

**The Annual General Meeting of the
Beckington Memorial Hall Committee Trust**
Monday 30th October from 7pm, Clifford Suite
MINUTES

1. Present

Mike Collins (Vice Chair), Sara Coffield (Secretary), Jeanette Hurst, Suzanne Chillman, Roz Serle, Stan Wilson, David Norman (Treasurer)

Also in attendance

Christopher Massey-Berrisford (member of the public) briefly attended to thank the committee for all their hard work.

2. Apologies

David Costello

3. Minutes of 2022 AGM

The committee unanimously accepted the minutes.

Matters Arising:

Bank Signatories

DN reported that the BMH has four registered signatories but only two are signed up for internet banking.

ACTION: DN to add other two signatories to internet banking by the next meeting (13th Nov)

Heating

DN reported that the heaters are due for servicing soon.

Recruitment Drive

LP reported that only one person was recruited but didn't want to join the committee.

4. Chairman's report

MC shared the Chairman's report Oct 2023

"The last year has seen the Hall thrive as a village hub for many recreational activities. Fitness and wellness classes, crafts and hobbies, choirs and stage performances, sporting events, weddings and parties, church and charity events, and even serious meetings! They all happen in our Hall. Thus I would like to thank all those who help to make this happen and also all those in the village who support and use the Hall.

Essentially, the Hall is managed and run by a diverse and willing group of volunteers who all give their time freely for the benefit of the community. At monthly meetings decisions and ideas are considered collectively in the best interests of the Hall and the village of Beckington.

I'd like to thank our management team (Trustees) of David Norman, Stan Wilson, Laura Parry, Sara Coffield and Hannah Drury. Further thanks are due to our working committee members and others namely David Costello, Suzanne Chillman, Jeanette Hurst and Roz Serle; all of whom contribute so much in many ways and work with the management team.

Last year we made commitments to upgrading the play area. I'm pleased to say that this has now commenced. Hannah, Suzanne, Jeanette and Roz formed a sub committee to move the project forward.

After examining the costs involved it became clear that fund raising would be of huge importance. Thus it has been good to see successful fund raising events take place in the shape of the children's trail, the hall quiz night and others. Again, thanks to all who helped and participated. A sponsor a square scheme has also been launched to raise funds for the matting and momentum is starting to build here.

Our thanks are due yet again to the Beckington Players who always raise considerable sums for the hall. Abi McGillvray and friends, thank you. Following their magnificent Dick Whittington production the committee allocated the £4750 to the play area project. What was a dream is now becoming a reality and work has started.

So much goes on behind the scenes to keep the Hall ticking over. Much of this is vital but dull. That said, some notable events this year include the installation of a defibrillator. A big thank you to David Costello for getting this done. Thank you also to Stan Wilson for progressing the internet/WiFi project. It should not be long before Gigaclear makes our connection.

Finally, a fond farewell and thank you to Hannah Drury who is stepping down as a Trustee and ever willing and energetic member of our team. We will miss you.

The Hall is always looking for others to join our team. If you are one of them then please get in touch.

5. Treasurers Report (up to 30th September)

DN reported that the BMH has made £400 profit since the covid pandemic which means that all the major project work needs to come out of fundraising and grants. He is also concerned that the Play Area Project is not able to be funded with all the grants received as other things need to be done too, although in total the BMH has approx. £36,000 in the bank currently.

6. Questions raised (if any)

The committee queried how the hall could make more profit and concluded that it would be more desirable when the wifi is installed; RS also suggested buying a projector screen. DN agreed on capital expenditure to make the hall more profitable.

7. Re-election of Committee & Trustees:

Chair:

None proposed

Vice-Chair:

SW proposed Mike Collins; RS seconded.

MC agreed to lead the committee until a chair-person is found.

Treasurer:

MC proposed David Norman; JH seconded.

Secretary & Booking Secretary:

LP proposed Sara Coffield; SCh seconded.

Trustees:

MC, DN and SC default to Trustee status in their official roles.

RS also proposed Laura Parry; SCh seconded.

SW defaults to Trustee as representative of a user group (lunch club)

New Trustee:

MC proposed Suzanne Chillman and JH seconded.

Working Committee:

JH, RS and DC remain on the working committee

ACTION: DN to update website

9. AOB

Gift Aid

Sch reported speaking to a friend who runs a charity who fed back that it is not a problem to do Gift Aid but it may cost money to pay an accountant to do this. DN emphasised the complexity of registering with the HMRC and suggested giving the playground a separate bank account but RS pointed out this would need a whole separate playground committee too.

ACTION:

SCh to send details of friend's experience with Gift Aid to MC

MC to ask LH to research the work and costs of registering for Gift Aid

Charity Commission

Playground committee meeting – 6th Nov

10. Next meeting

28/10/24