

STANSTEAD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2024, 8.00pm

1. Present

Tricia Theobald, Roy Weedon, Nev Theobald, George Easton, Geraldine Ross, Colin Warne, David Warne, Janet Warne, Mary Warne, Paul Ward, Neil Rowland, Kirsty Littleboy, Klaire Peck, Ollie Peck, Wendy Easton, Ian Simpson and Bill Armit (17 people).

The Chairman, Roy Weedon, welcomed the members.

2. Apologies for absence

Caroline Jones.

3. Minutes of previous AGM to be read

The minutes from the 2023 AGM were read by Roy Weedon. They were then approved by the members present as a true account of the meeting. Prop: Paul Ward 2nd: David Warne

4. Matters Arising from AGM 2023

There were no matters arising

5. Chairman's Address & Report

“Good evening, everybody, welcome to the 2024 Annual General Meeting for Stanstead Village Community Centre.

I would like to start by thanking all of the committee, the president and you the members for supporting the club over the last year.

The last year has been a busy time for the committee organising functions as well as running repairs and refurbishment of the building.

Membership numbers continued to increase, and I know they are looking good this coming year. Again, I would like to thank all the committee for all their endeavours, Geraldine for becoming a full-time clerk! George for inventing new ways of presenting the accounts as well as the many other functions he carries out, without too much complaining. David and Colin for looking after the beer and cellar particularly the very popular guest beers.

Paul is doing a fine job with membership and various other tasks, and you may just have noticed a new committee member Klaire who adds zest and youth to the committee and has been a great asset organising events

Kevin left the committee for a while but has returned with vigour and is a natural organiser and like to get things done.

Thanks to the bar staff who are very popular with the members, so thank you ladies and gentleman

I am sorry that the dart team no longer exist. The snooker continues to be a regular fixture plus we have three Pilates classes, and one Zumba.

As you are aware this is a member's club so, please feel free to come up with suggestions and help out, you could even join the committee!!!

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It is with great sadness that I have decided to stand down as chairman and it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been on the committee for the last 9 years and chairman for the last six years.

The pleasing aspect is that I know that the Community Centre is in good hands and will be managed well.

Thank you and now the Treasurer will give us his report.”

6. Treasurers Report – 2023

The accounts were presented on the screen. George explained that he had prepared these, as before, rather than use a firm of accountants, and said that monthly accounts are presented to the Committee for approval every month. A comparison to the 2022 accounts was shown.

Key Points:

The club continues to be financially viable, despite recording a net loss of £2,843 in 2023 compared with a net profit of £8,341 in 2022.

The majority of operating costs are comparable between 2022 and 2023 in respect of turnover, bar sales, year end stock value. No government grants were available in 2023 which highlights a difference in net income. The main income has been bar sales, social events and hall hire.

The biggest impact is in expenditure beyond the control of the committee. The high cost of living has impacted the cost of utilities, namely electricity and water/sewage systems, causing an increase of approximately 50% in 2023. Staff wages will increase in April to £12 per hour, following the increase to the National Minimum Wage.

As earlier stated the committee have made every effort to reduce these increases. We have changed electricity supplier, and installed a new modern A/C unit at a cost of £2,820. This is already showing a much reduced usage as this unit runs 24/7. Further proposals being considered is the installation of solar panels to further reduce electrical usage.

The committee also manages Gallo's price increases with a quarterly review in the attempt to minimise all bar price increases for our members. However we are regularly advised of stock increases.

The committee also carefully reviewed any capital projects or proposals. Capital expenditure in 2023 was minimal. The Committee decided funds received in 2024 will be used for the redecoration and upgrade of the facilities, co-ordinated with the approval of the Parish Council.

Subscriptions continue to be £5 per individual. There are now 122 members, with just over 100 that haven't renewed.

KP said that the management was excellent for a club of this size and the comparison to last year was helpful.

PW pointed out that the electric costs were now down by over 40%.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Nev Theobald, seconded by Kevin Horton and agreed by the members present. A hard copy can be requested at any time from the Treasurer by any club member.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer.

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7. Chairman & Officers Retire

President, Tricia Theobald chaired the meeting whilst officers were elected.

8. President's Address

Tricia welcomed all those present and thanked Roy as the outgoing Chair. She said the Committee are doing a wonderful job, and that members do appreciate what is done. Geraldine and George and the whole committee do impressive work, the functions and the Beer Festival have been brilliant – Halloween, New Years, David & Mary opening up for New Year's Day. She also thanked the bar staff and Kirsty for her cleaning. The re-decoration of the club looks really nice. She thanked Roy again for his years of service and presented him with a gift from the Committee.

9. Election of Officers

Chairman:	Kevin Horton	Prop: Colin Warne	2 nd : Klaire Peck
Vice Chairman:	Colin Warne	Prop: Roy Weedon	2 nd : Paul Ward
Secretary:	Geraldine Ross	Prop: Klaire Peck	2 nd : Kevin Horton
Treasurer:	George Easton	Prop: Klaire Peck	2 nd : Geraldine Ross
Committee Members:	Paul Ward David Warne Klaire Peck	These Committee members voted 'on-block' & unanimously carried by all members present.	
	Ian Simpson	Co-opted onto Committee & retained	
	Kirsty Littleboy	Prop: Klaire Peck	2 nd : Geraldine Ross

Kevin Horton then took the Chair

10. Any Other Business

BA asked why there were so few renewals of membership, KH said that is an issue that he will be looking at.

IS pointed out that the aim of the club is not to make money but to be an asset to the community. Those attending events are not always those who use the bar, it is difficult to measure that aspect.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Next meeting: March 25th 2025

CHAIRMAN.....

SECRETARY.....