tea and Biscuits readily available.

### 1 Apologies for Absence None

### 2 Minutes of Meetings 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Proposed	C McCarthy	}	RESOLVED -	That the Minutes of the 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 Meeting are a true record.
Seconded	P Fear			

### 3 Chairman’s Annual Report

- 3.1 This is a very exciting moment in the history of Batheaston. This is the first of many AGMs to take place in this new Hall. You have all played your part in the success of this Project. It has been an amazing achievement and we should all be very proud of what we have achieved.
- 3.2 The last year has been both challenging and rewarding. Delays occurred due to the impact of Covid on manpower and building materials price rises.
- 3.3 Improvements to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor rooms also added to the costs. However ongoing fund raising, the original legacy, donations and grants eventually covered these extra costs. The Community donations came to approximately £145k, which I have to say is absolutely brilliant.
- 3.4 Thank You to our Architects – Llewellyn Harker Lowe – especially Helen and Jonathan, their expertise and generosity made a big contribution to the Project. So, thank you to them both.
- 3.5 Thanks also to SAGE Developments Ltd – our builders – who, I think you will agree, did a great job.
- 3.6 The one sadness during this whole Project was the passing of our friend and fellow Trustee Brin Johnson. I am really pleased that he did see the Hall built, as it was his enthusiasm and drive that helped keep the vision of the new hall alive and, indeed it was he who recruited many of the Trustees, including myself.
- 3.7 Another friend and fellow Trustee who has stepped down is Mike Corbett, and I would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication in working with the Team to get the Hall built. Thanks Mike.
- 3.8 Another friend and fellow Trustee - Sam Packer has also stepped down. Thank you, Sam, for all your hard work, and thanks for agreeing to finalise the time capsule which will be dealt with soon. Thanks Sam.
- 3.9 We are fortunate that in our village we have many people who have volunteered to get involved, and so we have two new Trustees – Julia James and Andrew Urbanek. They are already heavily involved in the daily life of the new Hall, and I wish them well for the future as Trustees.
- 3.10 So, as we enter a new phase in the life of our Hall our minds return to Finances. We are running with a small surplus but are keen to raise further funds for Audio Visual equipment, for Staging, and a kitchen room for upstairs (the room is there. All we need is the kitchen). We would also like to use surplus funds to support Community initiatives such as a regular Lunch Club.
- 3.11 On 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> January we started our first exercise group as a test to see how the Hall performed. It is a huge success with all the participants ‘blown away’ with the facilities and the wonderful sprung floor.
- 3.12 Thanks to Glenys Adams for organizing the bookings. Glenys volunteered to take this role on recently, and together with Pam, has done an amazing job.
- 3.12 So, the future looks good.  
We have left a legacy for future generations and – as I said earlier – we should feel proud at what we have achieved.

### 4. Treasurer’s Report

- 4.1 Detailed Accounts are as posted on the website and at Company’s House.  
Next year the Accounts will be available at the next AGM.
- 4.2 To 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the build cost was £348k, with a surplus of £155k.  
The final build cost was £934,800– for everything including Kitchen fitting-out & Equipment, Chairs, Tables, Electrics and the £20k retention monies. The builders, SAGE, will be completing their “snagging” programme when the building has settled e.g., for plaster cracks etc.
- 4.3 There were considerable fund-raising activities to raise the required monies, with some £145k being raised by local Batheaston benefactors
- 4.4 The Accounts up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 are nearing completion and will be posted soon to our website.

	2019	2020	2021
Income	£ 71,198	£ 13,578	£161,028
Expenditure	£ 6,305	£ 58,705	£ 7,462
Total Funds	£565,750	£520,618	£674,184

- 4.6 There is a good stream of bookings, and many enquiries. We do now need income to cover all running costs
- 4.7 There are still projects to be added: - An audio system, stackable stage etc.

**5 Acceptance of Annual Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

5.1 Already approved the BNVH Trustees, and – as above – lodged where required.

**6 Election of Directors**

6.1 The Existing Directors: Pamela Alfreda May Burcombe, Peter David Fear, Ruth Ann Foreman, Catherine Ann McCarthy, George William Riley and new members Julia Heather James and Andrew James Urbanek are all standing for election

Proposed	T Davis	}	RESOLVED -	That the above named are elected for the year 2022 - 2023
Seconded	M Corbett	}		

**7 Open Discussion**

7.1 If when the Accounts are viewed, and there are any queries, please contact Ruth Foreman directly.

7.2 A significant future use of the Hall will centre on Entertainment, for which monies will be required.

An offer to contact Bath-based potential donors promised by Tim Davis

7.3 Greg Vere (former 'Encore') needs help in "unfreezing the old 'encore' account. Former signatories have died. A meeting with ex- 'Northenders' proposed by Kathryn Eardley to resolve.

There were no further queries from the floor so – with grateful 'thanks' to all guests - the meeting closed at 10.40am

**8 Date of next Meeting: -**

Date, Time and Venue to be determined and advised.

**Chairman.....Date.....**