

# Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Beckington Memorial Hall Committee

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 7pm, Clifford Suite

## 1. Present

David Norman (treasurer), Sara Coffield (secretary), Suzanne Chillman (chair), Sandy Usher, Roz Serle, Stan Wilson, Helena Turner, Lu Hughes

## Also in attendance

Cllr Kevin Bishop, Karen Daniels

## 2. Apologies

David Costello

## 3. Minutes of 2024 AGM

The 2024 minutes were unanimously accepted.

## 4. Matters arising

None

## 5. Chairman's report

*Another busy year for the memorial hall with many bookings for local residents, parties, celebrations, clubs and groups. We have spent a lot of time and money this year upgrading the hall and grounds. The hall is freshly painted with new curtains and looks fabulous! New fencing by the car park will replace the old in mid-October. Working parties have tried to keep the weeds and long grasses under control around the building and car park. A never ending task with offers of help gratefully received.*

*A new garage door was fitted to keep grass cutting equipment etc more securely. The heating is a cause for concern as it is unreliable, various quotes have been obtained to replace the current heaters, an expensive necessity. The parquet flooring also needs repair/replacement, possibly beyond repair.*

*So we are looking at a lot of expense! We are investigating funding via grants and we would be grateful for any offers of expertise in this area. Shannon Brooks kindly donated a projector to the hall which is available for bookings. Beckington Players once again put on a memorable Panto, with proceeds from this completing our funding for the playground replacement. This was completed earlier this year and looks very smart. Plans are underway for equipment to extend the age range of the park and make it more inclusive.*

*The Safari Supper was another fantastic evening, organised by Jemma Hillman, thank you Jemma and hosts for such a successful evening raising a huge amount for the hall. Pantaloons gave an hilarious evening of entertainment and the weather*

*cooperated. Oktoberfest was another successful enjoyable evening, raising money for the hall. Many thanks to Emma and David for organising. Look out for next year!*

*Sadly Beckington PreSchool closed at the end of July due to a lack of numbers. We were sad to see them go, they added life and vibrancy to the hall. On a positive note, St George's toddler group, Shining Stars started in September, one morning a week, hopefully it will continue to grow.*

*Lastly I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work, time and cheerfulness that contributes towards the running of the hall. We are all volunteers in what sometimes seems a thankless task.*

*Suzanne Chillman*

## **6. Treasurers Report**

DN shared the end of year report:

Outgoings £12k more than income. £14k fundraised. Play area raised money over a number of years. Decorating. Funds from the government during Covid. Day to day running is good – we are affording running costs. £27.5k in the accounts.

## **7. Questions raised (if any)**

KD: What is the percentage of bookings?

DN: A lot of regular bookings through the week and at weekends. Parties at the weekend.

KB: Have we looked into funding?

SCh: We have been advised to apply for a big lottery fund to renovate the hall generally.

SC: There is a funded fundraising consultant in Frome I could ask?

**ACTION: SC to contact fundraising consultant**

## **8. Re-election of Committee & Trustees:**

### **Chair**

SC proposed SCh; DN seconded

**SCh accepted**

### **Vice-Chair,**

SCh proposed LP; SU seconded

**LP accepted**

### **Treasurer**

SU proposed DN; LP seconded

**DN accepted**

**Secretary & Booking Secretary**

DN proposed SC; SCh seconded

**SC accepted**

**Trustees**

SCh proposed LH; SU seconded

**LH accepted**

LP proposed SU; SW seconded

**SU accepted**

SC proposed SW; DV seconded

**SW accepted**

SC stepped down from Trustee duties

**ACTION: SC to amend the Trustee list on Charity Commission website**

**9. AOB**

**10. Next meeting**

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