

The Narth & District Village Hall AGM Minutes | 8 October 2026

Current Trustees present	Trustee candidates present
Clark Atkinson (Chair) David Lloyd (Treasurer) Anna Brown (Secretary) Judi Smowton Richard Smowton Marcus Harling Clare Dunsfold (TUCC Rep)	Gregory Browning Louise Nelson
Other attendees – local residents	
Bruce Leadbeater Elizabeth Leadbeater Hayley Moore Jane Brackstone Jane Gilliard Jon Dunkelman Kim Lloyd Larry Stoter Louise Farrant Neil Porter	Pam Manfield Paul Dunsfold Peter Flower Rachel Widdicks Stephen Dix Steve Gilliard Susan Flower Tegan Nelson Tricia Porter
Apologies	
Nathan Smowton (Current Trustee) Wen Atkinson (Current Trustee) Ali Wade (Trustee candidate) Chris Nayager (Trustee candidate) Pernille Woodhead (Trustee candidate)	

Agenda Item	
1. Welcome	The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and thanked those present for attending and supporting the Village Hall. The attendance register was completed and retained with these minutes.
2. Chair's Report	The Chair presented a report on the activities and development of the Village Hall over the past year (slides attached). Hall hire and events - Regular groups continued to use the Hall, and events took place throughout the year. The Chair thanked everyone involved in organising and attending these events. Community groups - Updates were provided by the Oil Buying Group, Friends of the 65 Bus and Footpath Group. The Committee thanked all groups for their contributions to the local community. Maintenance and improvements - The Chair thanked the volunteers who had contributed their time and effort to maintaining and improving the Hall, with particular thanks to David Lloyd, Judi Smowton, Kim Lloyd, Pete Voisey, Richard Smowton, Sally Sheen and Wen Atkinson.
3. Treasurer's Report	Financial position - Presentation of the accounts and key financial information (slides attached) Projects completed in the last 12 months: Garage door replaced (TUCC grant) New flat roof over kitchen New soffits and guttering Heating replaced (TUCC grant)

	Lighting upgraded Bar and portable drinks fridge purchased WC and entrance lobby refurbished (WG grant) Acknowledgements - The Committee thanked Tucc for its vital financial support towards projects and running costs and T Porter for auditing the accounts. Future challenges and plans - Declining event attendance and income, attracting younger residents, potential new uses for the Hall and possible energy-saving measures.	
4. Open Forum	The Glade playground - Jane Gilliard provided an update on discussions with Natural Resources Wales (NRW). The existing play equipment is expected to have approximately one to two years of usable life remaining. NRW has suggested replacing it with equipment similar to that at Whitestone. Community representatives are needed to work with NRW, represent local views and assist with fundraising and grant applications. Local parents interested in helping were invited to contact Jane Gilliard. Marcus Harling advised that Tucc was developing a strategy to support playground refurbishment across the area. Potential grant funding may be available through NRW and Wye Valley National Landscapes.	
5. Resignation	Treasurer's resignation - The Chair acknowledged David Lloyd's resignation as Treasurer and Trustee and thanked him for his outstanding contribution and service to the Village Hall.	
6. Election of Trustees 2026-7	The Chair explained that trustee appointments would be made in accordance with the Hall's constitution. The nominees were proposed as a group by Larry Stoter and seconded by Jane Brackstone. All nominees were elected or re-elected unanimously by those eligible to vote at the meeting. The trustees for 2026–7 are listed below:	
	Clark Atkinson (Chair) Anna Brown (Secretary) Ali Wade Chris Nayager Clare Dunsfold (Tucc Rep) Gregory Browning Judi Smowton	Louise Nelson Marcus Harling Nathan Smowton Pernille Woodhead Richard Smowton Wen Atkinson
7. 100 Club Draw	The meeting was informed that the 100 Club raised £300 for the Hall during 2025–26. The October draw took place, with David Forbes winning first prize and Sarah Marsh winning second prize. New members are welcomed. Further information available on the The North Village Hall website.	
8. Close of Meeting	There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and for their continued support of The North Village Hall.	