

GROSMONT EVENTS

Grosmont Events - Minutes of Annual General Meeting 27th September 2019

Present:

Jan Chatfield (Co-Chair)
Jo Whitaker (Communications)
Witek Mintowk-Czyz (GCC coordinator)

Martine Powell (Secretary)
Lucy Gable (Committee)

Also present:

Karen Farr
Mark Whitaker
Stuart Chatfield

Margie Barker
Judy Mason

Apologies:

Alex Minford (Treasurer)
Mike Noakes (Committee)
Richard Brown (Co-Chair)
Lynne Potter
Jane Moggridge

Jean Price (Committee)
Pat Noakes
Alison Brown
Mark Potter

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The meeting was kindly chaired by Paul Sheridan of the Grosmont Fawr Community Council.

He called the meeting to order; attendees and apologies for absence recorded above.

2. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer provided a report that was reviewed his absence. As an introduction the following summary was provided:

Two matters by way of explanation

- I. GE is the successor body to GADMAG and to Grosmont Together and incorporates funds inherited from both. I have prepared these accounts effectively from the end of the Grosmont Together AGM in March 2018 through to 20 September 2019 so there is a clear trail from one body to another. There are therefore items in the accounts (net spend £247) representing items brought forward from that preceding period.
- II. It was intended that "certified" accounts were presented at this AGM. However, given lead time, insufficient bandwidth, this has not yet been done. I also wanted to merge all the legacy accounts – again this remains pending at this time. I plan to accomplish both these tasks by early December and will report back on these tasks when complete.

In respect of the results for the period GE has made a surplus of £782 before prior period items (see above). Events have generated £2492 of receipts and after costs a surplus of £1,661. Additionally, GE has supported a firework event and a picnic in the Castle. Funding has been provided to the Crafts Club (including for the new bunting). GE also provides funds for the Grosmont website and for an "event" insurance policy.

In addition to bringing together all GE bank accounts, a deposit account has been established. This is more symbolic than an income generator per se. It should represent an effective reserve for GE to manages peaks and troughs in revenues and spend as well as to enable GE to fund more substantial amenities for Grosmont and its community.

Alex Minford - Hon Treasurer – 20 September 2019.

The full accounting list is as per the attached details.

One query was raised with regards to the reporting of two surplus figures (£782 and £1661). Additional clarity was requested on the background of these two sums.

ACTION: Alex.Minford

3. **Chairman's report**

The purpose of the village meeting back in October 2018 was to create a new group to help to run events by villagers for the benefit of the village, with the social function of the group being the top priority. In effect, it was to be a non-profit group, with some events making money in order to subsidise others, with sufficient funds in the bank to cover such things as insurance, risk assessments etc. It was felt important that the new group be transparent and accountable, and importantly be open to everyone in the village and surrounding areas.

Looking over the last 12 months, I think we've just about achieved this, although there's room for improvement in a couple of areas.

We've set up a working committee and hold regular meetings which are open to everyone in the village. Minutes are taken and are distributed to committee members and everyone who attended each meeting, as well as being posted on the Village Noticeboard, Website and Facebook pages, with a hard copy being held in a folder in the Angel. Dates of meetings are set in advance and included in the minutes, with agenda's also being posted on the Village Noticeboard, Website and Facebook pages. But I know that the minutes and agendas are not always very timely. But don't forget we are all volunteers who also have lives to lead!

The other area where we've not been very successful is in providing events for children and young people. So, if anyone has any suggestions or ideas for future events please get in touch with the new committee.

So far, we've put on 10 events, roughly one a month and have funded the Village Website, new Village Bunting, as well as supporting the Remembrance Day display in the church and giving a sub to the Craft Club. The Bonfire Night party and Carols around the tree were free events, whilst we paid for the band at the Street Party.

Our first event was the village bonfire on 5th November which I think was enjoyed by everyone young and old, although the Best dressed Guy competition was a bit of a damp squib!

This was followed in December by Carols around the Christmas tree, with mulled wine and mince pies. With thanks to Jean & Michael Cooper Smith.

Then in January we held the first of our Quiz Nights, this was so popular they've become a regular feature and were repeated in April, June and September.

March saw the 1920's night, this was a fun evening, but not very well attended unfortunately.

That Village Institution - the May Day Breakfast, was a resounding success again this year, but hard work both in the planning and the execution! We had an amazing team of volunteers who made it work though – far too many to mention.

The Open Gardens in July proved to be very popular, what a lot of green fingered people there are in Grosmont! We plan to repeat this next year but bring it forward a few weeks so that the gardens are at their best.

The Picnic in the Castle in August was changed to a street party outside the Angel, with live music provided by Rob Barker and Ben Hughes. This was a lively event, the rain even just about held off!

I'd like to thank all of the Committee for their help and support for these events. In particular Martine and Jo for the minutes and publicity, Lucy for the fab posters, Jean Price for her calm and efficient input and for organising the Open Gardens, Mike Noakes for his H&S advice and sensible Risk Assessments, Alex for sorting the finances, Richard for generally keeping me sane and Stuart for being a long suffering Husband!

I'd also like to thank Gilly and Gary Burgess for their help in running the 1920s evening, Bill Pasco, Julie Clarke and Alison Brown for setting the quizzes – even if I always seem to be in the losing team! And not to forget Jane Moggridge for adding info to the village website, sometimes at very short notice.

Special thanks also to Anna, Trevor and Matus in the Angel for their constant support and to Adrian Walker of Golden Valley Meats and Game for the very generous donation of the delicious, bacon, sausages and burgers at the bonfire and May Day breakfast!

Going forward GE has offered to redecorate the Town Hall. Strictly speaking this is a little outside of our remit of providing social activities, but it is something that badly needs doing and will enhance future events. Mike Noakes and Mark Whittaker are leading on this and there's still time to volunteer!

We have also planned to hold an Apple Pie Supper in November, a repeat of the village bonfire and a Christmas quiz in December, but these will be for the new committee to take on!

Jan Chatfield, Co-Chair Grosmont Events; 27/09/19

4. Election of officers & members of the Coordination committee

Nominations were received on the night for all the following posts; some had been notified in advance by those who were not able to attend.

All nominations were proposed and seconded for consideration. No dissention or counter-proposals were received and hence all volunteers were voted onto the 2019/2020 committee as follows:

- Chairperson: Jan Chatfield
NOTE: Jan has kindly agreed to chair for a second year. She will not be prepared to fulfil this role for a third year and would hence look for someone to take on this role in 2020/2021

- Co-Chairperson: Alison Brown
- Treasurer: Alex Minford
- Communications: Jo Whitaker
- Secretary: Martine Powell
- Publications Lucy Gable
- Angel Inn Rep Chloe / Jim Skinner
- GCC Liaison Witek Mintowk-Czyz
- Committee Members Jean Price
Mike Noakes
Judy Mason

Offers of support were received from Karen Farr and Margie Barker.

It was also noted that not all of the committee from 2018/2019 had been able to attend and had not provided any indication for the following year. As such it was determined that additional committee members could be added with the agreement of those named above.

5. Any other business

Several other matters were raised; these are reported below but are not strictly matters for the AGM and as such can be followed up during routine committee meetings:

- a. Burns Night: Witek.M-C expressed his openness for anyone to run a Burns Night event
- b. The upcoming events were questioned; these are currently planned as follows:
 - Hall Decoration (in support of Grosmont Fawr Community Council): 19/20/26/27th Oct and 2/3rd November
 - BonFire event: 5th November
 - Apple Pie Supper : 16th November
 - Quiz Night: 14th December
- c. Battle of Grosmont: This was not a GE event however significant funds were raised. It was understood that £1000 was for donation for McMillan Cancer Research with approx. £700 for potential children's events in the village. It was commented that the organisers may approach GE to assist in coordination. This suggestion was welcomed and GE would be happy to hear from the organisers to see how GE could help.
- d. Cycle Race: An email had been received from Gary Squire regarding the 2020 race as the Squire family would not be able to support the organisation due to family commitments. It was proposed to add this to the agenda for the next GE committee and suggest that Gary attends to clarify the requirements and support involved. ACTION: Witek.M-C to request Gary to attend on Friday 11th October.

Thanks for the 2018/2019 committee and supporters was expressed by Karen Farr and seconded by all present.

Thanks were also expressed to Paul for chairing the AGM.