

Minutes of the Penicuik Community Arts Association (PCAA) AGM

Date 27th MAY 2023

Time 7.30PM

Venue The Arts Centre, 4 West Street, Penicuik, EH26 9HY

PRESENT

Sue Owen (SO - Chair), David Owen (DM - Minutes), Carol Mann (CM - Treasurer), Jackie McDonald (JM - committee), Andrew Gillie (AG - committee), Brian Miller (BM - Committee), Rebekah Dyer (RD - committee), Sheena Stewart (SS - committee), Florance Kennedy, Linda Sheridan, Ulla Hipkin, Roger Hipkin, Anne Beveridge, Jane Kelly, Rik Smith, Anthony Edge, Jennifer Edge, Maureen Kerr, Gordon Kerr, Morag Donkin

DISCUSSION

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Di and Ken Davies, and Mamie Munro.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF AGM 2023

Minutes of the AGM 2023 were proposed by Brian Miller, seconded by Andrew Gillie and accepted by the meeting as correct.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

See reports

ITEM 4 CHAIR'S REPORT (SO) - See attached written report

We have nine committee members, with space for one more. We need a vice chair, shadow treasurer, and a secretary. No volunteers were forthcoming from the meeting.

Our current position is fairly strong and we are an active organisation. However we continue to face two major challenges.

-We must attract new committee members who are willing to take on some responsibility

-We need help and support in raising funds to deal with the damp problems.

In spite of these challenges, we look forward to enjoying events and exhibitions with our members and friends in the year ahead.

Thank you to all our PCAA members for their support

ITEM 5 TREASURER'S REPORT (CM) - See attached report.

A trading profit of £2493 was made.

Electricity costs are rising fast. We are grateful for regular room hire income. Grants are for earmarked projects, thus most of our reserves are ringfenced (storytelling professionals, film project professionals and decorating costs).

Most of the cost of treating the ground floor damp issues will need grant funding.

Online banking has made life much easier for the treasurer.

The Chair thanked CM for her hard work.

ITEM 6 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Brian Miller, seconded by Andrew Gillie and accepted by the meeting.

ITEM 7 MEMBERSHIP REPORT (RD) - See attached written report.

Membership numbers are fairly healthy with 12 new members so far this year in addition to a large proportion of returning members. Use of "Pay Less" rather than "Concession" is working well. The Chair thanked RD for joining the committee and taking on this responsibility.

ITEM 8 EXHIBITIONS REPORT (JM) - See attached written report

This year, the Open Exhibition will last for one week, and will be stewarded.

Café exhibitions are now for 2 months: given the effort and expense put in by the exhibiting artists, 2 months is a reasonable time for an exhibition, and increases viewings and sales potential for individual artists.

ITEM 9 BUILDING REPORT (DO) - See attached written report

Jane Kelly thanked DO and SO for setting up for Yarn Group.

An Asbestos survey will soon be needed to comply with legislation.

ITEM 10 ROOM BOOKINGS REPORT (SS) - See attached written report.

Rooms are used every day of the week which is a very healthy situation. Many different groups are now using the centre.

ITEM 11 CLASSICAL CONCERTS (BM) - See attached written report

Classical concerts are now entirely arranged by BM. Visiting professional musicians comment on the lovely venue and accoustic.

The Chair thanked BM for taking on this role.

ITEM 12 PCAA GROUPS (SO) - See attached written report

These are non-funded peer-led groups supported by the PCAA. Any new group would be encouraged. Yarn, Art and Music groups are doing well.

ITEM 13 PCAA COMMUNITY PROJECTS (SO) - See attached written report

These are grant funded projects involving paid professionals. Currently, PCAA is running the Storytelling and "Paper Portraits" film project. Both are successful.

ITEM 14 CAFE COOPERATIVE (Ann Beveridge, attached report by Amanda Airey)

The cafe garden is on the point of being ready to use. During the garden clearing and tidying, a memorial plaque to Kathy Nesbit was discovered and cleaned up.

The Chair thanked the coop for their work.

ITEM 15 ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

Carol Mann, Brian Miller, Jenni Thompson, Sheena Stewart were all re-elected to serve on the committee, proposed by Rebekah Dyer, seconded by Jane Kelly and accepted by the meeting

ITEM 16 AOCB - there was none.

The meeting closed at 20:12 and CM presented SO with flowers.