

HYPHE & DIBDEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> 1999

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and was delighted that so many members had attended and that the meeting was quorate. 27 MEMBERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE was received from Ray White.
2. MINUTES OF THE LAST A.G.M. . Proposed by Jack Armitage; seconded by Stan Wade that they represented a true record and were duly signed.
3. MATTERS ARISING ; there were no matter arising which would not be covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT; The committee had ensured that the building had functioned satisfactorily over the year. It had been manned in the evenings despite the difficulty in finding evening wardens. Thanks were given to those who had been involved in the office, kitchen or as wardens during the year. The hiring fees for rooms had risen approx. 5 % from January 1<sup>st</sup> 1999 but this was the first rise for 18 months. REBUILDING Last year's application to the allotment charity and the Lottery had been unsuccessful. Only 1 from 11 had been accepted. Re-application had not yet been done and it would be difficult to find anyone to carry it forward. Graham undertook to deal with the application after Easter. Stan Wade commented that it was important that the Application should be themed and that talking to Martin at New Forest would help.

We may get money in 3 instalments from the Allotment Charity or we may have to take out a loan. Unofficially we believed that the Allotment Charity may be willing to grant £100000 over 3 years from 2000. It would be unhelpful to pressure them at the moment but they are expecting a request from us. We need to fund 20% of the building costs from our own funds. The present building is now very scruffy and we may look to volunteers to smarten it up. It was suggested that a notice to that effect could go out in the bills and a notice put on the board. . It certainly needs a repaint on the outside and a sign advertising the Community Centre. It had been commented that people attending meetings didn't know that it was the Community Centre. It was suggested that the large notice should be raised on the outside of the building and a smaller one above the door. The car park was mentioned and the difficulty now that the main car park was a paying one. There was a post outside our car park and a notice could be put there indicating that this was the Community Centre Car Park. The paving slabs on the drive represented a hazard and as it is a right of way we would be responsible. 10- 15 feet of path need to be re-laid.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT; Eileen had presented her report and commented on the financial situation. High Interest A/C £84,298-99

Max. Bonus A/C £9,550-44

Current A/C £1056

Present Balance £94,854-49

The building tender had already been marked up but confirmation will be needed or a new tender obtained when ready to proceed. Proposed by Stan Wade, seconded by Robin Lansley that the accounts be accepted with thanks to the treasurer.

6. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION ;

No full member of the Association may serve as Chairman or Vice –Chairman for more than 3 consecutive years except on the agreement of the majority of the members at the A. G. M. This was passed unanimously..

7.ELECTION OF OFFICERS: No nominations had been received and Stan Wade proposed and Sylvia Barton seconded that the present officers be elected en bloc.

8. GENERAL COMMITTEE; Any member could attend the General Committee meetings which are held every 3 months. Sylvia Barton., John Holt, Yvonne Parkes, Margaret Keer and Sheila Reeves were elected to this committee.

9. A report from Ray White from the Mini-buses was received.

10. A.O.B. a) At last year's A.G.M. the building was given only 2 years life span. What was the present situation? Another 12 months definitely but the building is beginning to go- these buildings have a life expectancy of 10 years and it had passed that when we had it 16 years ago! The library building is unsuitable as the roof is already being supported

Could we build a less ambitious building? Planning permission was granted on a building to replace this one. A smaller building would be cheaper but you would/y gain much from removing top rooms. We planned a larger hall for dancing and entertainments with a plinth stage. We need to be able to cater for the present client usage . The new buildings being put up in Hythe ,like St. John's are too small . The photocopier costs were questioned. It may be possible to re-negotiate the deal or replace the machine. More publicity may produce greater use but we had to be careful that we were not competing unfairly with the shops in the village but we were prepared to negotiate lower rates for large quantities of copy.

Stan Wade thanked the committee for their hard work and expressed appreciation for the time they gave to the association.

The meeting closed at 9.52. p.m.

Graham Parkes  
7th March 2000.