

Ponsanooth Hall Management Company (PHMC)
Report for Meeting of Electors 26th April 2021

Overview

PHMC is a company registered as a charity with a board of trustees who deal with the day to day running of the hall. The objectives of the charity are:

1. To provide the residents of Ponsanooth and the Parish of St Gluvias and the neighbourhood, without distinction of age, sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions with a centre and focus where all can meet and where facilities in the interests of community welfare and for recreational and educational leisure-time occupation are available with the objective of enhancing the quality of life for residents.
2. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees have power to build or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

Current Position

As is common across the country; the pandemic has had a big impact on our operation. We posted a net loss of £5,320 in our last set of accounts (y/e 31 Oct 2020) and our service and offering has been significantly restricted. Our Cafe, Big Breakfasts, Markets and Art exhibitions were all cancelled in 2020. Weddings and other events were severely restricted/cancelled. We have not been eligible for any government grants.

We have tried to balance safety of all with keeping the hall open as much as is possible to accommodate users and activities that are eligible to take place. This has been a challenge in both the complex and changing rules combined with putting in place physical protective measures for those that use the hall in any capacity.

We look forward to the reopening of more and more activities with a hope that the users, community and volunteers are all still with us and activity can resume. We have financial reserves and have reduced expenditure as much as possible. We perceive there will be challenges with volunteer numbers and uptake on use.

Any volunteers who can offer any time, in any capacity would be most welcome.

When we can, we hope to welcome all to the next Big Breakfast and other village social events at the Hall and we will publish dates when we can. Our hope is that the roadmap of opening up to more activities from 17th May 2021 and then further easing on 21st June (at the earliest) will go according to schedule.

Gareth Dickson

Chairman