

Meeting started @ 7:32 p.m.

Minutes:

1. Welcome: Sally welcomed everyone and asked for members to sign the clipboard with email address and to make sure it can be read. Sally needs the information to update the membership database, very important.
2. Apologies: Maciek, Menna, Beth, Jenni Tinsley, Bob Lake, John O'Neil, Wendy, Terry Loftus.
3. Minutes of AGM 2012: Skim through the minutes. Matters arising are mostly covered in the agenda, say if any amendments. Propose correct record by Elaine Foote, seconded by Alan Winspear. Minutes accepted.
4. Committee & Other Rolls: Debbie, John, Des, Pam, Beth, Marion, Angie, Maciek, Brian, Trevor, Alan, Alison, Annie, Wendy, Elaine Sally. Marion & Brian will automatically stand down as they have announced their retirement. Sally asked if anyone wanted to come off or join the committee to see her later. Other members that wished to step down were Alan, Maciek & Annie. Proposed replacements were mentioned as Steff McGarbey, Rachel Cartwright, Lisa Daley-Allen & Sue Tacey. Sally mentioned that the officers and committee members would be in place until the 1st committee meeting when elections will take place. Sally announced that the committee would be announcing a new chairman as she was stepping down after 20 years but that she would like to stay on the committee. Sally said that she would be there to give guidance to the next chairman if needed. She explained that anyone interested would be invited to attend the next committee meeting when the committee would take votes on candidates. See Sally, Des, Angie or Debbie later if you wish to nominate anyone. Sally explained that the membership constitution rules state that if you are not a member you are not insured and therefore cannot take part. Last year we agreed 16+ pay £5 and 4 . 16 year olds pay £2. This hopefully encourages everyone to take a more active role and more responsible role. Sally thanked Dai for the not always easy task of getting money off people and hopefully he will agree to continue. Dai agreed to continue. Sally said that she would not go through all the other jobs but that there were going to be lots of changes this year and vacancies due to retirement. These would be discussed at the 1st committee meeting. However, Sally said we need new members to fill the gaps. She had decided against an open evening but if anyone had any ideas on how to attract new members please say. She hoped everyone would spread the word for new members both on and off stage, to bring new ideas and new talent to the show.
5. Treasurer's Report: Sally thanked Debbie for all the hard work she does with the accounts, tickets, front of house. Debbie started her report by discussing the good and bad evening at the last Panto and said that we needed to do something about the 1st night. Debbie went through each item as indicated on her report as scanned in below.

ABERDYFI PLAYERS ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL 2012 TO 31ST MARCH 2013

THIS YEAR WE HAVE SPENT	£17594.43	
AND WE HAVE TAKEN IN	£16797.73	
SO WE HAVE MADE A LOSS OF		£796.70

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 31ST MARCH 2013 WE HAD A TOTAL OF
£22205.08 IN OUR BANK ACCOUNTS .

INCOME DVD	48.00	
HOODIE MONEY	32.00	
ADULT M SHIP	237.00	
CHILD M SHIP	75.00	
ADVERTISEMENTS	1280.00	
TICKETS	10956.00	
PROGRAMMES	521.00	
RAFFLE	1258.00	
ICE CREAM	863.50	WE HAVE MADE 139.50
TUCK	908.50	WE HAVE MADE 277.12
DONATION	10.00	
INTEREST	8.93	

EXPENDITURE

DVD	960.00
PAINT VOLUNTEER DAY	61.00
SCRIPT AND PRINTING	944.75
HIRE OF HALL	3539.25
PROPS	3147.89
KIDS PARTY	36.84
TEA COFFEE	311.41
PRINTING	1757.94
COSTUMES	3239.93
NODAMEMBERSHIP	154.80
INSURANCE	346.24
SOUND	200.00
PHONE TOP UP	40.00
DONATIONS TO SCHOOLS	300.00
ADVERTISING	42.00
STAMPS	9.20

2 CHEQUES ISSUED BUT NOT PRESENTED LAST YEAR 548.00
SO EVEN IF WE DIDNT HAVE BIG TICKET SALES WE DIDNT DO TO BADLY

Debbie explained that £400 was spent extra this year due to reprinting posters but that we all knew that it had to be done. Brenda discussed others ways to reduce costs of advertising . to be discussed later. Debbie mentioned that we had hired a lot more costumes this year and had broken even and covered costs and that we had all had a good time. Sally asked if there were any questions for Debbie on financial report. There were no Questions to Debbie.

6. Neuadd Dyfi: Sally would like thank Des for all his work with the hall. She would like to pay tribute to Des for all his hard work for the new studio, so valuable to have the dressing room space and was benefited by lots of other users. Sally thanked Pam also a great help to Des with keeping the bookings and she thanked both on them for keeping the hall going. Des reported that he thought it was a super resource and that the

hall had had 2 weddings and works well having such a flexible space. There had been a grand ball with a live band as well. However, plans for the further development was to be stage floor & lighting was next on the agenda to be upgraded. Des was floating ideas to address that for the next phase. Des was looking for grant from Welsh Assembly. Des was investigating the parking as well but that at the moment we would have to pay and display for the summer. Des reported that the contract was finished with the builder but needed to get ventilation to get the final certificate. Des said that fundraising was key to the future success of the hall.

7. Chairman's Report was read by Sally and is scanned in below:-

As this is the last Chairman report I am not going to talk about Robin Hood even though it was a great success and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. But I would like to briefly acknowledge a few people who have got us where we are today.

Suzanne Massey who helped me get the show on the road 20 years ago. Alan Kay, John Cole and Keith Hiatt who were up for the idea immediately and turned what could have been an everyday amateur production into the stuff of sheer genius.

Jeannette Hudson and Eirian Owens . Jeannette organized everything to do with the music. Eirian was our pianist (no band in those days) they were both very very special people . Hugely talented and are missed by everyone in the community. Muriel as well, being a member of the WI choir was involved from the start and has continued to be a massive influence and support to this day.

Noel Williams and Aberdyfi primary school also played a huge part in the start-up procedure - he was very happy to support us and take part as it fulfilled an obligation in the curriculum to provide drama. Pam got involved then of course. In those days pupils here all had to take part - there was no choice! But I can speak for my 2 adult sons who have amazing memories of their time in the panto and still speak of it to this day. The legacy we have gifted our children with is amazing.

Coming back to the present I would like to acknowledge and thank retires this year, Brian Mole (and of course Roger, Richard and latterly Tim). We will miss the Mole family for many reasons not least the hours of work and commitment they put in designing the sound track and handling all sorts of sound related issues during the performances. Marion who came straight to us alter her retirement as head of music at the high school she brought the music to the level it is now and that was when we formed the band (after I had seen her production of Oliver at the school and asked her if she could bring her band with her") She made all of this possible.

Alan for working day, night and sometimes through the night organizing the music and the chorus. He and Marion made my long held dream of an overture come true and he found the wonderful Jim Chugg for us who we shall greatly miss a first-class pianist.

Finally, I just want to acknowledge what Susie and Pam have done with the children - I think one of the best things we achieve as a group is providing the opportunity to the children to perform on stage. It is a massive boost to their development, confidence and characters. All parents I am sure would join with me and thank them and all their helpers for this unique opportunity.

This is the start of a new era, I have enjoyed my time as Chairman now onwards and upwards but we do need new blood - spread the word.

Thank YOU

8. Open Discussion: Sally said it was the chance for anyone to raise ideas/concerns about rehearsals, music, children, facilities & tickets (£7 & £3).

Sue Tacey mentioned that she felt the membership fees were too small.

Dan Wyre mentioned that he felt we did not charge enough for ice-cream etc.

Debbie said that we don't want to charge too much to families that come to the Panto.

Sue mentioned that the money for membership did not actually cover insurance, tea, coffee & biscuits and suggested that the membership fee was doubled. A vote followed and the majority of members agreed so this will be discussed at the 1st Committee Meeting. It was also suggested that there was a family package e.g. £25 for 2 adults & 2 children.

Val mentioned that she knew people moving to the area to help with music & sewing.

Ticket prices were priced right . all correct

DVDs . Debbie has spares & Rivington @ £12 not collected yet

Comments about how well-behaved the kids were this year . thanks to Pam & crew

9. The Future: Sally said she was not in position to discuss next Panto. Des has reading group, but Sally doesn't know outcome of it, anyway we are on the case.

a) 1st Committee Meeting Monday 24th June @ 7.30 pm

b) Auditions Wednesday 17th July 6.30 pm & Saturday 20th July @ 10.30 am. There will be a synopsis of parts on website before auditions.

10. AOB: Val . why was meeting so late used to be in May or April. Debbie said that is had to be after 1st April because of accounts.

Des . had a copy of the constitution in its present format and he would put it n the website. Sally reminded other people about her database. Angie said that we all needed to say a huge Thank You to Sally for being a marvellous chairman over so many years.

Meeting closed @ 8.35 pm