Marnhull Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 18th November 2025
At 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

No	Minute	Action
1.	**Present:** **Current Management Committee:** Vicki Cooper-Hammond (Chair), Rob Norton (Treasurer), Esther Finch (Secretary), Helen Butler, Steve Finch, Chris Gassman, Alan Loukes Dawn Palmer, Celia Jardine-Smith, Glyn Silvester, Phil Silvester, Jeremy Hamer, Sue Piper **Members of Marnhull Village:** Anne Dowsett, John Dowsett, Tina Matthews, Jean McErlain, Peter McErlain, Shirley Blackford, Hilary Parker, Andrew Webb, Heather Race, George Race, Elaine Spencer-White	
2.	**Apologies –** Louella Hamer, Ros Eveleigh, Yvonne Vintiner,	
3.	**Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th November 2024 were presented by the Chair: Jeremy Hamer proposed and Jean McErlain seconded their approval; all approved.	
4.	**Matters Arising:** The Chair noted that the question in point 6 regarding a broadcasting licence had been actioned.	
5.	**Chairperson's Report:** The Chair read out a report noting the continued support of the Village Hall by local groups, both with regular bookings and repeated one-off bookings. She thanked Steve Finch for attending to the repairs of the front door lock. The new heating system is still a matter for experimentation, as users discover how it best works for them. Steve Finch and Rob Norton are both happy to help groups by turning the heating on in advance if requested to do so. The old boiler is still in service if required in case of emergency. The decision was made not to redecorate the hall this year, but to carry out a general tidy up and retouch the paintwork where necessary. Plans have been drawn up to refurbish the pavilion. It remains to be seen if this is an affordable option. Thanks are due to those who maintain the hall and manage the bookings, finances and policies. Especial thanks to Tina for her work in keeping the hall in excellent shape. All approved the Chair's report.	
6.	**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report covering the year from 1st July 2024 until June 30th 2025 was presented by Rob Norton and was available on the Marnhull Village Hall website with a summary handout available for attendees. Money in the last year has been spent on upgrading the heating system, as well as a new dishwasher, electrical works and new display boards, which have already	

	been used to good effect. Despite losing one significant regular user, income for hiring has mostly remained steady. The sales item on the accounts referred to electricity metered and paid for separately by the tennis club for their use of spotlights. After a significant amount of time and effort, a refund has been obtained from Scottish and Southern Electricity. The accounts now show a healthy balance. As there was no increase this year for the hire of the hall, it is likely that the next financial year will need to implement an increase in line with inflation. A surplus amount is being held in reserve as a steering group has been set up to explore the possibility of a revamp of the pavilion, which would also utilize money from S106. Vicki Cooper-Hammond proposed and Chris Gassmann seconded the approval of the Treasurer's Report. All approved.	
7.	**Confirmation/Notification of User-Group Representatives on the Management Committee** Following Louella Hamer's resignation, Chris Hilder was elected the new Parish Council representative. The current user-group nominated Trustees are: Phil Silvester (Garden Club); Vicki Cooper-Hammond (Marnhull Entertains); Ros Eveleigh (St Gregory's Church); Christopher Gassman (Catholic Church of our Lady); Jeremy Hamer (Tennis Club); Alan Loukes (Music Society); Sue Piper (Table Tennis); Rob Norton (Cricket Club); Helen Butler (Marnhull Community Choir); Celia Jardine-Smith (The Hub), Glyn Silvester (WI), Yvonne Vintiner (Art for Everyone), Dawn Palmer (Lunch Club)	
8.	**Appointment of Elected Members of the Management Committee:** There were no new elected members	
9.	**Close of Meeting:** Vicki Cooper-Hammond thanked everyone for coming and declared the official business of the meeting closed. An open discussion would follow.	
10.	**Open Session:** Anne Dowsett proposed that thanks were due to David Loder for planting and maintaining the tubs on the terrace. Shirley Blackford expressed the opinion that many people found the new heating system inadequate. A discussion followed on how this could best be rectified, including following the recommendation from the manufacturer that the heating should be left on at all times and controlled by means of the thermostat. With the advent of colder weather a schedule could be put in place to ensure that the heating came on in advance of groups arriving at the hall. The new system has presented a learning curve for all involved in operating the heating. John Dowsett reiterated thanks to Tina for her work in keeping the hall in such good order. Tina put in a request that users always check that the floor is swept and doors locked before leaving the premises. Hilary Parker noted that the floodlights at the tennis court were seen to be on when nobody was on the courts. It was explained that the lights turn off automatically after one hour. The meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.	