

RUSLAND READING ROOM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON 22ND May 2014

1. In attendance:

Mr Gordon Wilkinson

Mrs Elsie Wilkinson

Mr Giles Wingate-Saul

Mr Angus Adams

Apologies received from Mandy Lane, Ann Robinson, David Wilkinson, Annie Meanwell, John Dixon and Mike Benham

Although the attendance was low it was agreed that there was a quorum being not less than 1/3rd of the total number of members as provided in the Trust Deed.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the last AGM held on 23rd May 2013 were approved.

3. Appointment of officers and committee members

Members of the current committee were reappointed unanimously.

As regards the Chairman Gordon Wilkinson stated he wished to resign as he indicated in the last year or two. It was hoped that the Vice Chairman Mike Benham would agree to become Chairman in his place. The secretary Angus Adams and the Treasurer Charles Wingate-Saul were reappointed unanimously.

4. Financial Report

Giles Wingate-Saul produced accounts he had prepared. It worked out that rental income is slightly down. However there was a cheque outstanding from the Community Trust for which an invoice was to be received. This would cover amounts owing late in the accounting year for use of the rooms for table tennis, bell ringing, flower arranging and cinema club. Also the Spring Show receipts did not fall in to the 2014 accounting year.

With regard to expenditure there has been no substantial increase and the boiler, electricity and oil costs were all very reasonable.

Taking everything into account the surplus of £345.06 was respectable considering the items missing and capital is approx. £7250.00.

Overall the position is good taking into account the fact that the roof has been renewed and new back door installed.

The accounts were unanimously adopted.

5. Fabric report

Giles Wingate-Saul believed that Martin Hool had done a reasonable job on the roof. In general the work had been satisfactory. The damp spots in the main room were gradually drying out though condensation arises when it is full of people. Insulating the walls in the inside should be looked out as Mandy Lane suggested previously. He said he had been to Lowick to look at the way they had done it there and it seemed fine though trimming the material might be difficult in awkward areas. If this cannot be done then general painting would be needed. A decision on this should be made in the next six months. Additional ventilation might well assist possibly through the existing vents and ceiling. He will speak to Mike Benham about the feasibility. Giles Wingate-Saul also reported he had the curtain tracks to fit though this may entail a small amount of scaffolding to do it safely. It was felt that new curtains would improve the rooms and Gordon Wilkinson was "turning" curtain pulls for the rooms.

6. Charges

There was a general discussion during which it was pointed out by Mrs Wilkinson that our charges were cheaper than those at Satterthwaite, Lowick and Water Yeat. It was felt that the use by locals in the evening should not be much more. In the end as surplus had been achieved in the last two years it was felt that the same charges could be retained.

7. Past events

The Valuation Event has been a great success. The Spring Show had been excellent as well with the net sum of £696.00 obtained.

It was felt that showing the work from the two schools (Penny Bridge & Leven Valley) had worked really well and that there should be more events aimed at children.

8. Future events

A Lakeland Evening was proposed and the Lakeland Fiddlers could be asked who have apparently always very entertaining. Due to other events in the community it would be best to aim for the autumn.

9. Chairman's Report

Gordon Wilkinson reported there had been another good year with the great achievement of having the new roof put on so he thanked everyone for their help. The others in attendance all thanked him for his input and leadership as Chairman for so many years. He had been on the committee for only 63 years initially representing the young farmers and had been chairman for at least 40!

10. Any other business

None

11. Date of next meeting

Thursday 21st May 2015 at 19:30pm was fixed for the next AGM.