



Crathes Public Hall Trust (SCIO 043007)
Minutes of AGM held on 9th July 2024

Trustee Attendees: Neil McHattie, Jen McHattie, John Gaunt, Joan Willox, William Binnie, Jac Elliott

Member Attendees: Cynthia Hutcheon, Nicola Chambury, Joanna Heath

Apologies: Geoff Knight, Sophie Wright, Gareth Hunt, Bert McIntosh, Derek Johnson

Review of previous minutes: Minutes of previous AGM meeting on 3rd June 2023 was proposed as a correct record by Neil McHattie and seconded by John Gaunt.

Annual Report:

Copy circulated to attendees and Neil ran through key points:

- **Refurbishment works** completed, improving the aesthetics and energy efficiency of the hall. Works broadly funded by grants and low interest loans
- **Board of Trustees** - 11 Trustees currently in place
- **Bookings and hall use** still at a healthy average of 120 hours per month, despite being approximately 20% down on previous years bookings. Bad weather contributed to several cancelled bookings.
- **Station Wood** purchase completed and a fence, kindly donated by a local fencing contractor, was installed along the boundary and main road. Community event to be held later in the summer
- **Other matters:**

- **Solar Panels**, 22 panels proposed, with significant funding from CARES and top-up contribution from hall funds. Structural enquiries ongoing. Energy bill Savings estimated to be £1,500 per annum
- **Chairs** previously ordered and paid for remain outstanding. Notice was received in April 2024 that the supplying company had gone into administration. Claim has been lodged for compensation. Chairs purchased with mostly funded money.

Annual Accounts: 'Receipts and Payments for the year to 31/3/24' presented by John Gaunt

- Account balance remains positive after all outstanding works paid and allowed for
- Significant funding/grants received during the financial year. Solar panel grant remains available for use.

Appointment of Office Bearers and Trustees

Chair - Neil McHattie

Secretary - Joan Willox

Treasurer - John Gaunt

Booking Secretary – Jac Elliott

Close of AGM

Attachments:

Annual Report 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Annual Accounts – Receipts and Payments for the year to 31/3/24