



**Minutes Annual General Meeting  
Nanstallon Community Trust  
Held on Monday 2nd February 2026 in Nanstallon Village Hall**

- 1. Present - Trustees** - Helen Akehurst *Chair*, Sue Allwood, Brian Allwood *Secretary*, Linda Farnham *Vice Chair*, Michael Farnham, Fay Davis, Sheila Trethewey *Treasurer*, Wendy Symons, Malcolm Reynolds, Sylvia Oaten, Dan Nicklas.  
And four villagers, Martin Butler, Steve Williams, John Trethewey, Jackie Ruark [representing the Gardening Club]  
**Apologies**- Kath Hamley.

**2. Chair** Helen - Welcomed Trustees, Villagers and representative from the gardening club.  
Helens report highlighted the aims of the Trust is to please the community and pointed out that events held may not always please everyone, but we do our best, but don't always get it right.  
Helen thanked Marc Thorne, Carol Weaver, and Mark Booth who stepped down as trustees for all their support and efforts in getting us where we are today. And their offer of continued help.  
We are also grateful to Adam Driver who continues to maintain and administer our web site.  
She welcomed Dan and Viva Nicklas to the Village and their enthusiasm to be part of the community.  
With lettings going well and many events planned with a lot of behind the scenes work by Trustees and volunteers, 'it's going well'.

- 3. Approval of Minutes AGM 3rd March 2025.**  
Proposed - Sheila, Seconded - Wendy  
All Trustees voted in favour

Following the appointment of Dan Nicklas as a trustee by email vote on 12th November 2025 the trustees voted to confirm the appointment.  
Proposed Wendy. Seconded by Helen.  
All Trustees vote in favour.

- 4. Trustees** - Introduction, roles and reports :-  
**Vice Chair** - Linda had nothing to report.  
**Treasurer - Sheila. Accounts. Audit.**- Sheila presented the annual financial report as audited by KD Chapman & co.  
Steve Williams queried some of the details on the refurbishment funding, Sheila explained that the grant funding was spread over two financial years.

It was proposed by Fay and Seconded by Sue to accept the Financial accounts for year ended 31st October 2025 and to reappoint KD Chapman & co as our auditor.

All Trustees voted in favour.

Sheila went on to report on the year's events and bookings providing our income and our greatest cost being electricity for heating.

**Secretary** - Brian reported that three trustees had resigned during the year reducing our number to 11 Trustees. It was agreed to increase the number of trustees to 12. Dan was invited to become a Trustee which he accepted and was appointed on 12th November 2025.

**Social fund raising** - Wendy, Fay, Kath, Linda.

Linda reported that following the reopening of the hall after completion of the refurbishment on 22nd February numerous events have been held with regular monthly Pub Nights as well as Quiz evenings. A special thanks to Ash Cole our quiz master who donates his time for free.

The social and fund raising team are organising events for 2026, to raise funds to support the Halls running costs, and maintenance.

**Housekeeping /Grounds Maintenance /Building Maintenance** - Malcolm/Mick/Fay.

Mick/Malcom reported that there had been no major maintenance issues with the grounds being kept tidy by a contractor. New concrete cattle troughs have been donated and installed by Steve Jennings, these had been planted up with bulbs and plants.

Fay reported that cleaning is done on a regular basis with windows being cleaned twice a year.

Malcolm reported that opening and locking up after hirers was running smoothly.

**Bar/Catering** - Kath/Sheila.

Kath reported a successful year with the kitchen being used for different events. She thanked everyone who has helped and those that donate cakes etc.

Thanks to Mick and Linda for organising the successful 'Bacon Baps'.

She also asked for more volunteers to have food hygiene certificates as this would be helpful.

The monthly pub night continues to be a sociable well attended event.

**Web page/bookings** - Sue

Reported we have regular private bookings including, Yoga, birthday parties, meetings, art group, clay club, gardening club, coffee mornings. Showing encouraging use of the Hall with very positive feed back.

Special thanks to Michelle Irwin who manages our bookings, and to Adam Driver who updates our bookings Diary on our web page.

**Advertising** - Wendy /Sheila reported all working well. Identified need to improve the village yellow advertising banners.

## **5. Election of Officers [Trustees vote]**

The current Chair stood down and the Secretary asked for nominations for the role of Chair.

### **Chair**

Helen informed the committee that she did not wish to continue as Chair but would remain a trustee.

Helen proposed Fay, Fay accepted the nomination which was seconded by Wendy there being no other nomination. Trustees voted in favour, appointing Fay as Chair.

Fay took over chairing the remainder of the meeting. Thanking Helen for all her hard work in Chairing the trust for the past 3 years.

## **Vice Chair**

Fay asked for nominations for the role of vice Chair. Linda indicated that she no longer wished to continue as Vice Chair. Sylvia was nominated by Sheila and seconded by Helen.

Dan was also nominated by Linda and seconded by Sue.

Both Sylvia and Dan left the room and the remaining trustees voted 5/4 in favour of appointing Sylvia as Vice Chair.

**Secretary** - with no other nominations Brian was unanimously reappointed as Trust Secretary.

**Treasurer** -with no other nominations Sheila was unanimously reappointed as Trust Treasurer.

## **6. Open forum all - Any other business**

At the end of the meeting Fay opened the meeting to all present.

**Martin Butler** thanked Helen and Brian for their efforts in getting the Hall up and running. He also queried about current trust minutes not being posted on the web site. Brian confirmed that there had been a lapse during the refurbishment, and they will be added soon. He went on to suggest an alternative for managing the Village Hall, and that we don't need so many Trustees as we could employ a manager to run the Village Hall. The Trustees explained that we could not afford to pay a manager and currently Trustees with other volunteer villagers cover all aspects of managing and running the Hall, so could not see the benefits of employing a manager either paid or voluntarily.

He went on to say that he had heard various negative comments from villagers about the Trust. We asked for more details which he could not give.

**Steve Williams**, raised the issue with regard to the reasons behind the closure of the current village magazine. To which the Trustees responded that this had already been discussed with Tony Goodwin and that our having a coffee morning 6 weeks before the Magazine's would have no financial impact. As the magazine's coffee morning did not charge as was usual then its takings would have been down, and the decision to close the magazine happened before the coffee morning was held. The Trust also offered to pay for their use of the magazine for advertising, but this was declined as was another offer from another contributor.

He also went on to indicate that the School was not happy at being charged for use of the village hall booked whilst classroom refurbishments were being carried out, when they didn't actually use the Hall. Trustees indicated that the Hall was booked at a considerable discount for a period during which we could not take any other bookings. The school did not indicate that they wished to cancel the booking at any time which was confirmed by a school governor who is also one of our trustees.

John Trethewey indicated that he didn't agree with the view of either Martin Butler or Steve Williams.

Fay thanked everyone for attending and for the feedback from villagers in attendance.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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AGM 1st February 2027