

PELHAM HALL AGM

6:30 PM 1st September 2020

PRESENT: Adam Burt-Jones; Nikki Scarr; David May; Andrew Henstridge; David May; Geraint Thomas ; Janice Harrhy; Karen Rollings; Nigel Roles; Phil Harris; Tom RIGBY; Sarah Haeffner, Andy Rollings

1. **Apologies** for absence: John Bradley, Lance Rowell

2. **Approval of 2019 AGM minutes**

Proposed: David May

2nded: Sarah Haeffner

3. **Matters arising** - none

4. **Chairman's Report**

This report spans 16 months from May 1st 2019 to September 1st 2020 as we were unable to have the AGM in May due to COVID19. The first ten months has been a great period in the life of Pelham Hall with significant activity in terms of events and the hall in regular use through bookings. There has also been a continual upgrade in the facilities we offer. Whilst the last six months has been the quietest period the hall has known due to COVID19 it has also shown what a caring and close community Penallt is.

In 2019 we had our first very own village panto, Aladdin with three hugely enjoyable sell out performances. This year it was Cinderella and the thespians of Penallt again came to the fore led by Tom Rigby who both directed and acted in the production. In a similar vein as last year it generated a huge sense of camaraderie and it is amazing to see the breadth of talent in the village from stage building to singing. This year the production benefited from an increased number of younger performers these were led by Hammer and Tongs (Rory and Ewan Bredemear-Walters) who turned their hands effortlessly to comedy, singing and acting. Four entertaining performances were held, £4,137 raised and additional drama was provided by the torrential storms and concerns regarding floods and power cuts.

The Events Committee played a significant role in facilitating all performances at the panto and the after party as well as providing the big breakfast on the Sunday morning which was a huge success despite the appalling weather. The Events team surpass themselves at all things involving food and music, the French night was a sell out with amazing food and the 1940's night with Swingzing was a great success. We are lucky to have so many enthusiastic members of the committee and huge support from the village community and surrounding areas.

We continue to improve the fabric of the hall. In July 2019, Pelham Hall received £10k Big Lottery funding towards the cost of installing a lift in the foyer and this was fitted the following month. There have been a few teething problems with the lift but now all have access to the first

floor from within the building with a 6-year warranty/servicing contract in place. New blue banqueting chairs were purchased, and the old chairs sold in November 2019 and a commercial prep fridge was purchased for the ground floor kitchen in December 2019. Solar water heating was also added in December 2019.

At the end of 2019, Monmouthshire County Council offered Pelham Hall a share of a grant for local village halls to replace all lighting fittings with LED equivalent to reduce energy costs. The grant was for £3k and the electrical work was carried out in July (delayed due to Covid-19) with the Hall adding £6.5k towards the cost. The whole Hall now looks brighter and has motion sensors in areas where lights are usually left on and has dimmers in the lounge bar. To complement the smarter interior, we have also pressure washed the exterior walls followed by painting of the front render and this will continue around the building. In addition, a team of village volunteers has been painting internal walls to give the Hall a facelift before re-opening.

There has been work in updating the Pelham Village Hall web site which was forced on us due to having to change the technical platform. The current web site has a wealth of information and it has been a difficult balancing act working out how to provide a visually appealing, modern web site with a great user experience but also retaining some of the great memories of the past. A solution has been reached and the new web site should be in place before the end of the calendar year.

David May left the post of Chairman in May last year having worked tirelessly for the previous six years as Chairman, unfortunately no one stood for the role at the last AGM, so we ran without a chairman. The Hall wishes to thank David for his extensive support, efficiency and guidance as Chairman, his energy and enthusiasm left a gulf that proved very hard to fill. David's six years as Chairman oversaw substantive improvements to the Hall, the introduction of the lift, solar panels, the refurbishment of the kitchen, a new electric charging point. Not to mention the wider support David provided authoring and managing the village website, update emails and his role as a TUCC councillor. Fortunately, due to the strength of the Management Committee and the governance in place plus the magnificent job of Andy Henstridge the treasurer and Jan Harray our premises manager we have managed admirably. In July Adam Burt-Jones and Nikki Scarr have taken on the role as co-chairmen, their philosophy is focused on facilitating all the individuals on the committee to perform their individual roles in what is a well organised and effective team.

We would like to pay a special tribute to Anne May, she initially served as a diligent Treasurer, more recently as secretary. The Hall has benefited greatly from both her efficiency, stewardship and sage advice. Fortunately, Anne is remaining as a Trustee, we are very grateful not to be losing her wealth of knowledge. We would like to thank her for her many years of hard work.

Finally we would like to thank the Hall Management Committee, the Events Committee and our immense band of volunteers for their magnificent efforts over the last 16 months. It is hard to know what next year is going to bring but we are confident that we are in a position to decide and deliver the most appropriate service for these extraordinary times.

Nikki Scarr and Adam Burt-Jones (Chairmen)

September 1st 2020

5. Treasurer's Report April 2019 - March 2020 (Andy Henstridge)

Total Income £60,387.85 (£38,660.53)

Total Expenses £56,509.77 (£43,819.25)

Bank £20,593.15 (£17,122.45)

Floats £772.50 (£563)

Stock £1,247 (£1,020)

Solar Energy Project

System started earning revenue 26/2/19 with a predicted income of £700/annum.

Income in 19/20 £692.97

Current saving in electricity bill c£300/annum

Energy price fixed at 16.61p/kWh until 1/9/2023

Lift Project

Final Payments of £6,150 and £8,150.

Awarded £10,000 from the National Lottery, £3000 from Bernard Sunley Trust.

£3483 Panto (2019)

Loans

Cricket Club

Repaid £1000

Outstanding Balance £4,151

Tennis Club

Repaid £823

Outstanding Balance £4,882

Regular Activities

Bar – profit £6,320 (less wages £713)

6 Supper Evenings – 205.5 meals - £1027.50

+ Bar Takings £1795.35

+ 100 Club raised £1758.50

11 Film Nights – 220.5 seats - £1,102.50

Expenses £1258 + Bar Takings £461

Fish & Chip Nights – Bar takings £1911 + £105.5 donation from Ben

Major Events

Ceilidh £248

French Night £725

Italian Night £910

40's Night £380

Panto £4138

(£910 re-invested in stage equipment)

Other Major Figures

£7983 – Maintenance, equipment and repairs

£2,213 Chairs, £990 Fridge, Website £923

£5,748 – Utilities

£1,322.40 – Received from TUCC

£2,251.58 Received in Donations

£9,248.24 – Room Hire

(NOTE FROM ANNE: should not the following report be part of the minutes of the Business Meeting Sept 2020 and not the AGM minutes?)

Treasurer's Report April 2020 – 1st September 2020 (Andy Henstridge)

Total Income £11,605

Total Expenses £16,115.41

Bank £17,320

Floats £772.50

Stock £1,100 (approx.)

Solar Energy Project

System started earning revenue 26/2/19 with a predicted income of £700/annum.

Income so far in 20/21 £455.77

Lift Project

6 year Warranty and Maintenance contract in place £3,500

Other Major Figures

£10,000 - Grant from MCC – Covid 19

£3,000 - Grant from MMC – LED Lighting project

£9,566.40 - LED Lighting installed by Slatter Electrical

£650 – Website

6. Election of officers:

• Chairman/men	Adam B-J, Nikki Scarr willing to stand again and re-elected
• Secretary	No volunteers. The minutes will be taken on a rota of committee members until someone
• Treasurer	Andy willing and re-elected
• Committee members	Geraint Thomas
•	Lance Rowell (tbc)
•	Tom Rigby
•	Jan Harrhy
•	Sally Henley, Sarah proposed, Andy seconded

7. Appointed representatives

• Tennis Club	Karen Rollings will continue
• Cricket Club	Phil Harris will continue
• Bowls Club	Nigel Roles will continue
• Church	Sarah Haeffner will continue
• TUCC	David May will continue

8. Appointment of Auditors

Miaren re-appointed.

9. AOB - None

10. Closure of AGM at 7:15 pm