

**WEST NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS
CONSORTIUM**

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**CONSORTIUM ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING TO BE
HELD THURSDAY 12
NOVEMBER 2009**

The first Annual General Meeting of the Consortium is to be held on Thursday 12 November 2009 at Newbrough Town Hall commencing at 7.00pm. This is your opportunity to hear about the progress that has been achieved since the inaugural meeting in May 2008 and to have your say on the way in which the Consortium is developing. In addition there will be elections for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 12 Management Committee members. Guest speaker at the AGM will be Kashaf Bashir, the Consortium's Energy and Telecommunications Broker who will be giving essential advice on how to cut the energy bills for your Hall. Louise Currie of Community Action – Northumberland will also give a short talk on recent changes to the legislation relating to the sale of alcohol in Village/Community Halls which make it easier to manage. Please try to ensure that your Hall is represented at this important meeting.

Agenda for the AGM

The agenda and associated papers will be sent out within the next few days. At the meeting Members will be given a summary report on what has been achieved since the inaugural meeting and they will be able to question members of the Management Committee. The meeting is planned to last no longer than 2 hours. Refreshments will be available from 6.30pm.

Nomination of Officials and Committee

Members

The Consortium's constitution provides for officials to be nominated up to 14 days prior to the AGM which will be the 29 October 2009. It is very important that we have good officials and committee members so please nominate those who are willing before the deadline. Nominations will be accepted in writing or email and in view of the postal situation email is probably the better. Send to the Secretary Adrian Hinchcliffe on adrian.hinchcliffe@btopenworld.com .

If there is more than one nomination for each of the posts of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer an election will be necessary and this will take place at the AGM. There are 12 positions for Committee members.

**Please Consider Standing for the
Management Committee**

Some members of the Management Committee are looking to step down at the AGM so it is important that we can find a number of keen enthusiastic members to replace them. Meetings are held approximately every two months. Are you willing to stand or do you know someone who will.

Cut the Energy Costs for Your Hall

Kashaf Bashir was appointed in September as the Broker to the Consortium and has already demonstrated that he can significantly cut the energy costs for your Hall by negotiating a very low price due to the purchasing power of the Consortium's membership. Kashaf will give a presentation on how to go about using his services and cutting your energy costs.

Consortium Membership now 47

Walton Village Hall is the latest Hall to join the Consortium and they are very welcome. It means they can now access discounts on insurance and use the services of the Energy Broker. Networking is also an important aspect of membership.