**Madderty Community Association**

**AGM Minutes**

**27 October 2022**

**at Madderty Village Hall (1930 – 2130)**

**TRUSTEES: - Iain Thomson (Chair,) Shona McDonald (Treasurer), Alex Haddow, Ian Cramb, Russ Kelsey, John Peock.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS – Wendy Greenlees, Aileen Peock, Alex Haddow,**

**Audrey Hogg, Betty Bott, Charles Harris, Ian Cramb, Iain Thomson, Joanna Lochhead, Kath Melville, Russ Kelsey, Shona McDonald.**

**HALL ADMINISTRATOR: - Donna Kudarenko.**

**Welcome**

The AGM was opened by Iain Thomson, Chair of Madderty Community Association and welcomed the attendees

**Approval of minutes from previous year**

Betty Bott approved / 2nd Ian Cramb

**Review of the year**

Iain Thomson gave a short review of the year and recognised that 2021/22 has been a transitional year for many, post covid, with people assessing lifestyles etc which in turn had impacted the hall and how people utilise the facility.

Iain expressed thanks to the team volunteers on our committee and trustees as well as those from the wider community who help with items such as grass / hedge cutting, reorganising storage etc. Without their ongoing commitment, it would be incredibly difficult to run the hall.

Iain noted that he was keen to increase the number of people on the committee/trustees and encouraged attendees to consider joining.

Past and feature events were highlighted as key milestones of the year including Christmas lights on / Halloween party/ Christmas Fayre / Jubillee celebrations.

The paths group were also thanked for their work. Iain explained the focus of the group’s work was to create new paths/ green areas for community to enjoy. More details will be brought to the community for the consultation.

Iain noted that full fibre broadband is now installed and the positive impact this has made to the community.

The recent Adapt and Thrive grant was highlighted and its purpose to purchase a new marquee to offer additional accommodation for weddings as well as funding the new website.

Iain informed attendees that we had now purchased the village phone box and would be looking for ideas/suggestions of how we could make this a useful community resource.

**Financial review**  
Shona provided an overview of the finances. An extract from the accounts was provided to all attendees with the full accounts available to view on request or offered to be emailed.

Shona explained the school had reduced its hire from two half days to one which had, had quite an impact on income. She acknowledged bookings were gradually increasing and levelling out to pre covid numbers. Expenditure had remained very similar to previous years and were regarded as essential including gardening and banking costs (which will come down when we change banks).

Capital received had included £150 grant from PKC for paths group, £9600 from Adapt and Thrive grant funding for marquee and website and £2894 from Hay McGlaggan for new curtains.

There were some concerns raised re energy prices however, it was confirmed that the hall is on a fixed contract until June 23. However whilst there is still time, the trustees are starting to look at options.

Shona reassured attendees that there is enough money in the bank to cover ongoing costs but there is a need to increase hires and encouraged the community to get involved with fundraising opportunities.

The question of accessing funding via the community council was raised. Iain confirmed he is in conversation with Maureen Beaumont about this.

Shona proposed the re-appointment of independent-examiner – Morris & Young and there were no objections.

**Articles of Association update**

Alex explained that the current articles are dated and confirmed that the trustees are now in talks with JS Mitchell solicitors to amend and update.

The community will be kept up to date as this work progresses and will be entitled to vote on the revised articles of association.

**Bookings**

Donna provided an update on bookings and reiterated Shona’s comments re the school and confirmed that bookings were starting to increase including wedding enquiries and local childrens parties.  Donna confirmed she was looking to do some local advertising to promote the hall and its facilities to the wider area.

Donna also reached out to the community for suggestions for social events and fundraising ideas.

**Election of office bearers**  
There was an encouraging number of people coming forward to join the hall committee or trustees. See below.

**New Chair Person**

Wendy Greenlees (1st - Frances Haggart / 2nd - John Peock)

**New Trustee Members**

Betty Bott (1st – Jo Lochhead/2nd -Sheena Haddow)

Charles Harris – (1st - Richard Bott/2nd - Louise Bissett)

Jo Lochhead – (1st - Ian Cramb / 2ndBetty Bott)

**Committee**

The committee also welcomed Laura Ewings and Louise and Andy Davison.

**Speed limits in village**

Iain updated that Perth and Kinross Council had now confirmed that it is looking at appointing 20mph through the village and will be concluded by end of FY.

**AOB**

**Bus Service**

Francis Haggart raised concerns over the local bus service and encouraged others to use if possible.

**Iain thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.**