

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Worrall Community Association held at the Memorial Hall on Friday 27th January 2023.

1. Present

Emma Shepherd, Hannah Kay, Vicki Priestley, Wendy Dawson.

Directors: Helen Royles-Jones, Stuart Cole, John Beadman, Judith Cowley, Josette Collinson, Janet Walster, Peter Walster.

2. Apologies

Liza Sidall, Mike & Monica Bancroft, David & Rosemary Hutchon, Janet Cole, Rob Darrington. Mike & Mary Nadin.

Directors: Christine Beadman, Jane Palmer.

3. Chair's Welcome

Helen welcomed all to the meeting.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The group, working with young people with additional needs, unfortunately did not start due to funding issues.

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

5. Reports from Directors.

Chair – Helen

2022 was another successful year for the Worrall Community Association and the Memorial Hall. We were able to return to hosting events and activities with no more Covid-19 restrictions. Demand for the hall remained high throughout the year, and all events were a great success.

In addition to the regular hire of the hall from activity groups and private parties, we hosted a number of events including a wine tasting evening, Jubilee picnic & plant sale, the annual festival & gala, fireworks & bonfire night, a quiz and the Christmas café.

We were only able to host these events with the support of our group of volunteers, who both helped to organise events and took part on the day.

We are also grateful for the support we have received from the local community, including the Blue Ball pub, the Post Office, the Shoulder of Mutton pub, Bradfield Parish Council and the Oughtibridge Gala team.

We have completed a number of projects in the hall which has incurred some significant capital outlay, including a new boiler and heating system, re-sanding of the floor, internal decorating and the purchase of a new shed.

We continue to offer a very competitive price for hire of the hall, particularly when compared against other venues in the area, and we have received positive feedback on the condition of the hall and the venue in general.

We were successful in securing a £500 grant from the Bradfield Council Ward Pot which has been used to fund transport for the Afternoon Tea Group.

£600 was kindly donated from the Meat raffle at the Blue Ball.

We have also made donations to several charitable causes in the area, including the Sheffield Children's Hospital, the Ukraine fund and towards the defibrillator at the Blue Ball.

Treasurer – John

Our main source of income is from weekly user groups and private hires plus the 2 main fundraising events of Gala/festival and Bonfire night.

Main expenditure includes utilities, insurance, fire checks, waste management fee and licences.

Our financial year runs from beginning of November (21) to end of October (22) when our funds stood at £44,451.

Since then, we have undergone the renovation work as mentioned and current balance is £40,300.

At present this is held in one account, as we are finding difficulty opening a 2nd saving interest account for the contingency fund.

The Money is split into 2 pots – Working capital and Contingency fund.

Group Bookings - Judith

In 2022 there were 13 groups that covers 17 sessions. 8 commercially run groups and 5 groups run by volunteers. Hours of use: 782, hire fees: £8,117

In 2023, 4 of the commercial groups finished, 2 through lack of numbers, 1 to another venue closer to where the members lived & 1 emigrated. A new group has started, Forest School with Hannah.

All have praised the halls facilities, the recent maintenance work that has been carried out and general communication with them.

Commercial Groups

Dance Dynamique – Fiona

Ballet, Tap & Street dance.

Out of 46 Students, 43 achieved distinctions in their exams in 2022.

With Hannah

Hannah outlined her group. Nature based early learning for 0–4yearolds. Consisting of crafts activities with a different theme each week. Includes drinks and snacks for children & parents.

She is holding an Animal Encounter session at the hall Friday 17th February (half term) this is already nearly sold out.

Pilates – Andrea

Core of 20 usually 10 -15 per week.

Pilates & Yoga – Joy

3 sessions - Pure Yoga, Pilates & Yoga, Pilates & Yoga exercise targeting hips/bums/tums areas.

Classes are inclusive for all participants and aims to better their physical & mental health.

Zumba Gold – Gill

Slow paced, low impact class. Suitable for beginners or those looking for a fun workout. There is a core of 9 with an average of 6.

Volunteer Groups

Afternoon Tea – Janet

Alternative Friday's and thanks to the monies for transport and from the Meat Raffle, we currently do not charge for attendees.

Janet reported that today's session was enjoyed by all. Number of attendees vary, but maximum so far has been 18.

Keep fit – Judith

The aim of the group is to increase coordination, balance, strength, and flexibility.

The instructor provides excellent tuition explaining different levels of exercise, so that everyone gets the best out of the class.

There is a core of 17 ladies with an age range is 50- to mid 70's.

Line Dancing - Wendy

The group has been running at the hall for over 20 years with Wendy running it for the past 4 years voluntarily. There is a core of ladies (age range 60 to late 80s), and as well as enjoying the dancing appreciate the mental and social support of the group.

They also donate surplus funds to WCA charities, such as £50 to the Sheffield Children's hospital in December.

Baby & Toddler play session – Gemma/Tia

Bi Weekly, term-time fun sessions providing friendship and play opportunities for parents, carers and grandparents with their babies, toddlers and pre-school children From September to December 2022 there was a core group of 10 families.

In 2023 for the first session there was 16 families. They have a variety of activities and are using a 'free play' concept in 2023.

The group is run completely by 2 volunteer mums. They have asked if anyone has a few hours to spare on a Friday morning to help them either make teas & coffees or help oversee an activity or reading a book to the children. Any help will be appreciated.

Guides – Katie. Sessions will resume in September 2023

Private Bookings – Josette

The hall was used for a total 284.5 hours and raised £4,267.50.
The main type of parties are children's birthday parties followed by family celebrations. We had two 24 hours booking for the 100 mile walk.

We ran 5 bars, all voluntary staffed by the directors.

We have updated the website to make the information clearly for those wanting to book, including a Google calendar.
We also have 1000+ followers on our Facebook page, with links from it to our website pages.

We have updated our Terms & Conditions and now require a minimum 3 hour hire, £50 deposit, a review page and payment for glassware used (if no bar).

For 2023 we had 10 bookings made before January and a further 8 this month.

6. Elections of Directors

Position	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Helen Royles- Jones	Judith	Josette
Vice-Chair	Stuart Cole	Chris	John
Treasurer	John Beadman	Stuart	Janet
Secretary	Chris Beadman	Helen	Jane
Activity co-ordinator	Judith Cowley	Pete	Chris
Private hire bookings	Josette Collinson	Janet	Stuart
Publicity	Jane Palmer	Judith	Josette
Maintenance	Peter Walster	John	Helen
Director	Janet Walster	Chris	Judith

All directors were returned un opposed.

7. Future Events

Sunday 7th May. Coronation Event & Plant Sale.

We have obtained a grant of £300 to fund the Children's activity of "Who stole the Kings Crown".

Saturday 9th September. Gala/festival.

Saturday 4th November. Bonfire event.

Saturday 2nd December. Christmas café.

We are to arrange an Events meeting to discuss other events that the group may wish to run.

8. Any other Business.

To review time and date of next AGM given the low turnout, over the last 2 years.

There was a discussion about the amount of money that was currently held and the Directors priorities for it.

There was a request that we publish individual account form events such as the Gala/ festival.

Following the Hall redecoration, we intend to have a new display of pictures from the Gala over the years. We will be appealing to Worrall residents for photos.