**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

Meeting held in accordance with 15(1. – 6.) of the Charity Scheme

**In the KGV Village Room**
**Monday 2 September 2024 at 19:30**

**Present:** *Executive Board:* Paula Moss (Chairman & PM), Kevin Norman (KN), Laurence Smith (LS)

*Members of the Trustee:* Liz Hogger (Chairman & LH), Ian Symes (IS), Cliff Hackett (CH), Paula Moss (PM)

*EVRT Staff:* Sarah Montgomery (KGV Manager), Pippa Gardener [minutes]

*4 members of the public*

**Apologies:** Arnold Pindar (Executive board member), Alice Trevor (Executive board member)

**1.** **Chairman’s Welcome**

The Chairman (PM) welcomed all the the AGM.

**2.** **Introductions to members of the Trustee, Executive Board and the Staff**

Those listed as present were introduced to the public.

**3.** **Apologies for Absence & Declarations of Interest**

Apologies for interest were received from Alice Trevor and Arnold Pindar.

No declarations of interest were made.

**4.** **Minutes of the AGM held for the financial year 2022-23**

The Chairman asked if these Minutes could be agreed and, receiving no objections, duly signed them as the correct record.

**5.** **Report of the Trustee for the financial year 2023-24**

The Chairman presented the Report of the Trustee for the financial year 2022-23, including a visual presentation to aide understanding. In summary:

* Over the last year we have strengthened our financial position and now have new, increased reserves and are able to focus on larger scale projects.
* KGV has a more diverse income source, grants making up 10% of this, “other” is made up of revised license agreements, user revenue. Which the KGV manager has worked hard on updating and making “fair for all”.
* Due to an increase in revenue over the year Effingham Parish Council (EPC) now contribute 22% of our income, down from 30% last year. We as an organisation are now less dependent on the contribution from EPC.
* Our expenditure has increased, we are investing in critical upgrades and new projects. The spend on sporting grounds is particularly high, however this is necessary and appreciated.

The Chairman gave thanks to..

* Dennis Booth, our Guildford Borough Councillor
* Football Fund and Football Association
* The Executive Board
* The Team at KGV
* The Effingham Parish Council (EPC), special thanks was given to the EPC, the Chairman (PM) clearly listed what the EPC’s contribution funds;
	+ Access for the only village preschool to our grounds and equipment
	+ All access for residents, local and further afield
	+ The use of club rooms (free of charge) to all local non-profit organisations
	+ A focus area for the village, geared toward physical and mental health

*The KGV costs the residents £1 per household per week.*

**6.** **EVRT Research results & strategy update**

The Chairman explained that EVRT had conducted a survey both online and in paper form at Loolabells Cafe. The results had been interesting and insightful, highlights below;

* More than 50% of our users are not based in Effingham
* Users used the facilities more for social purposes than sporting
* C50% of users drive to the site, we are already aware that parking needs addressing
* There is an interest in having a wider variety of sport focus, particularly the reintroduction of Cricket and potential for Pickleball
* 1 in 10 of our users cannot access all of our facilities due to physical disability

The Chairman ran through a Challenges and Opportunities update;

* We are working on a community playzone, including an all-weather court which can be used for free informal use. The facility will be inclusive of all abilities, including play & sensory equipment, inclusive apparatus (including a trampoline for wheelchair use).
* The regeneration of the Sibleys Gate entrance, to include wheelchair and buggy friendly ramps, paths etc. This will include a meeting area to sit and picnic, a “busy wall” for children and pathways/tracks connecting the entrance to ALL AREAS of the KGV Playing Fields, making it truly accessible to all and for all
* 2025 could see our Woodland Project put in place, around the top pitch including potential for art installations, bug hotels, interactive play areas for children/schools. This zone will assist in balancing out the use of sports/recreation and nature.
* The Community Heritage Centre is an ongoing project within the Village Rooms, including an archive store, there is potential to see interactive use, include screens etc. This could also be used for schools to aid local history education.

**7.** **Opportunity for Questions**

Discussion and questions followed:

* There is a need to consider how far a reach an online survey can offer, can we reach all residents (including those who are not online)? Should we consider a maildrop to all households, could this be done in conjunction with the Parish Council? It was raised that the EVRT Newsletter is sent out with the Parish News which is delivered to all households. There was general discussion on the difficulties of receiving feedback from all when so much is operated online.
* There was discussion around the changes to the Berkeley Homes development in conjunction with the Howard of Effingham School. It was discussed that the CEO and Chairman of The Howard Trust is moving forward with new plans for the school and informal discussions have begun with PM.

The Chairman drew the meeting to a close at 20:10; thanked the residents attending for their suggestions and comments.