

Treknow Village Hall

AGM 27th April 2022

Chair's Report

The present committee took over the running of Treknow Village Hall at a Zoom meeting on January 19th 2021 when the remaining member of the previous committee handed over the paperwork and resigned. A Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary were elected and four members of the community agreed to become Trustees and a fifth joined them a couple of months later.

During the next year Covid restrictions made it difficult to hold face to face meetings but work began on the refurbishment of the hall with social distancing measures in place. All the rubbish in the building was removed before work began. The floor in the main hall was treated for woodworm, sanded and sealed with hard wax oil. The kitchen was gutted and completely renewed. New floor covering was put in the kitchen and both toilets. A damp problem in one wall has been resolved.

Teams of volunteers have redecorated the building inside and out. The small hall had a new carpet, new back door and new dividing doors from the main hall.

The heating was replaced and air to air source heat pumps provide the new heating which is much appreciated by the users of the hall. Heat retention is assisted by the new double-glazed doors in the porch. Outside a large sycamore tree that was damaging the roof and filling the gutters with debris has been removed and volunteers have cleared, levelled and planted the outside areas with grass and flower beds. New railings have been put along the front wall making this a safe place for young children, and a pleasant outside area with bench has been created. Alongside the enormous task of repainting the outside of the hall, soffits and fascias have also been replaced.

The community has been extremely generous in making donations towards the refurbishment and this has been helped by the grants that have been awarded to village halls during the Covid pandemic. The work is now complete and various groups have already been using the hall. Yoga, Garden Club, Coffee mornings, Sound Meditation and fund-raising Sales have been taking place and a "Bring and borrow library" has been started. The official opening of the hall, which was postponed twice, finally took place in early March and over eighty people attended. There was a lot of interest in the suggestions put forward by the committee and further ideas were offered by the attendees.

The committee is hoping that people will find the space in the hall suitable for family events, parties and even wedding receptions. Financially, the hall is in a very strong position and the committee is determined to offer many of the suggested activities as possible. We hope that the hall will be a place where people of all ages in the community will find relaxation, stimulation and entertainment.

As Chair I would like to thank everyone in the local community for their efforts in refurbishing the hall and the outside areas and for financially supporting our hall. It has been rewarding to see so many people from the community, and from those who choose to holiday in our beautiful area, coming together to support a local amenity and being able, after two very difficult Covid years to meet up and enjoy themselves.

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