

**The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Hutton Henry & District Community Association  
Held Saturday 9th February 2019**

**Present:**

D Mitchinson	Trustee - Chairman
L Wardle	Trustee- Secretary
C Armstrong	Trustee
G Shears	Trustee
L Humphries	Trustee
A Watts	Trustee- Treasurer
H Gilbert	Member
P Gilbert	Member
M Mitchinson	Member
D Lightowler	Member
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C Pattison	Member
P Pattison	Member
S Shears	Member
V Hughes	Member
M Thurston	Member

**Apologies:**

C Lee	Member
G T Armstrong	Member
C Lightowler	Member

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted

**2. To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**RESOLVED** the minutes of the above meeting be approved, confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

**3. Chairman's Annual Report**

The Chairman, Dave Mitchinson, welcomed everyone to the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Hutton Henry & District Community Association and gave the following report:

Once again, I have to report that last year was very busy for the Association and the village hall.

The interior of the hall has been decorated and the work has been well admired. Funding for this was awarded by the County Durham Foundation.

A war memorial has been erected on the village green to honour those from the village who gave their lives in both world wars. This was unveiled on the 11<sup>th</sup> November by Alan Johnson in front of one of the largest gatherings of people that I can ever recall seeing in this village since moving here 22 years ago.

This project was financed by Hutton Henry Parish council for which we are all very grateful.

There are still have things needed to improve the hall still further; erection of a bin shelter, ongoing building maintenance, replacement container and other small works, funding will hopefully be provided by grants for which we have applied.

We started the Hutton Henry Herald to keep villagers informed and up to date with news of forthcoming activities and this will continue and will be edited in future by Clare Lightowler.

Over the last 12 months we have certainly had an increase in activity in the hall and this shows definite signs of increasing in the near future with birthdays, celebrations and other social events all planned by the events committee with the events committee ladies drawing up a busy and ambitious programme of events for the coming year. Some of these are new innovations which will hopefully attract a wider audience.

Without these events and the hiring of the Hall it would be impossible for us to continue to have what I personally consider to be a very valuable community asset.

Thanks to my wife Muriel, our bookings secretary, who is kept busy showing people round the hall and keeping the bookings up to date and the hiring of the hall income coming in.

The upkeep and running costs of the hall is not only be paid for by this income but most importantly a lot of the money we receive has come from the generosity and support from people in the local community who attend these functions and events and provide raffle and tombola prizes and buy the tickets to help us finance and maintain this project.

As I have said, the support for events has increased noticeably and we all hope this will continue.

Our financial position is improving and shows that, what started off as a quite anxious but ambitious project for all of us, in as far as we were far from certain that we could run the hall and pay the bills and keep our heads above water, has in fact turned out to be a success.

Now it's a MASSIVE THANK YOU to a lot of people

Thanks all of my fellow Trustees.

A special thank you must go to our secretary Lynda who organises meetings, produces agendas, writes the minutes and generally seems to keep us all in check.

Thanks to Andrew our treasurer for keeping the books in order.

Thanks to all other Trustees who all rally round to help make things happen.

Thanks especially to Margaret and Dennis and Claire Lightowler for organising the popular coffee mornings and other events. Thanks also to people like Sharon and Paul and Christine who help at these mornings and other times serving refreshments.

Thanks to Hazel for her great organisation of her events

Thanks to Patrick and Hazel who cut the grass and to Patrick and John Berry and his JCB for helping me to put up the Christmas tree. As I said last year "marvellous what old fellas can do"!

Thank you also to Hutton Henry Parish Council, Gardens of Grace Landscapes, Choccy Treats & Scrumptious Cakes & M & L Licensed Bars. For the donation of the Christmas tree and the funding towards the Christmas Carols around the tree.

Thanks to Leisa who organises the table top events and thank you to everybody who helps to make things happen,

You have all worked so hard to organise and run the various events and make them the success.

If I've forgotten anybody please once again accept the lapse and put it down as me just having a Senior Moment

As I said last year, this hall is still needing improvements and these are in progress.

But we are getting there and with the continued support of the community, we will get there.

#### **4. Treasurers Report including year-end accounts**

Andrew presented the audit annual year end accounts for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

A/C Balance brought forward from 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2017	£7660.76
Total Income in financial year 2018	£11600.00
Total Outgoings financial year 2018	£9100.00
Account Balance @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018	£9500.00

Excluding grants an income £4500 has been generated by events and bookings and Andrew expressed his thanks to all, in particular the events committee.

It was confirmed total running costs for the hall in 2018 was £2137.00.

A funding bid of £9000 has been submitted to Awards for All for funding for a replacement container, marquee & building maintenance.

**RESOLVED** the accounts and financial summary be received and approved

#### **5. Elections of Chairman 2019**

Nominations were invited for the role of Chairman 2019, the current Chairman; Dave Mitchinson was nominated for re-election, no other proposals were received.

A vote was taken and D Mitchinson was unanimously re-elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

#### **Appointment of Secretary 2019**

Nominations were invited for the role of Secretary 2019, the current Secretary, Lynda Wardle was nominated for re-election, and no other proposals were received.

A vote was taken and L Wardle was unanimously re-elected as Secretary for the forthcoming year.

#### **Appointment of Treasurer 2019**

Nominations were invited for the role of Treasurer 2019, the current Treasurer, Andrew Watts was nominated for re-election, and no other proposals were received.

A vote was taken and A Watts was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer for the forthcoming year.

**6. Any other business**

**New members**

A discussion took place on how to attract new members and a number of suggestions were made:

Hutton Henry Herald to be distributed via Hutton Henry CE Primary School

Approach other members of the community directly and ask them to organise an event?

**7. Date & time of next meeting- to be confirmed**

To be confirmed.

**Signed as a true and accurate record**

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Chairman