



Alton Community Events Group AGM 2024

Tuesday 19th March 2024 at Bull's Head

1. Apologies for absence
 - a. Alison Hayhurst, David Evans, Linda Goodwin
2. Present:
 - a. Committee Members: Jonathan Shepherd, Sue Green, Rob Goodley, Louie Young, Lee Munro, John Hall, Kevin Green
 - b. Brian Leathers , Gary Bentley (Cheadle Councillor), Nigel Moult (District Councillor), Mari Jari, Wendy & Alan Walters, Sue & Mike Beaumont, Kath Elliot, Sarah Barratt, Denise Beattie
3. Minutes of previous AGM
 - a. Approved & signed
4. Chair's report

Jonathan gave a short report about the year's activities particularly the success of the Coronation Street Party and of Apple Day despite the bad weather. He also explained that we had to replace the BBQ as the old one was not safe to use, this was partly funded by a donation from Walton Homes.
5. Financial report

Rob summed up the ACE finances:

 - Apple Day - profit of about £1300
 - Street party (free event) - cost of about £70
 - BBQ cost of £2000 with £360 donated towards this by Walton Homes
 - Opening balance for the coming year of £1,655 plus a small amount of petty cash

Just over £200 to be paid out shortly for 2 years' website hosting

ACE's main expense annually is insurance at over £600, partly as we have had to increase it to cover £10 million public liability required by the Forestry Commission to cover the Alton Run event - this needs to be looked at again for next year.

New templates have been made to enable easier event budgeting and financial summaries.

One issue that makes the Treasurer's life difficult is the need to actually go to the bank with signed instructions to enable payments to be made as 2 signatures are required for a charity. We need to have a look to see if there is a way to make this easier.

6. Election of committee

- a. Chair
 - i. Jonathan Shepherd
 - 1. Proposed by Rob
 - 2. 2nd by Lee
- b. Treasurer
 - i. Rob Goodley
 - 1. Proposed by Sue
 - 2. 2nd by Louie
- c. Secretary
 - i. Sue Green
 - 1. Proposed by Jonathan
 - 2. 2nd by John

7. Plans for this year

- a. Website & Instagram
 - i. Louie made an excellent presentation about the new website
 - ii. www.altoncommunityevents.com
- b. Open Gardens on Sunday 9th June
 - i. Please get in touch with ACE if you would like to open your garden
 - ii. Bell tower open day too
- c. Made in Alton ...ish Festival on Saturday 17th August
 - i. Please get in touch to help
- d. Apple Day on Saturday 19th October
- e. Carols at the Roundhouse - Friday 13th December

8. Suggestions/questions from floor

- a. Insurance
 - i. Gary Bentley wondered if the Parish council's insurance could cover our events as he has seen this happen previously - Jonathan will ask the Parish Clerk about it.
- b. Cheadle Music event on 8th June - advertise Open Gardens (Gary Bentley)
- c. Gary Bentley- Has lots of signs which we can borrow & put our banners on ask for size
- d. Support Staffordshire - contact Claire Brooks re funding & support
- e. Alton Towers
 - i. Laura Gerrard - boss wants to help local groups
- f. Suggestions for future events
 - i. Celebrating St Georges Day? Maybe at a weekend

ii. Duck race? Betting as horse racing