



Langtoft Players



Minutes for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held Tuesday 11th July 2023 19.30 hrs Langtoft Village Hall

Before the meeting commenced, Genevieve advised that John was unable to attend and she took the meeting in his place.

1. **Present** - 17
2. **Apologies** – Abbie Shrimpton, Chloe Gleadhill, Matt Lee, Richard Gregg and Jackie Dodds.
3. **Minutes of previous AGM 11th July 2022** – Agreed and signed.
4. **Matters arising** - None
5. **Chairman's report** – Prior to commencing my report, I confirm that after 5 years stewardship I will be standing down as Chairman of Langtoft Players with immediate effect. This is due to ensuing medical problems I have been experiencing recently. I have been honoured and privileged to have been the Chair over this time frame, including the challenging 'COVID years', and wish my successor all the best. During this year we have performed the play, 'Death by Chocolate' and the musical tribute 'The First Fifty', both Marc's & Genevieve's first time as producers, both shows were highly successful, although we were unable to fill all seats for 'The First Fifty' which was disappointing particularly as it was a celebration of the past fifty years of Players, however, the reviews, rapturous applause and standing ovations was very much appreciated by the small hard working cast. I hope they both go on to do more productions. Finally, I would like to thank ALL the cast members on and off the stage for their sterling performances throughout, and a massive thankyou to Martin who through his technical brilliance has enhanced every production. I leave you with some changes coming that will affect how you chaperone our younger members, but I am sure and hope these will be integrated into our current systems. Again, thank you and goodbye
6. **Treasurer's report** - The accounts for year ending 30 June 2023 have been independently checked, fully audited and signed off by Mick Fisher (who is also the treasurer of the Langtoft Village Hall Committee). The accounts overall show a loss of £2852.65. This is because we have had a lot of exceptional expenditure this year. We invested in a complete new set of backdrops which cost nearly £1200. We also bought the gauze curtain and track which cost £710. Last August we had a major clear out under the stage and in the costume shed which involved the hire of two skips and the associated licences to put the skips on the road which cost £500. We invested in new costumes and wigs in addition to the costumes bought for the shows which cost £331. We also paid for a two year plan for the website which takes us up to Feb 2025 (as this was a better deal than doing one year) which was £231. The accounts for this year include the income from the summer music show 'Shine Bright' which was performed 7, 8 and 9 July 2022 and some of the costs for this show. The rest of the costs were included in the previous year's accounts. Overall 'Shine Bright' made a loss of £109.80. Next was the very successful panto Rumpelstiltskin staged in December 2022 which made a profit of £534.32. The play Death by Chocolate staged at the end of March/beginning of April 2023 made a profit of £171.83. The final show this year was 'The First Fifty Years' a musical tribute to the songs featured in the first fifty years of Langtoft Players. This show made a loss of £197.27. The greatest expense for every show is the hall hire at approx. £600-£650 for plays and music shows and £800 for panto (as there are more show nights). Also due to an historical agreement with the village hall we do not pay for the hall hire for weekend dress rehearsals or stage up/painting weekends. This has recently been questioned by the village hall as they too are looking to maximise their income during a time of rising costs. Therefore we have to sell a lot of tickets just to cover the cost of the hall hire before factoring in other production costs for example royalties, scripts, printing, costumes, make up, advertising, music, lights and sound. So any ideas for how we can either reduce costs or increase ticket sales are always welcome. We had 34 adult members and 12 junior members during the year. We currently have a balance of £3521.08 including the NatWest

current account, the NS&I deposit account, the balance on the Tesco prepaid card and cash. Hopefully with less major spending planned for this year and some successful profitable shows we can return to making an in year profit and begin to build up our reserves again. All records are available if anyone wants to look at them.

Brian Aird asked that a vote of thanks be given to John Stocker for his time as Chairman.

7. Election of officers – The committee stood down

Chairman – Sandee proposed Matt Lee, Louise Lee seconded, Marc proposed Michelle Marshall, Genevieve seconded. Michelle left the room whilst a secret ballot was held, as a result Matt was elected. In his absence Genevieve continued to take the meeting.

Treasurer – Val Gregg proposed Joan Thompson, Michelle Marshall seconded, Joan accepted, vote was unanimous.

Secretary Michelle Marshall proposed Genevieve Stocker, Marc Skinner seconded, Genevieve accepted, vote was unanimous.

Publicity – Marc Skinner proposed Michelle Marshall, Brian Aird seconded, Michelle agreed, vote was unanimous.

Person with Responsibility for Children – Poppy Dalton proposed Marc Skinner, Brian Aird seconded, Marc accepted, the vote was unanimous.

Village Hall representative – Genevieve Stocker proposed Marc Skinner, Michelle Marshall seconded, vote was unanimous.

Genevieve then asked that the constitution be amended to add a clothes and props coordinator to the committee, Michelle Marshall proposed the motion Vylma Denniston seconded, agreed unanimously.

Costume & Props coordinator – Genevieve proposed Klare Ward and Marc Skinner, Val Gregg seconded, agreed unanimously.

8. Election of committee – Vylma Denniston agreed to re stand. Val Greg and Louise Lee were proposed by Klare Ward Marc Skinner seconded, agreed unanimously.

9. Correspondence – None

10. Donations – Hyde & Mossop Charity, Bumps 2 Four, Penfield Nature Reserve and Don't Lose Hope. After a brief discussion, the meeting agreed to give each party £25.

11. Future productions

- **Christmas Pantomime** – Michelle and Genevieve volunteered to co-produce, Michelle told the meeting, to continue with the 50 years of Players, they will be doing Robinson Crusoe, which was the very first pantomime Players did.
- **Play** – Marc advised he would like to re-run 'Allo 'Allo
- **Music Show** – Abbie Shrimpton, Chloe Gleadhill and Klare Ward all volunteered, a brief synopsis was given by all the candidates, it was agreed that Chloe's proposal would need to be rethought due to copy right issues. Klare left the room as a secret ballot between herself and Abbie was taken, Abbie won the vote by a close margin.

12. Any other business –

- **Vote on Constitution amendments** – Dealt with in section 7
- Michelle asked if we wanted to purchase make-up be offered by a friend, it was decided to decline, as cheaper options are available.

- Louise Lee asked that we thank Kim Crichton for all she did in her role as Person with Responsibility for Children.
- Marc asked for volunteers to run a fire drill as the hall has a fully functioning fire alarm in place. Genevieve will email all members asking for volunteers.
- Michelle suggested that we approach local care homes earlier to some to productions to increase sales. Val also said Age Concern could be approached.

13. Date and time of next AGM – Tuesday 16th July 2024

Langtoft Players 2022 -2023	<u>Opening balances</u>	
	HSBC	£ 5,551.32
	Post office	£ 510.92
	Petty Cash	£ 133.00
	Balance on Tesco prepaid card	<u>£ 178.49</u>
	TOTALS	£ 6,373.73
<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
£ 360.00	Subscriptions	£ 400.00
£ 3,146.80	Shows ticket sales	£ 4,084.00
£ 525.27	Raffle	£ 766.00
£ 456.13	Refreshments	£ 516.85
£ 70.45	Programme sales	£ 68.50
£ 3.70	Post Office Interest	
	50th Anniversary ticket sales	£ 30.00
	After show party pizza money	£ 130.21
	Film night	£ 31.03
<u>£ 10.00</u>	Donation	<u>£ 5.00</u>
£ 4,572.35		£ 6,031.59
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
£ 150.00	Donations	£ 100.00
£ 244.44	Shows set, stage & props	£ 2,467.65
£ 376.50	Hall Hire	£ 2,505.50
£ 125.50	Advertising	£ 186.90
£ 469.55	Refreshments	£ 348.33
£ 3.00	Raffle	£ 4.00
£ 272.88	Costumes/Make Up	£ 513.41
£ 404.37	Royalties/Scripts/Printing/Stationery	£ 604.47
£ 269.24	Insurance	£ 269.24
£ 72.00	Noda Subscription	£ 84.00
£ 133.86	Music	£ 78.91
£ 136.80	Website	£ 273.49
£ 50.00	After show party	£ 312.36
£ 150.00	Lights and sound	£ 360.00
£ 362.50	PAT test/Light clean in hall	£ 173.03
<u>£ 107.93</u>	Sundries	£ 602.95
<u>£ 3,328.57</u>		£ 8,884.24
profit		loss
£ 1,243.78		-£ 2,852.65
Balance at Natwest Bank at 30/06/2023		£ 2,591.01
Balance at Post Office at 30/06/23		£ 510.92
Petty cash		£ 197.07
Balance on Tesco prepaid card at 30/06/23		<u>£ 222.08</u>
Total		£ 3,521.08