

HATTON AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN HATTON HALL ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2024

Welcome: Andy Wallis welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the outgoing committee were all standing down. He asked if anyone was interested in being an office bearer but no-one spoke up. The following were nominated and agreed to take on their roles.

Chair: D Steyn proposed **Andy Wallis**. Seconded by L Smith.

Vice Chair: A Wallis proposed **Donna McKen**. Seconded by M Massie.

Secretary: M Massie proposed **Yvonne Beagrie**. Seconded by A Wallis.

Treasurer: Y Beagrie proposed **Lisa Watson**. Seconded by D McKen.

Committee Members: Donna Connelly was put forward and it was noted that she had already agreed to take over the Tool Shed. Naomi Dunthorne, Naomi Delday and Danie Steyn also agreed to join the committee.

The Future

Andy thanked everyone for their support and advised the meeting that the aim of HARA would be to promote the interests of the residents of the area and he added that there would be no political association to HARA. He advised the meeting that he thought it was a pity that Ruth Bone had decided to stand down from Hatton in Bloom and that he would like to see someone else take over. This was agreed. He went on to say that he would like to hear of other suggestions from the meeting. Various suggestions were made and it was agreed to look at the following:-

- Hatton in Bloom
- Tool Shed

- Christmas Lights It was noted that this had previously been looked at and it had been discovered that the lampposts could not be used for lights but it may be possible to look for alternatives.
- Fireworks Display It was noted that the Hall were intending to have a display later in the year without a bonfire.
- Duck Race
- Community Garden
- Footpath/s It was noted that previous members of HARA had been unsuccessful in receiving funding for an intended footpath around the village as they had not been able to locate all of the owners of the land required to be used for the footpath. It was suggested that the new Committee could look at what funding may be available for footpaths in the future, perhaps with a view to developing the old railway line along the A90.
- New Village Noticeboard
- HARA website and Facebook page Andy advised that HARA minutes had previously been made available to the public via the website, and the HARA facebook page had previously been used both for the purpose of sharing HARA information and general village information. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5153567831400612> - The Hatton Village facebook page, had since taken off and it was decided that the admin of this page were doing such a good job that it would be unwise to resurrect the old HARA page. It was agreed to shut down the old HARA facebook page and to defer a decision regarding the website. Some members of the meeting expressed concern that they would be excluded from seeing the minutes as they did not have on-line facilities. Yvonne suggested the new village noticeboard could be used to display minutes and other information.
- Mens Shed Danie advised that he would like to see this go forward, as previous attempts had failed due to a lack of premises. It was suggested that the Pavilion (portacabin) in the park which had previously been used as a changing room for the football could be used, but it

was noted that this was in such a poor condition that it was about to be demolished. It was agreed to look into this further.

- Communication between village groups Andy advised that he felt it would be good to have a way of communicating with other groups within the village and it had been suggested that some form of liaison with the hall committee would be useful. Naomi Delday advised that she was willing to be a member of HARA and the Hall Committee which would ensure there was communication and no duplication of projects.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Minutes taken by Aelex Whitelaw (Aberdeenshire Council)