

Cartmel Fell Community Trust

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – 21st May 2025

Present:

H.Todd, J.Balshaw, M.Littlewood, J.Longden, M.Scovell (Cartmel Fell Volunteers Rep), M.Elliot, M.Smith (Parish Council Rep), J.Viney (Local History Society Rep), L.Hodgson, J.Pritchard, F.Salberter, plus 3 members of the community.

Apologies received from L.Martin and M.Wilkinson

2. Minutes from the Previous AGM – these had been circulated to committee members previously. It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and were signed by H.Todd. Proposed by M.Littlewood, Seconded by J.Balshaw

3. Chair's Report

At first glance, it may seem as though it has been a quiet 11 months since our last AGM. However, in reality, it has been a busy and productive period, marked by several successful events and the completion of the first stage of our refurbishment.

Our ever-popular Bonfire Night was a great success, attracting well over 100 attendees. We made some changes to the layout, particularly in terms of diner flow and bar placement, which worked well—everyone was promptly fed and watered. The bonfire and fireworks were spectacular and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In March, we hosted a lively Quiz Night, which saw excellent attendance from the Cartmel Fell community. The food was well received, and the quiz was both challenging and fun. A special thank you to Mike for organising such an enjoyable evening.

Most recently, we held our Spring Show just a few weeks ago. We were delighted to receive over 100 entries across 30 different classes, showcasing the incredible talent within our community. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of the day was the number of visitors who came to view the entries, enjoy refreshments, and buy a plant or two. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on what a warm and friendly community event it was.

Unfortunately, we have lost the weekly Post Office provision in the Hall, which is a disappointment. However, the Hall remains an active hub, currently hosting three regular group meetings and various private functions. We remain committed to putting on events that bring our community together.

We also continue to value and nurture our relationship with the Cartmel Fell Volunteers. Their help in managing and developing the beautiful allotments surrounding the Hall is greatly appreciated. Martin, please pass on our sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on the success of our newly refurbished toilets and continue with further improvements within the Hall. There's a long list of jobs to tackle, and we are eager to get started.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all committee members for their time, energy, and enthusiasm. Your dedication is instrumental in helping our Hall—and our community—thrive and grow.

The report was accepted by the committee - proposed by J.Viney, seconded by M.Smith.

4. Treasurer's Report

Copy attached. J.Balshaw was thanked by H.Todd for her work as the Treasurer and the report was accepted by the committee – proposed by H.Todd and seconded by J.Viney.

5. Resignations and Appointments

The following resignations had been received – R.Smith (WI Representative), L.Martin (PCC Representative), M.Elliott and M.Wilkinson (Co-opted member). H.Todd thanked all four for their hard work and commitment to the Trust.

The following new appointments had been made for User Group Representatives:

F.Salberter (WI)

J.Prichard (PCC)

The committee of H.Todd, J.Balshaw, L.Hodgson, M.Littlewood and J.Longden were voted back on 'en block.' Proposed by M.Smith, seconded by J.Viney.

Election of Officers:

Chair:	H.Todd	Proposed L.Hodgson, seconded M.Scovell
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Secretary:	M.Scovell	Proposed H.Todd, seconded J.Balshaw
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Treasurer:	J.Balshaw	Proposed M.Smith, seconded J.Longden
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Health & Safety:	M.Littlewood	Proposed M.Scovell, seconded F.Salberter
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Building Maintenance:	J.Longden	Proposed H.Todd, seconded M.Scovell
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6. Any Other Business

M.Smith invited all interested parties to the Open Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 29th May at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

A letter had been received from C.Darley asking if the Trustees could set up a list of Emergency Transport Volunteers, who would be available to take incapacitated people to hospital appointments etc. He also asked if we could host a Digital Training along the lines of 'Smart Phones for Dummies' – how to access the NHS app/ Internet banking etc.

It was also mentioned that a Defibrillator first aid session has also been requested by members of the community.

All these will be discussed at the next ordinary meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.