

WEST NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS CONSORTIUM
(A Self Help Group Run by Members for Members)

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 6TH NOVEMBER
2013 AT THE HEXHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEXHAMT**

1 Present

Michael Elphick, Slaley CH; Pat Johnston, Newbrough TH; Adrian Hinchcliffe, Newton and Bywell CH; Norman Hooks, Stocksfield CC; Keith Robson, Slaley CH, Julia Plinston, Community Action - Northumberland; Liz Stewart, Greenhead VH; Robert Philipson, High Forest CA & Allenheads Trust; Mike Wood, Greenhead VH; Neville Gray, Ovingham RR; Alan Brewin; Pamela Pryor, Riding Mill Village Halls; Kate Rutherford, Langley VH; Georgia Shorrock, Gilsland VH; Denis Peel, Wylam Inst; Melvyn Stone, Corbridge PH; Keith Walker, Allenheads Trust; Larry Winger, Allendale VH; Mike Barlow, Dalton VH; Roly Taylor, Wall VH; David Easby, Wall VH; Geoff Robinson, Colwell VH; Louise Currie, CA-N

2 Apologies for Absence

Bill Grigg, Acomb VH; Margaret Weatherley, Slaley CH; Sue Moorhouse, Byrness VH; George Hepburn, Shepherd's Dene; Valerie Bell, Haydon Bridge CC; Geoffrey Bockett, Minsteracres Retreat Centre; Margaret Bowers, Blanchland VH; Michelle Nixon, Barrassford VH; Matt Singleton; Jean Finch, Merton Hall;

3 Minutes of the AGM held 06.11.12

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

5 Annual Report for the Year to 30.09.13

The report was presented by the Secretary with the aid of slides. It is to be circulated to members after the meeting. A copy is attached to the minutes.

The report noted the substantial support received from Community Action - Northumberland.

Points From the Annual Report

(a) Catton Village Hall was welcomed as a new member of the Consortium. Congratulations were also expressed to Barden Mill community on opening their new village hall.

(b) Thermal Imaging Camera.

A thermal imaging camera can be used to survey buildings for heat loss giving rise to energy saving measures and also to develop renewable energy solutions. Members were asked whether they would use as service that offered the use of a thermal imaging camera. Six members thought this was a good idea and would use the service.

(c) The Management Committee were looking for suggestion on what training members would like to see organised. Members were urged to contact the Secretary with suggestions.

Mrs Pamela Pryor of Riding Mill VH thanked all members of the Management Committee for their commitment and for what had been achieved during the year.

The meeting received the report.

6 Accounts for the Year to 30.09.13

The Treasurer presented a statement of accounts for the year to 30 September 2013. This showed income of £2,358.24, expenditure of £1,449.38 giving a surplus for the year of

£1,438.77. There was an opening balance of £2,254.31 and a closing balance of £3,163.17. The statement had been certified by an Independent Examiner. The Treasurer answered a number of questions on the accounts.

The meeting received the accounts.

- 7 **Election of Chairman**
Mike Wood was nominated, accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected.
- 8 **Election of Secretary**
Adrian Hinchcliffe was nominated, accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected.
- 9 **Election of Treasurer**
Liz Stewart was nominated, accepted the nomination and was unanimously elected.
- 10 **Election of up to 12 Committee Members**
The following members were nominated. Keith Robson, Michael Elphick, Margaret Weatherly Georgia Shorrocks, Pat Johnston David Easby, Roly Taylor and Pam Pryor. All were nominated and elected unanimously.
- 11 **Presentation on ‘Fire Risk Assessment’ by John Wright of the Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service**
A summary of the presentation is attached.
- 12 **Presentation on ‘Village Halls as Emergency Centres’ by Nigel Fisher of the Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service.**
A summary of the presentation is attached.
- 13 **Presentation – Improvements at Gilsland Village Hall by Georgia Shorrocks.**
Slides from the presentation are to be put on the Consortium web site.
- 14 **Close of the Meeting**
Prior to closing the meeting Mike Wood expressed enormous thanks to Norman Hooks who had been a member of the Management Committee since 2008. Norman had decided to step down at this meeting after giving six years service including being involved in the set up of the Consortium.
Mike also thanked the speakers, all those who had attended and Hexham Community Centre for hosting the event.

Signed as a Correct record.....date.....