

GLINTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

CHAIR'S REPORT NOVEMBER 26TH 2021

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the running of the Association. The prospect of hall closure and the impact on income streams; the need to generate a Risk Assessment in the event of opening (to whatever degree); the work needed to implement the risk assessment and to keep the hall Covid Safe; the need for constant interaction with the User Groups and service providers; the need to manage the finances including the unanticipated Government Grants; and then the management of the return to 'normal' operation. As Chair I cannot speak highly enough of the Booking Secretary and Treasurer's efforts over the last 18 months. I offer my warmest thanks for supporting me as Chair, but mostly on behalf of the community, who still have their village hall, both improved and available to them.

Improvements to the hall have been a significant aspect of the shutdown period. The receipt of Government Grant money and the successful application to the lottery fund has enabled GCA to implement some long standing projects. The old boiler and radiators have been replaced with new high efficiency units. A further radiator was fitted in the kitchen, to the relief of many. The kitchen has been completed and includes a commercial style double oven, new sinks and taps, new worktops, and a new fridge. Recently the main hall lighting was upgraded to LED units which provide excellent lighting plus emergency lighting. New tables and chairs have replaced other ageing equipment. The hall is therefore very well set with assets for the enjoyment of all hall users.

Miscellaneous maintenance work has also been carried out, but the hall dividing doors are now under consideration for repair, or an alternative strategy.

Procedures such as weekly Fire Alarm and Emergency Lighting testing has been maintained for insurance compliance whose terms were upgraded to account for the hall standing empty for extended periods during the pandemic. The Safety Contractor has been in to perform their half and full yearly inspections. Similarly PAT testing of handheld electrical equipment.

Sue Lane has held two roles over the last 2-3 years. She plans to continue as the Booking Secretary, but wishes to be replaced as Cleaner in the Spring of 2022. This will be addressed in the new year.

The hall business model will be reviewed in the light of current costs. GCA's primary daily expenditure is utilities, with the well documented recent price rises, and that of waste services of which we have received a second rise this calendar year. GCA remain committed to generate sufficient funding so that the internals of the hall are maintained to as high a standard as possible.