



EFFINGHAM VILLAGE RECREATION TRUST

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for EVRT

King George V Hall, Tuesday 3 July 2018 at 8:15pm

Present: Chris Iles [Chairman], Gill Bowerman, Sue Morris, Jerome Muscat, Howard Manton [the Managing Trustees], Bob Austin [the KGV Manager], some Parish Councillors and some members of the public.

Item	Minutes
1. Welcome and Introductions	The Chairman welcomed the attending members of the public. He then introduced Bob Austin [RA, KGV Manager] and EVRT's Managing Trustees.
2. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest	There were no apologies for absence; Howard Manton declared that he was a member of Effingham Residents Association.
3. Minutes of the AGM for EVRT held on 13 June 2017	The Chairman asked for comments or queries on the Minutes. There were none and the Minutes were signed as a true account by the Chairman.
4. Chairman's Report	<p>CI thanked Liz and Chris Hogger as former trustees for their past services and significant contribution to the wellbeing of the Trust. He thanked Sue Morris, Gill Bowerman and Bob Austin for their ongoing and tireless support. He welcomed the two new trustees.</p> <p>The full content of the Chairman's report is available on the EVRT website but the main points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Licensing issues had finally been resolved○ Communication with all parties had improved and EVRT commits to a more open style○ Finance continues to be a challenge○ The Children's Playground Appeal has raised over £30,000; Vivien White and Sarah Montgomery are to be congratulated for their hard work and it has been good to see such community support○ An outside space is being prepared for the Preschool○ The division of the main hall has provided much greater flexibility for use○ The refurbishment of EPFA facilities has been a success and provides better usable space○ A refurbishment of the Sutton Room has taken place○ Progress is continuing with the 3g project for Bookham Colts – subject to funding. Both the rugby club and Manor House School have expressed interest in using a future facility○ An online booking system will be needed to manage all future requirements and options are being reviewed



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- The Howard of Effingham's decision to no longer use the grounds had led to a significant reduction in revenue and EVRT is very grateful to the Parish Council for stepping in with funds to cover any deficit
- There is a long list of projects and the trustees are making sure these are prioritised in view of the funds available
- The successful appeal by Berkeley Homes/Howard of Effingham will lead to a 30% increase in households and there will be a fund of £2.6m available for the redevelopment of the KGV Hall. EVRT is responsible for this and will work with the local community to determine what facilities would be most desired. But – any future facilities would need to generate sufficient income to pay for the ongoing maintenance of KGV
- New trustees would be welcome – EVRT can have a maximum number of seven trustees and at present there are only five.

In closing, the Chairman reconfirmed his commitment for an open communication with all.

Questions from the floor:

Why is that members of User Groups cannot be trustees?

Response – A fundamental premise of the EVRT Charity Scheme (re-drawn in 2009) was that it essential to have a neutral body to decide on KGV matters, and not run the risk of trustees being accused of having vested interests. It was agreed this restriction only applies to members of User Groups and not to their families. CI confirmed he wished to continue the User Group Forum to discuss operational issues and the User Groups appeared to be finding this beneficial and creating more collaboration.

5. Treasurer's Report

Sue Morris as Honorary Deputy Treasurer presented the report. She thanked Chris Hogger for his work in managing the financial reporting and for agreeing to continue this work in a non-executive capacity.

The figures in the Accounts were explained to the meeting; key points were:

- This is the first time EVRT has used this particular auditor and it has been a more straightforward process
- The copies of the Accounts here at the AGM are marked as “unaudited” because the Trust is able to have Accounts signed off as “independently examined”
- The Accounts have been agreed and will be signed in the near future
- Thanks to the Parish Council for its contribution to the Service Level Agreement, to match fund the GBC Concurrent Grant and for the Community Grant
- The surplus for the year is shown as £11,671 but this is at a specific date of 31st March 2018 and the reality is a lower amount.
- The main challenge continued to be how to generate adequate income to pay for the ongoing maintenance of KGV.



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Residents' Questions and Comments:

1. Why is there an amount of £21k shown for Donations from Effingham Parish Council?
Response – this represents a capital donation because the Council had purchased assets and given these to EVRT instead of making a cash donation
2. Why is there a large increase in the amount for cleaning and refuse?
Response – this function had now been outsourced and there were savings in other costs.
3. Why is there a reduction in General Administration Expenses?
Response – one off IT software costs were incurred in 2017.
4. How often does EVRT seek a valuation of the assets – especially the land?
Response – on professional advice this is done every four years or so. But because the land cannot be sold it is debatable whether increasing the amount makes sense because it does not give an accurate reflection of the true value.

6. Open Forum: Discussion of options and ideas for future improvements of the KGV Hall and Fields

There were no comments or questions.

The Chairman thanked the audience and declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 9.02pm.

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