

Stonyford Community & Youth Association

AGM 10.02.2025

Apologies- Stephanie Gregg, Eric Gregg, Joy Luke, Stephen Hyland, Sophie Hall, Orlith Docherty

Attendees- Gina Bickerstaff LCC, Clair Kemp Alliance party, John Blair Alliance party, James Tinsley DUP Party, Ross McLernon UUP party, Pete Hunt Neighbourhood Watch, Colin McKee Neighbourhood Watch, Wilma Henderson, Kirsty McKeown, Michael McGarrity, Paul McConnell

Gina welcomed all in attendance. Minutes from last years AGM distributed for all to look over. Pete Hunt proposed all was in accordance to the meeting and Michael 2nded the proposal.

Gina handed over to the chair of the community association Kirsty to deliver the chairpersons report.

Kirsty passed on thanks on behalf of the group for ongoing support to the elected councillors. They continue to support when issues in the village arise and make themselves available when needed for advice and guidance. LCC for providing grants to maintain the running of the group and for also providing help and advice when needed to keep us moving in the right direction. She thanked the PSNI for an ongoing presence around the area and for support with any challenging incidents in the area. She mentioned having worked with a number of different originations throughout the year and would like to thank the al but to many to name individually .Finaly Kirsty thanked Pete for his continued hard work through Neighbourhood watch and welcomed his replacement, Colin. She spoke about the great working partnership the two groups have and would love for this to continue with Colin once he is officially in the role as Neighbourhood watch rep for the area.

Highlights of the year were the annual fun day and Christmas craft fair. Again, as always well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Receiving good feed back from those in attendance.

The garden group proved again to be a huge success seeing a few new members join. Thanking the CVT for there support and guidance.

Thanks to Joy our village friends' group is going from strength to strength. She single handily runs it and has seen numbers increase since they took the decision to run at an earlier time. We would all like to thank Joy for the dedication and love she puts into it. Unfortunately, due to health reasons Stephanie has had to take a step back for the time being, but Steph knows her ladies are in good hands and well looked after.

Kirsty spoke about wanting to engage and encourage more members of the community to get involved with the association. Helping them to continue meeting the needs of the village.

Lastly Kirsty thanked all the members of the community association for their continued dedication in helping provide the residents of Stonyford a friendly and safe area to live.

Gina thanked Kirsty and invited the treasurer Wilma to deliver the financial report for the year.

Wilma began by thanking those in attendance for taking time out of their evening to support them. She thanked elected reps, LCCC rep and Stoneyford neighbourhood watch

Just like to say Special thanks given to LCCC for the Grants they have provided us and for the continual support. This has enabled us to run the community group and the invaluable Village Friends group

- LCCC thanked for the following Grants –

- o Annual Community Support Grant

- o Festival Grant – Summer Fete

- o Christmas Grant – Annual Switch on and Christmas Wreath making events held And the Coronation grant

- In addition, we were also successful in applying for a small grant from the PHA

- Wilma advised that the Accounts have been independently examined by John Belshaw, Chairperson of White Mountain District and Community Association.

- Opening Balance was £7773.15

Total Income £11, 607.68

Total Expenditure £8792.94–

Closing Balance £10587.89

- Accounts are available online for anyone wishing to view them.

Gina thanked Wilma for the detailed information on the group's accounts.

Gina took over the meeting again and stood down all the current members. She proposed that a block re election take place. Pete agreed and James 2nded the proposal. Gina advised that the appointment of office barres would take place at the next meeting on Monday 3rd March 7pm. She congratulated the group and wished the ongoing success going forward.

Gina spoke about a new training program that was being finalised by LCC and encouraged the group to avail of the programs available to them.

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Pete Neighbourhood watch – He spoke about the increase yet again of dog fouling in the area around the village and the reservoir. How it would be very welcomed by all if NIW would install bins around the reservoir.

Pete told the group that there have been complaints received about the use of scramblers around the reservoir and how this is a danger to those using the area for walks and fishing. The councillors agreed to support if the issue continues. John suggested looking at a new program that was implemented in other areas and said he would follow up with more information for the group.

Paul- Paul informed us all about the relationship he has begun to build with a member of NIW who is responsible for the area. She has expressed an interest that outside of her role she would be keen to engage the locals in wildlife walks around the area as it has such a vast number of species including newly spotted otters. We all agreed this would be a welcomed asset and hope to arrange it in the brighter days ahead.

Clair was able to update us all with the latest report from the speed indicator located in the village and this came in at 65mph.

James wanted to thank the group for all their continued hard work. He thanked Pete and wished him well for the future and welcomed Clin to the role.

Gina thanked everyone for their time and brought the meeting to a close.

W Henderson 10/03/25

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Pamela Connell 10-03-25.

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