



Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service

MINUTES OF THE 48TH AGM

HELD ON THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2019

**IN A HEART FOR DUNS
AT 12 NOON**

PRESENT: (36 people)

Wendy	Acornley	Bavs Staff
John	Banks	Coldstream Community Hall
Marianne	Broadgate	Bavs Staff
John	Clark	Individual
Kathy	Cremin	Bavs Staff
Jonathan	Farquhar	Bavs Staff
Andrew	Findlay	Interest Link Borders
John	Gray	Southfield Community Group
John	Greenwell	Bavs Trustee
Margaret	Hindmarsh	The Bridge
Thurston	Hodge	Bavs Staff
Susie	Hopewell	Splash
Ann	Huckerby	Cockburnspath Village Hall
Derek	Janes	A Heart for Duns
Beth	Landon	Individual
Robert	Landon	Bavs Trustee
Karen	Lerpiniere	Parentspace
Annette	McGraith	CAB
Kenneth	McLean	Individual
George	Megahy	Bavs Trustee
Wendy	Moss	Borders Talking Newspaper
Delia	Nimmo	Chirnside Development Group
Pauline	Pearson	Bavs Staff
Mandy	Procter	Bavs Staff
Ann	Roberts	Gavinton Village Hall
Marion	Romanes	Bavs Trustee
Hayley	Shaw	Bavs Staff
Brian	Sweenie	Bavs Trustee
Laura	Thomson	Eat.Sleep.Ride CIC
David	Torr	Reston Village Hall
Caroline	Underhill	Chirnside Community Centre
Morag	Walker	The Bridge
Fiona	White	Splash
Marshall	Wilson	Bavs Trustee
Lindsay	Wood	A Heart for Duns

ALSO PRESENT Kathy Cremin – Executive Officer



APOLOGIES: (19 people)

Karen	Birch	Abundant Borders
Carol	Blaikie	Cranshaws Recreation Hall
Jay	Butler	Berwickshire Marine reserve
Dean	Fisher	SBSEC
Jacqui	Gibb	Leitholm Village Hall Association
Euan	Gibson	St Abbs Independent Lifeboat
Jenny	Haines	Bavs Staff
Allister	Hart	Abbey St. Bathans, Bonkyl & Preston
Joanne	Highet	Health in Mind
Betty	Kieran	Burnmouth Village Hall
Jock	Law	Coldstream Men's Shed
Jean	MacNab	Berwickshire guiding
Anna-Marie	MacPherson	Eccles Village Hall
Danielle	McKinnon	Eat.Sleep.Ride CIC
Jim	Morton	Individual
Dougie	Patterson	BHA
Brenda	Robb	Coldstream Playgroup
Gordon	Thompson	Cdstrm PipeBand/ArtGp/Comm Trust
Susan	Turner	The Weaving Mill

1. Welcome by Brian Sweeney, Chairman of Trustees
Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies
Brian said that there had been 18 apologies, these are listed above.
3. Minutes of the 2018 AGM
The 2019 AGM minutes were approved.
4. Presentation of the Annual Report

Brian thanked all Bavs volunteers (over 70 in total between Wheels and the Shops) and said Berwickshire Wheels had undertaken over 8,000 journeys in the past year totalling 180,000 miles. The volume of tonnage of donations from shops, including wastage

Brian thanked Kate Duncan, a former trustee, for her campaigning and the related material that goes into the shop fronts & the Bavs office highlighting key issues for our communities.

Brian highlighted:

- a) That Bavs appointed a new accountant after a full financial review undertaken by the board



- b) The value and costs of Community Transport, the sustainability challenges and the extent to which the charity invests in plugging a widening gap around access to health and well-being services. He highlighted concerns re: sustainability noted by our accountant, and the consequent intention of the board to focus on how to secure the future sustainability of these vital services working with Community Transport partners The Bridge and Scottish Borders Council (SBC). He stated SBC must continue to support and increase support for Community Transport
 - c) Brian remarked Bavs is in its 49th year of serving Berwickshire communities, he had been involved for many of those and that the board would be renewing in the coming year.
 - d) Brian stressed the heart of Bavs is community development, the board intention to go back to basics and increase capacity to Berwickshire's grass roots to support community activity and village halls
 - e) Brian thanked all the staff, volunteers and board and welcomed Morag Walker back the Executive Officer of the Bridge back to work as one of our partners in the TSI who was in the audience.
 - f) Brian noted that in the current climate Government money was not secure and Bavs and our communities will need to look out for ourselves. Brian then asked Kathy Cremin, Chief Executive of Bavs, to present the accounts.
- 5. Presentation of the Accounts and Appointment of Independent Examiners**
Kathy said that Bavs is in a better financial position now than last year. She noted that the shops are subsidising community transport.
- 6. Conclusion of formal business**
Brian thanked everyone for attending, invited them to break for refreshments.

Karen Lerpiniere, Coordinator from Parentspace and Caroline Underhill from Chirnside Community Centre gave excellent talks showcasing Community Development work that Bavs have supported..