

TOWN HALL \ Hebden Bridge

Hebden Bridge Community Association

Ordinary General Meeting

Thursday 22nd May 2014 at 7pm.

Approved minutes

Present: The Chair welcomed all present as follows: Rachel Rickards (Chair), Mike Troke (Company Secretary), Rory Deighton (Treasurer), Sarah Moss, Tamsin Curror, Bob Deacon, Paula Nickson (Trustees), Amy Leader (Director), Sarah Crawford of Riley & Co. (Auditors), Gwen Goddard, Jerry Smith and 8 volunteers and members.

Apologies

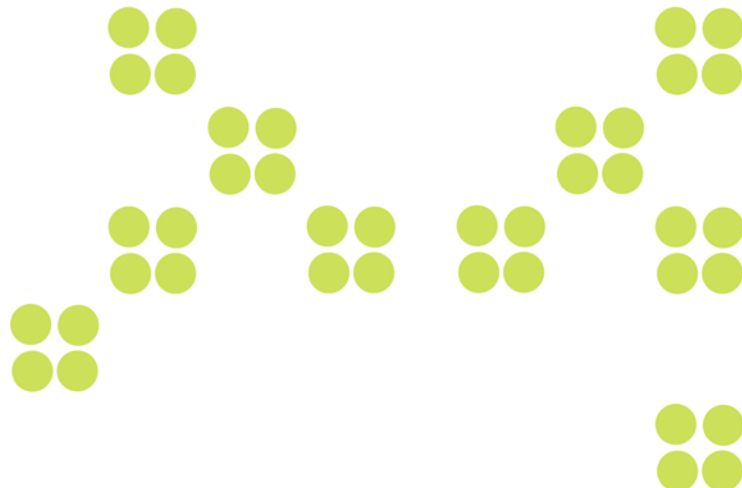
No apologies were received.

Minutes

It was noted that as this was an Ordinary General Meeting, the Minutes of the last AGM would be placed before the next AGM for approval then, along with the minutes of this meeting.

1. The Chair explained that this was a follow-up meeting the date of which had been agreed by the membership present at the AGM of Tues 26th November 2013. The purpose of this meeting was to receive the Auditors' Report, conduct associated items of business and to update the members on current developments.

2. Update from the Chair: The Chair then gave a verbal update on developments in the Association following on from that reported at the AGM last November. From the early roots of the Association as a campaigning organisation it had continued to grow and develop as an organisation, not least through the construction of the Town Hall extension. The Memorandum and Articles of the Association were going to be re-examined during the course of the year with a view to clarifying certain points and making sure they continued to serve the Association as it developed its role in the community. Since the AGM last November, the café had re-opened under the direct management of the Association, and showed signs of being the successful heart of the Town Hall as expected. Those members present were offered discount cards to be used in café.



3. Auditor's Report: Sarah Crawford of Rileys, the Association's auditors, presented and summarised the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2013. The auditors had been able to agree the accounts without qualification. It was noted that the Association has fixed assets of approximately £4M. There had been changes in staffing over the year in question, the major capital build had been completed and the Association's principle business was now focussed on running the buildings as efficiently as possible. The Auditor said that the Association and the community it serves can take comfort from the fact that the charity is well run, there are good effective controls and minor proposed changes to administration procedures will lead to improvements. The Auditor invited questions, but there were none from the floor.

4. The Treasurer's Report: Rory Deighton then gave an outline of future plans. He noted that the Association had now moved from the construction of a large and complex building towards making it work operationally. There is a need to increase the range of organisations using the building, continue the development of the café, and expand both internal and external community activities. A major focus is on restoring the existing Town Hall building, principally through a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Treasurer invited questions, but there were none from the floor.

5. It was moved by Gwendoline Goddard, and seconded by Rory Deighton that the accounts be formally adopted and this was approved unanimously.

6. There being no further formal business, the meeting then moved to the Space for an informal session to consider ways in which better utilisation of the building could be achieved.

7. It was noted that there is a lot of competition for funds in the Calder Valley but that there was a continuing need to attract the necessary resources for a sustainable, long-term future. Members shared ideas which were discussed and noted for possible inclusion in the Association's forthcoming Business Plan.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.