Framsden Fundraisers AGM minutes

Date: Aug 9th 2022 Time: 7 pm Location: Village Hall

Attendees:

Trustees: Mark Prangell, Erin Blewett, Louise Nevill, Richard Nevill, Wendy

Simmons

Apologies: Andy Chattell

Members of the public: M. Roe, R. Green, M. Samain, P. Samain, I. Seager, N.

Hutchinson, N. Mellor

Apologies: C. Macaulay, F. Tack, P. Mason, C. Bell

From 7-8pm there was an informal gathering with refreshments for members of the public and trustees. Formal AGM started at 8pm

Note taker: Erin Blewett

Agenda item

Notes and Action Points

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1	Approve minutes from last meeting	Approved
2	Chair's report by MP	See separate sheet MP gave his report and invited questions/comments.
		There followed discussion about how FF might function with the potential of having fewer trustees.
		Comment was made about having a small core of trustees and more delegated responsibilities to volunteers.
		The comparison was made of the time when the Street Fair and Barn Dance were held and now when lots of smaller events are held. The former was a very large event and raised lots of money- but there were few other events for the rest of the year. The latter, in more recent times and currently, involves more events spread over the year, run by various groups but mainly FF and Church. EB commented that she felt it wasn't always helpful to make such comparisons as times change.
		Comment was made about recruiting the Jubilee event's organisers to help run FF events. But it was also mentioned that it is very generally difficult to get volunteers and trustees to come forward and it was noted that on many repeated occasions and by different means helpers and new trustees were encouraged to come forward with not much response.

		Another comment was that it was felt that people were concerned about the commitment needed to become a trustee but that being a volunteer is less onerous and this should be exploited more. In response, RN and EB made the point that many events were currently run with the invaluable help of volunteers and that this has been the case for many years (examples: Barn Dance, Glenn's walks, Village Show, Village Fete, Safari supper – all these plus other events have involved a high degree of delegation to volunteers). A member of the public said that FF worked well in the way it was currently run. ACTION: MP will raise this for further discussion at next FF meeting
		Play Area: a member of the public stated that the cost was around £50K. MP commented that the £3900 contribution from FF, although comparatively small, was important in demonstrating the village's commitment to fundraising, regarding grants being awarded.
		Church: in addition to the comments stated on the separate sheet, the Chair also mentioned the probability of FF donation to ST Mary's Church for important woodworm treatment.
3	Treasurer's report by	See separate sheet. RN mentioned that we now have the facility to be cashless as FF have recently purchased a card reader. 1.69% is paid for each transaction.
	RN	A member of the public requested that the report be sent out to residents by email before the meeting to which RN agreed.
4	Woodland Group report	See separate sheet.
5	Table tennis report	See separate sheet
6	Appointment of charity trustees	To re-appoint Mark Prangell as Chair To re-appoint Erin Blewett as Secretary To re-appoint Richard Nevill as Treasurer To re-appoint Louise Nevill as trustee To re-appoint Andy Chattell as trustee To re-appoint Wendy Simmons as trustee
		All were re-appointed.
7	Invitation for new trustees	Margaret Samain volunteered to become a new trustee, which was welcomed by all.
		Richard Green is thinking about it.
8	AOB	A member of the public thanked FF for their work. A member of the public noted there was nothing from the Table Tennis Club on the flier as there had been in the past. MP thought this was an oversight and apologised.

A member of the public was unhappy about the positive note on the flier about sheep in the Churchyard. MP response was that this wasn't an FF flier but a Community publication done in conjunction with other village groups and the notes about sheep were contributed by a Church representative. Another member of the public questioned why this was raised at all since it wasn't an FF matter. MP agreed that an attempt to avoid contentious issues on the flier would be made in future. A member of the public wished that FF meetings, like PC and VHMC meetings, were made public and this might promote more interest in becoming a trustee or volunteer. Another member of the public countered this and said that in their view it would put people off. EB stated that FF was a very different group to the PC / VHMC in that they are not fund-raising groups. ACTION: MP to raise this last point (making meetings open to the public) at the next FF meeting. A member of the public suggested that the calendar of events meeting should have involved the Jubilee organisers which would have flagged up the large scope of the Jubilee celebrations. MP responded that in fact there were Jubilee event representatives at this meeting but that the celebrations had thence evolved into something much greater and more fete-like than originally suggested and had therefore caused the proposed fete to be changed into a smaller and simpler soiree, which had in any case been very successful. 9.15 Meeting finished at