



MINUTES

Committee meeting held on 4th December 2019 held at the Cumberland Inn at 6.00pm

Attendees:

Ian Grey (IG) - Acting Chair
Janis Goodfellow (JG) - Treasurer
Gina Perryman (GP)
Gary Wright (GW)
Andy Holt (AH)
Lesley Mearns (LP)

Apologies - Ian Johnson (IJ) (Now no longer a committee member).
- Elaine Edgar (EE) Guy Harmer.

- 1. Minutes of last meeting** The Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by GP, seconded by AH and accepted unanimously by those that had attended.
- 2. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the agenda**
IG reported that AH had been elected onto the UU Grant sub committee at the last meeting but that this had been omitted from the Minutes. He had been proposed by GW, seconded by GP and this was agreed unanimously.
- 3. Updated Constitution**
After brief discussion it was agreed that confirmation / revision was to be made at the forthcoming AGM. IG / GP to discuss and circulate.
- 4. Appointment of Officers**
IG agreed to remain as Chair up to the forthcoming AGM and beyond if desired.
GP offered to stand as Secretary.
JG agreed to remain in post as Treasurer.
GW agreed to stand as Vice Chair.
All were elected / re-elected unanimously.
- 5. Representation at AMP meetings**
GW agreed to represent AMBA at future AMP meetings now that he had resigned as the AMPC representative on that body (AMP were unhappy with one person representing two organisations. IG advised that he was attending the AMP meeting later that evening.

6. United Utilities Grants.

IG advised that one application had been recommended for approval by the sub committee (to AMF for theatre lighting). This was approved unanimously by the committee.

GP suggested that usability of the hall at SKS could be improved by the addition of black out curtains. IG to pass this suggestion on to the school.

7. Sub Committees and Membership

Marketing

GP reported that a sub committee meeting would take place soon and that the Craft Fair had been well attended having been promoted extensively.

Electric vehicle

IG advised that a buyer had been found for the Electric vehicle and that the sale would allow for the £3500.00 paid from the UU grant fund to be repaid and could be reallocated.

8. Finance & Membership

JG presented an updated membership list and advised that Nent Hall Hotel had paid their subscription.

JG advised that she had paid the subscription to Cumbria Tourism and that the balance of the United Utility funds had now been paid into AMBA account.

IG advised that David Hymers was still a co-signatory on the AMBA Bank Account and that he would now apply to replace him.

9. Front Street Steering Group

It was agreed that GP and JG would represent AMBA on this group. IG to attend if one is unavailable. GW can also attend these meetings as he is on other bodies.

10. AMP Community Plan update.

- GP reported that the content of the Community Plan was being distilled into 'action points' included provision of 'work experience' for pupils at Alston schools. IG agreed to progress this with Stuart Dixon.

It was agreed that AMP, AMPC and AMBA were well represented on this and that it was progressing well.

11. People & Places research

IG reported that the findings were not yet available and that he would update the committee at the next meeting.

12. Christmas Trees

JG advised that the tree on the AMP Shop had previously been provided free of charge.

AH advised that it was not possible for trees to be displayed on the Town Hall.

IG advised that Dave Raeside had one tree in storage at his cycle shop in Nenthead and that there may be one more at Nenthead Chapel. IG to investigate and collect if possible.

IG advised that the trees could be safely stored in High Mill for the foreseeable future.

13. AGM date and content

It was agreed that the AGM would be held in February 2020. IG suggested that the format was changed to make it more appealing to members and that a social element would be desirable.

IG to work up proposals and to present them at the next meeting.

14. Future direction of AMBA

Discussion took place on the way that AMBA could and should work in the future.

It was agreed that AMBA should 'facilitate & Support' projects and activities rather than look to commit to long term involvement.

It was agreed that we should review how we communicate to our members. For example communication could be tailored so that members only received information relevant to their declared area(s) of interest, for example 'tourism', 'Heritage', 'Marketing' etc.

It was agreed that communication with other bodies on Alston Moor was good and that was being reciprocated.

Objectives for 2020 would be identified in the near future and shared with members at the forthcoming AGM.

15. AoB

- IG reported that following a review of finance and policies there will be changes to the accessibility and costs involved in using the school for 'out of hours' activity.

- IG reported that school transport arrangements were to be reviewed and that this may involve AMBA's input in due course.

-It was agreed that AMBA would fund the annual subscription of £50.00, and website hosting of approx. £15.00 to enable Alston to continue to be listed as a 'Walkers are Welcome' town.

- IG asked if it was possible to add a page to the website for committee and member information including the Meeting Minutes, the Constitution etc. and a email contact address.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Date of next meeting – 15th January 2020 at 6pm - Nenthead Arts & Visitor Centre.