

The Friends of Summerhill Ltd

4th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 20 October 2015

Summerhill Bowling Club, Winchester Terrace, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 6EH

Present: Rebecca Eves, Carla Walker Farmer, Richard Greenwell, Lionel Joyce, Cllr Joanne Kingsland, Paul Miskin, Deidre Pearson, Maysie Sharpe, Dow Smith (Chair), Hugh Stolliday (Development Manager), Barbara Usherwood, Paul Usherwood (Minutes), Tom Woolley

1.0 Apologies

Neil Canavan, Cllr Nick Forbes, Caroline Gant, Daniel Nettle, Cllr Geoff O'Brien,

2.0 Chair's Introduction

DS introduced those present. Explained that AGM was being held less than a year after the previous AGM so as to re-establish October as the AGM month . Noted the contribution that various groups and individuals make and all that had been achieved during the year. He also, however, reaffirmed what he had said at last year's AGM, namely, that much needs to be done if we are not to find ourselves in the business of 'managing a long decline'.

3.0 Minutes of previous AGM (09/02/2015)

Accepted as accurate

4.0 Matters Arising

None

5.0 Presentation of Annual Report

Copies of Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2015 distributed. HS highlighted total income £76,348, total expenditure £83,333 (i.e. a slight loss) with £23k cash carried over. The main reason for this was the poor success of grant funding applications. HS said there were various possible reasons for this and assured meeting that the matter was being addressed.

Accounts accepted.

6.0 Appointment of Auditors /Independent Examiner

HS said that he was currently looking for new accountants to do full audit - three quotes needed.

7.0 Election of Trustees

DN reappointed to Board. RG having served for three years stepped down from Board for a year – thanked for his work as both a Trustee and a Volunteer by the Chair. TW nominated for election to as Trustee -unanimously voted on to Board.

8.0 Any other business

Concluding the meeting, DS again emphasized that the declining financial position had not been reversed and that there was a need was for greater grant income. This was particularly urgent in the light of considerable expenditure on the repair of perimeter walls which surveyor had said was necessary. To ensure that the Bowling Club still provided a community space in 100 years time fund generation has to be addressed.

MS drew attention to two important fund-raising events coming up shortly: November 5th Fireworks and the Christmas Fair on December 12

9.0 Date of next meeting

October 2016

Following Meeting HS delivered a slide show of FoS events and activities during the year.