

BENVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 27th November 2024

@ 10.30 am

PRESENT:

Kelly Harrison

Doreen Hale

Caroline Houston

Courtney Connolly

Dale Harrison

Ulrike Letzner

Jordan Doran

June Dunn

Julie Walsh

May Butler

Stacey Burton

Kim Aiken

Kushla Vinton

APOLOGIES:

Sarah Crothers

Kathleen Shane

Damien Quinn

Sean Brennan

Dale introduced herself to everyone present and explained that she is from Ballysillan Community Forum and would be chairing the meeting. Dale asked Kelly to give her annual report...

Community Development report

Thanks everyone for coming. We the staff would like to personally say a big thank you to the committee for their support of the past year. It has been a very stressful time with Belfast City council play services, we have had to sleepless nights thinking we were going to lose this service. We have secured one more year until July 2025 we are unsure what will happen after this and we don't have the mental health energy to pursue this.

All groups are going well; pumpkin patch was a great success this year again. Christmas this year is a movie night, with a 14ft screen just for the kids who use the centre weekly. Funding is becoming harder to source but we have been successful with awards for all for our new sensory room and summer scheme. NIHE cohesion for the pumpkin patch and Christmas. DFC have finally made both staff up to the national living wage.

New alarm system was installed as it was old and not fit for purpose any longer.

Grounds need a makeover as it is now a health and safety issue as the brick work is getting worse.

ALL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

VACATE THE CHAIR FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2018

Election of Officers (nominees must be from Management Committee)

Chairperson: Courtney Connolly

Proposed by: Julie Walsh

Seconded by: Kim Aiken

Treasurer: Kushla Vinton

Proposed by: Courtney Connolly

Seconded by: Robyn Telford

Secretary: Sarah Crothers

Proposed by: Julie Walsh

Seconded by: May Butler

Block election

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Julie Walsh

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May Butler

Kim Aiken

Stacey Burton

June Dunn

Doreen Hale

Independent Chair will welcome the elected Chairperson to conclude the meeting.

Sign: D.Harrison Date: 27/11/2024