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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 1998
7.30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. MINUTES OF THE LAST GENERAL MEETING
4. MATTERS ARISING
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
6. TREASURER'S REPORT
7. SECRETARY'S REPORT
8. MINI BUSES REPORT
9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL HELD ON MARCH 3RD 1998

PRESENT; Graham Parkes (Chair), Robin Lansley (Sec), Eileen Bateman (Treasurer) Jack Armitage (Warden) and 9 members.

THE CHAIR MAN welcomed those present but was saddened by the lack of attendance. It probably reflected the view held by many that this was a hiring centre and they did not want to be involved in the organisation.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE ; Joe Kollar who was sick.

MINUTES OF THE LAST A.G.M.; Proposed by Jean Lock and seconded by Jack Armitage that they were a true record and they were duly signed..

MATTERS ARISING ; There were no matters arising that would not be commented upon in the Chairman's report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT;

The Quilters group had supported the building fund by donating a beautiful quilt which had been a prize in the December draw and had raised approx. £500. Many thanks to the group for their generous donation..
NEW BUILDING; A great effort had been put into obtaining the formal specification for the new building. This included details on the heating, flooring, fixtures and fittings.

Architects, acting on our behalf, had drawn up full specifications which were sent out to tender.. The tenders received were close to our estimate and the lowest tender had been accepted. It was necessary to send these details together with our business plan and application form to the Lottery. It took 3 weeks for our application to be acknowledged and now we have to wait to see if we have been successful and should hear about the end of March.

The Allotment Charity had been asked for £10 000 at the end of September but this request was rejected in February as they had insufficient funds until the year 2001. If we were unsuccessful with the Lottery it would not matter!

From the County we can expect nothing and the District have not been able to commit themselves and the Parish may offer £5000.

This building is getting very tired and repairs would become unviable. It is probably 2 years from closure. Hiring charges were increased by 3% last year and would be increased by the same this year.

Sylvia Barton commented on the monthly draw where £1 tickets were sold. Mostly 100 had been sold each month with a prize of £50 to the winner. Groups were supportive and the liaison with the groups was invaluable. The Craft fair had now formed their own committee but had moved to the Mariners.

Through Sylvia's efforts £340 had been raised. Grateful thanks were expressed to Sylvia and John for their hard work.

TREASURER'S REPORT;

Membership was about the same as last year but income from room hire was up 19% as a result of increased bookings. The Building fund increased from £606 to £ 1015. The kitchen takings were slightly down. The copier had cost £629 The surplus on year income was £6135

It was proving difficult to obtain interest rates from the Bradford & Bingley and a change to another Building Society would be considered. When information was available.

It was proposed by Stan Wade and seconded by Yvonne Parkes that the accounts be accepted and a vote of thanks be given to Eileen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT;

There had been monthly meetings of the Executive dealing with management issues. The General meetings were held regularly although the attendance had been disappointing and there was little comfort in assuming that the groups were satisfied with the centre.

MINI BUSES REPORT ; The report had been presented and reflected an excellent year's work in meeting the needs of the wider community. A vote of thanks was proposed by Graham Parkes and seconded by Robin Lansley .

ELECTION OF OFFICERS; There had been no volunteers for any of the posts. . It was proposed by Stan Wade and Seconded by Jack Armitage that the present officers should be re-elected en bloc. This was passed unanimously. Arthur & Co were elected auditors.

A.O.B.

It was suggested that we should look at the private charities list for help.

Kitchen prices are based on costs plus a small profit but with more helpers the kitchen could be more profitable.

The question of the lack of Christmas decorations last year was raised and a promise was given that they would be up in 1999.

Repairs to the building would be kept to a minimum to conserve funds although essential work ,for example ,the glass in the front door would be completed

The meeting closed at 8.40.p.m.