

**Ipswich Deaf Society**  
**AGM**  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2pm**

**Present:** - See attached list

**Apologies:** - Gillian Carron, Lorraine Thurkettle, Diane Miller

Welcome:- Alison welcomed everyone and said we have to have an AGM, although it is so soon after the open meeting in September.

**Chair's Report:-** See Attached

**AGM Date**

Members were asked to vote on changing future AGM's to March so that they can be a joint AGM with the Social Club

Show of hands: **All agreed**

**Constitution**

The IDS and Social club currently have separate constitutions, so in order to have one AGM we need to try and make them the same and bring the changes to the next AGM

Show of hands - **All agree**

**Trustees: -**

Due to the difficulty finding people willing and able to stand as trustees we would like to change the period of time they are allowed to stand for. Currently they can stand for term of 3yrs x 3, making a total of 9 years in all. We would like to amend it a term of 3yrs but with no limit to the number of times a person can stand for re-election, without agreement We will have no Treasurer or Secretary.

Show of hands - **All agree**

**Treasurers Report:-** See Attached

Explained account will in future run from Jan to Dec, instead of October to September as at present, which will work with change of AGM and be much easier.

Explained that we have changed phone/internet supplier from BT to Onecom

Reminded people that they do need to make sure everything is off before they leave the building, as our utility bills are high and we need to try and get this down.

### **Future**

If we get your support we would like to get Solar panels etc but we can't plan this if we don't get your support, we have to be sure we can remain open, long term. We are all electric so that should be good and if we can put these on the flat roof this will also help to protect the roof.

Also the bar area needs finishing but we can't spend the money until we know we can work together, because without you we can't carry on. There has been some talk of raising membership but we have agreed to keep it at £15.00 for this coming year.

### **Any questions**

Heidi – Ask why we have to pay utilities when the centre been closed

Doug explained SHAS still used centre – also the alarms etc need electric – the costs will go up when open but we hopefully will have more money coming in.

Patsy – Cavity wall insulation could we have as I have at home and that saves a lot of money

Doug explained we have no cavity so that isn't a possibility here.

Doug also explained we would like automatic door for wheelchair access also CCTV to allow people access to building without leaving the building open.

Agreement of Accounts – except for the error on sundries where the decimal point has been moved

Proposed Gavin

2<sup>nd</sup> Stephen

**All agreed.**

### **Secretary Update: -**

We decided that all who had paid membership at the beginning of 2020 would have that membership extend to the end of 2021, as the centre was closed for most of 2020 and the beginning half of 2021.

The trustees had decided that for the coming year membership would remain at £15.00 and can start being renewed as with effect from today.

Rose asked if reminders could be sent out for membership.

We will look into this, maybe with the newsletter – which will start to go out again every quarter.

The question was raised what do we get for our membership.

It was explained tickets for events were cheaper

If a member wished to hire one of the rooms/halls they would get a 10% reduction

A quarterly newsletter

Some events only open to members or they would get first choice and only be offered to non members to make up numbers.

A.O.B

Claire Barr

So far it came up at the Open meeting we got asked for Saturday night Bingo, but I'm not being supported so wondered if you would like to change the time or day.

Peter

Deaf Bowls had been going well, but with bingo not many, we thought it would be popular, do we change the bowls to the afternoon and have on the same day.

Peter Reminded everyone that he had said before if we don't get the support we will have to close, the AGM next March if you don't support we may need to say then we will have to close down

Heidi

Said some people may be continuing shielding and not able to come back to the centre, which may be why they won't come to bingo.

Wed bingo is well supported

Linda

Maybe we could have Bingo on first Sat and bowls on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, maybe in the afternoon

Alison

Said maybe they don't want bingo on a Saturday and the social club need to think of something different

Elaine

Bingo has usually been first Sat

Alison agreed that some may not come because of covid, as some people are worried still

Coffee bar only once a month, after Christmas twice after Easter if busy will be every week

So we need to be careful, it is difficult to inform people, so between now and March we carry on with bingo and ask at March if not working what people want.

Linda

We have enjoyed the coffee mornings and would love them twice a month + coffee morning on Sat morning also.

Amanda would be happy for this and agreed to start every two weeks from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec and Sat after Christmas.

Colin

Bingo on Sat's not getting numbers – maybe give out cards to inform people at the coffee mornings – Coffee mornings very important for socialising and also giving out information.

Claire

I thought would use extra bingo strips and only win if you get full house, special events like Christmas, Valentines which should raise extra money

Vicky












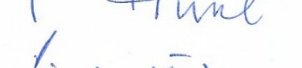

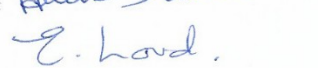








Thinking about Sat morning Coffee good for me as I work – also know Gavin and I have set up a signed social for those who are learning to sign – we hopefully will be able to get some of them to come along to the coffee morning, so they spend their money here.

Alison

Sounds good, but it will be tiring so Amanda will need help, so please let her know if you are able to help.

Date of Proposed next AGM 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022 2pm



NAME	SIGNATURE
Penny Brinkley	
Alison Berry	
Stephen Barclay	
Garin Songer	
Douglas Gray	
David Miller	
Amanda Platt	
Pam Morris	
Hadi Morris	
Kim Mills BSC Interpreter	
Vicky Songer	
Patsy Hunt	
Linda Kirk	
Helen Dewhurst	
Elaine Lord	
Colin Liffen	
STEVEN PATTON	
SOHAN POKH	
CLARE BARR	
PERE BARR	
Margaret Hawes	
Rose Lennop	



**IPSWICH DEAF SOCIETY**  
Annual General Meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## **Chairperson's Report**

### **Members and Visitors**

This is a most unusual report covering the period November 2020 to today in 2021. The centre itself has only been open to the deaf community since September of this year – however the Trustees have been busy in the background planning for the future and since our extraordinary meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> we have made a good start in creating a positive atmosphere.

The outcome of the September meeting supported the plans to really make the centre work for the deaf and to encourage more active fundraising. To that end we have made the move towards joining up the two committees – Social Club and Trustees so we can all work together to improve the centre and provide activities and events for the deaf community.

Peter Barr now oversees the 'social club' and joins the Trustees at their monthly meetings. We took the opportunity to thank both Linda Kirk and Cedric Croft for their many many years of leading and managing the traditional 'Social Club'

Amanda Platt has taken over the running of the Coffee Bar – she has a free hand in developing it as she wishes – maybe changing the name / supply of goods etc. We wish her well in this new adventure and I am sure she will have the support of many deaf people in developing this.

As we move towards joining up activities the following proposals need to be considered:

1. Join up the two current constitutions and make small changes to the election of officers.
2. To move towards having just one Annual General Meeting. (March each year starting in March 2022)
3. To welcome the 'Deaf Church' onto the premises.
4. To encourage the development of the centre becoming a 'Community Hub' for the Dales area.



Dean Wales (Trustee) has recently stepped down from his role so he can fully commit to his job as a paramedic. We wish him well and I am sure we will keep in touch.

Membership fees will remain at £15 for 2022 (Jan to Dec) this will be one fee for both IDS and the Social Club. Extra donations are always welcome!

We are in receipt of funds from the Social Club to purchase new furniture for the centre. Currently an order is in place to add more coffee tables and chairs for the Coffee Bar – like many things there is a delay in getting the required stock so we are unlikely to get these before the Spring. We will be purchasing new chairs and table for the upstairs area in the new year – also dependant on supply of goods!

We are moving towards a more 'social media' approach for keeping people informed of events and activities – it is important that we don't exclude those who do not use mobiles and computers. Please tell us if you still need information by post.

So..... our next AGM as 'one committee and one constitution' will be in March when we will ask members to vote on the new proposals then. If anyone is interested in joining our committee now to fill the gap we have please put your name forward.

We have hope for the future, we hope you will come with us!

Alison Berry. (Chairperson)

Other trustees / committee members

Gillian Carron (vice Chairperson)  
Penny Brinkley (Secretary)  
Doug Gray (Treasurer)  
Stephen Badcock  
Gavin Songer  
Vacancy  
Peter Barr – Social Club  
Lorraine Thurkettle – Social Club  
Amanda Platt – Coffee Bar

November 12<sup>th</sup> 2021



## Ipswich Deaf Society

Receipts and Payments Account.      Period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.  
Bank B/F £39,517.22.

### Receipts Income.

Membership.   £750.00.

Rent (SHAS).   £7750.50.

Race Night.   £432.00.

Donations.   £7514.31.

Total Income   £16446.31.

### Expenditure.

British telecom.   £1114.60.

Anglian Water.   £522.13.

Payroll/Wages.   £620.56.

HMRC.   £82.80.

Xmas Deposit.   £300.00.

Air/Con Service.   £1150.80.

Flooring.   £2394.00.

Maintenance.   £122.92.

IBC.   £655.54.

Sundries/Stock.   £99601.

URisk (water sample).   £498.00.

Chubb Security.   £230.11.

Cooleraid.   £212.16.

Skip Hire.   £150.00.

Fire Power.   £288.00.

Window Cleaner.   £154.00.

Onecom.   £106.78.

Utility Warehouse.   £11,579.53.

Insurance.   £1916.92.

Bank Charges.   £79.17.

Total Expenditure.   £23,174.03.

Bank Account B/F.   £32,789.50