

Hainworth Wood Community Centre

AGM REPORT

TUESDAY

20TH NOVEMBER

2018

AT 1. 30pm



LIST OF COMMITTEE

MEMBERS

Trustees

John Smith

Richard Wainhouse

Jan Peters

Betty Cartwright

Thomas Simcock

- ❖ Neil Harris - Chair
- ❖ Claire Young - Vice Chair
- ❖ Thomas Simcock - Treasurer
- ❖ Trevor Parry - Vice Treasurer
- ❖ Betty Cartwright
- ❖ Gilly Clough
- ❖ Jan Peters
- ❖ Edna Bradley
- ❖ Ellen Baily
- ❖ Claire Lockyer
- ❖ Sarah Makay

NON VOTING:

- ❖ Elspeth Mangham - Secretary
- ❖ Cllr Doreen Lee (Attendance as advisor)
- ❖ Cllr Malcolm Slater (Attendance as advisor)
- ❖ Sue Gledhill (Attendance as advisor)

Chairs Report – HWCC

HWCC has had a year of preparation and rebuilding for the future. The climate around us has changed and community groups face the challenge of finding new and innovative ways to fund themselves and to harness great volunteers. I believe we have those core elements at HWCC.

The management committee and then the countless hours put in particularly on the ground by Elspeth, Jan and Claire have kept the centre going and we are now seeing some brilliant opportunities to reach out to the local community in a new way. Meeting regularly with a pool of professionals, we have had advice on pulling together a plan to ensure stability and sustainability.

We have developed a great partnership with Big Local and through some initial funding we have seen some good community events put on and some positive new links and potential future partnerships and also funding opportunities being available to us.

Our existing link with InCommunities has seen the start of a new job club. We have also been able to host a monthly community kitchen for those who need that extra support, some due to food poverty and others needing a place of friendship and conversation.

Our DART group continues and is a vital provision for a lively group of over 50s who have become a real community of people enjoying time together, doing varied activities and a good cooked meal provided by Christine.

My year as Chair comes to a close at the AGM, as I think the next phase of HWCC is exciting with more opportunity to grow and serve the community but needs a new person with more time available to bring that together.

Neil Harris

Chair

Hainworth Wood Community Centre's Annual report.

2017/2018 has proved to be a very difficult year for us which started with the devastating news that our very popular and well liked CDW Sonia Evers was diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Sonia was very focused and with help from several volunteers managed to keep the centre afloat in spite of having major funding cuts. She wrote, submitted and chased up any available funding pot, managed to keep the various clubs and youth sessions going (as our only qualified youth worker) and was forever trying to introduce new activities for the whole of the local community, the centre pin keeping everything going!

Sonia, after many months of fighting this terrible illness sadly lost her battle in October 2017.

The loss of our CDW had serious consequences for HWCC as there was nobody left to pull everything together and the centre now relied solely on volunteers with little knowledge of applying for funding etc. attending the many different meetings to try and keep the centre open and without a qualified youth worker. Although we welcomed the return of Mrs Elspeth Mangham who realising our plight came back to offer a helping hand.

We held a spring fair in April 2017 which was well attended we had a grand raffle with a wide variety of prizes



Example of our very popular

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We also started running arts and crafts groups which were popular across the different age groups, with crafts and knitwear being made for our next event.



We had submitted a funding bid to the co-operative society for £2,500.00 to pay for adapting one of our toilet areas to become disabled friendly which was successful and in July we received a cheque for £4,500.00 which was amazing and enabled us to adapt and modernize both toilet areas.

We have one disabled bathroom with widened door for wheelchairs, safety rails, non slip flooring and lever taps making it much safer to use for disabled members.



In August we hosted a summer fare which again was well attended and managed to raise £265 towards the maintenance of the centre. The summer fair is very popular with the children as it breaks the long summer holidays for both young and old.

This year we managed to book the very popular cave bus which the children love



and our regular face painter who is very popular and talented

We have various competitions for the children with individual prizes for different age categories.

All these activities are free of charge to anybody who attends these events and they are a good way to try and bring the community together.



In September we ran a 6 week sign language course which was very popular and well attended. We have been asked by members of the community if this would be available for young people and we are now looking at doing a second course later this year during the school holidays.

In October we had a variety of activities for the young people during the half term holidays these included a conker competition, muppet collected and supplied all the conkers. This was great fun and the children had a great time.

We also ran several arts and craft sessions, bingo afternoons which are very popular with the young ones and film afternoons.

The grand finale of the week was the annual Halloween party which as usual was well attended, there was supper and lots of spooky games, not for the faint hearted !!

We have to thank Claire Young who is doing a tremendous job organising and running all the youth activities including decorating the hall

In November we lost Leisure Link who were a group who hired the hall for the full day every Friday which was a big loss to us.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control and lack of qualified staff we were unable to cover any Christmas events for the young people this year.

We did manage to host the annual Christmas dinner for the over 50's group which everybody who attended had a lovely meal and played some festive games.

We started the new year with many network meetings looking at ways to raise funds so we would be able to employ someone on a regular basis, Claire also attended a training course to help look after toddlers and babies should we decide to run a mother and baby group

The February half term holidays saw a return of children's activities football on the rec, forest school and the weekend wood club which is to try and teach young people about respecting nature, our woodland areas and the different trees that grow there and all the different animals that rely on areas like these for survival. We had stay and play for the younger children and their parents

In March we hired out the room for 4 weeks to a lady who taught Zumba dance, this was great fun and very popular and is a possible venture for the future

We also ran a children's egg hunt and disco which was manic, they found all 300 eggs in less than 5 minutes, great afternoon.

In April we ran the children's clubs for the Easter break, we had cook and eat sessions where the children make a variety of lovely things, buns, biscuits, pizza, decorate them and then eat them all before they go home. We had play sessions on the rec, forest school in the woods, arts and crafts, film shows, bingo sessions in the hall. We had a disco dance for the young people