

King George's Field, Lower Heyford

Annual General Meeting

Held on: 25 November 2019 at 19:00

At: King George's Field Community and Sports Centre

Present:

Trustees of the King George Field: Barry Varney, David Gregory and Bruce Eggeling

Members of the Committee of Management: Cheryl Pike, Liz Goodwin, Bruce Eggeling, Brian Draper, Lynn Humberstone, Donna Husband, Atlanta Kyte

Eleven other residents of the villages of Lower Heyford and Caulcott

Minutes:

1. The Chair of KGF Committee of Management (CoM), Dr Liz Goodwin, (The Chair) welcomed all present;
2. The Chair noted the recent passing of John Varney and asked the meeting to take a few minutes to remember John;
3. The Chair thanked each of the Trustees, members of the Committee of Management and members of the Operations Committee to whom the community owed a great deal for all that they have done during the year;
4. The minutes which had been circulated to all attendees in respect of the last AGM on 26 November 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair;
5. The meeting considered the accounts for the period ending 30 September 2019 which had been circulated to all attendees at the meeting;
6. The Chair noted that the policy on the accounts was to provide maximum exposure as the funds were very much Community owned funds. She also noted that thanks were due to Diana Boxall who had undertaken the independent review without charge;
7. The Honorary Treasurer, Mrs Cheryl Pike, was asked to briefly explain the format and content of the Trustees Report and Accounts which she did, explaining that in order to provide a clearer understanding the accounts had been split into those relating to the re-building works and those to on-going operations;

8. The Chair asked for any questions relating to the accounts and it was confirmed that the cost of running the facility had been in line with broad expectations being approximately £7,500 per annum;
9. The Chair then turned to the report for the year;
10. The Chair noted that at the first meeting of the CoM after the prior AGM she had been re-elected as Chair and Alex Pook was appointed as Deputy Chair. She noted the composition of the Committee;
11. The Chair explained that during the year the CoM had unanimously decided to invite the Events Committee to nominate a member of the CoM. She explained that although the Events Committee had not appointed a member of the CoM she was very pleased that they had done so for the coming year;
12. The Chair noted that during the year it had been decided to set up an Operations Committee with representatives from the Sports and Social Club, the Football club and the Events Committee as well as the CoM which had met twice in the year to discuss and address detailed operational matters;
13. The Chair noted that the first focus of the CoM during the year was the completion and opening of the new building. She noted that the official opening had been carried out by John Varney just six months previously;
14. The Chair noted that the opening weekend had been a great success with representatives of all funders present and overall the weekend had been completed at net nil cost overall and in fact had added funds to the reserve to extend the car parking area which it was hoped to start work on early in 2020;
15. The Chair noted that there had been many uses for the hall including regular quiz nights, yoga classes, pilates classes, Scottish country dancing, darts, as well as various private parties for both children and adults as well as serving as a polling station no less than 4 times;
16. The Chair noted that the income derived from these lettings was vital in helping to balance the books as the costs of running the building ran somewhat over £7000 per annum;
17. The Chair thanked the Lower Heyford sports and Social Club for its donation of its bar profits as well as a contribution of £19,000 towards the rebuild costs
18. The Chair also thanked the Football Club for its contribution towards costs as well as some £7,000 towards the rebuilding;
19. The Chair then thanked the Lower Heyford Relief in Need Charity for its donation of £10,000 towards the building costs and also the funding of membership of the entire village of the Sports and Social Club enabling access to the bar when it is open and not being used for a private function;

20. The Chair cited these examples as excellent ones of community spirit and encouraged their development;
21. The Chair asked all present to help with the marketing of the hall for private parties and other uses to help to balance the books and emphasized that all users of the field and the hall helped to contribute to its future maintenance;
22. The Chair asked for any questions before moving on to the appointment of the new CoM but there were none;
23. The appointment of the new CoM commenced with the Chair announcing that the following nominations had been made:
 - Parochial Church Council Chris Daly
 - Parish Council Bruce Eggeling
 - Heyford Athletic Football Club Anthony Alder
 - Lower Heyford Sports and Social Club Cheryl Pike
 - Village Hall Fund (via PC) Ric Fowles
 - WI Lynn Humberstone
 - Events Committee Barry Varney
 - Bowls Club No nominee had been put forward
24. The Chair then turned to the independent nominations and noted that the Secretary had received notification that the following had announced their wish to be considered:
 - Brian Draper
 - Liz Goodwin
 - Atlanta Kyte
 - Donna Husband
 - Alex Pook
25. The Chair asked if there were any other nominees and there were none;
26. The Chair declared that as there were 5 places and just five candidates that these 5 candidates were duly appointed;
27. The Chair asked the meeting if there was any other business that anyone wished to discuss;
28. Peter Stoddart said that he did not wish to raise a question as such but noted that the Chair had worked tirelessly for the past two years and proposed a vote of thanks for her services over this period;
29. This proposal was met with a round of applause;
30. There being no further business the Chair then closed the meeting at 19.25.

Liz Goodwin

Approved by the KGF CoM on 27 October 2020. Signed by :