

## Greenmount Village Community (GVC)

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2022 for the year 2021 to 2022

Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Old School; 16 people in attendance.

1. **Opening and Welcome by Chairperson** Julie Southworth. Thanks to the Committee. One minute silence in memory Queen Elizabeth II.
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of 2021 AGM.** Proposed acceptance of minutes. Proposed: Neil Carter  
Seconded: John Southworth. Carried unanimously. There were no matters arising.
4. **Chairperson's Report - from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**
  - The GVC welcome pack was updated and distributed electronically and stored on the website. This will be printed on demand and residents were encouraged to share its contents when a new neighbour arrives in Greenmount.
  - A Safeguarding Policy was agreed and distributed to all volunteers. This is made available on the GVC website. The decision was made to postpone the village party for a second year due to the Pandemic and government regulations.
  - GVC were successful in applying for the Co-op Community Fund. The 'Happy to Chat' bench was installed along with others at the top of the lines by Bury Greenwood Group
  - In August Afternoon Tea returned, bringing the community together for the first time since the pandemic began. The Strummers performed. Over 65 people attended, thanks to Wendy and Louisa and all the volunteers for a lovely afternoon.
  - One of our committee members Faith Greenhalgh passed away and the community remembered her with fondness for all the commitment she had shown to Greenmount residents throughout the years.
  - Regular Drop-In and Tabletop Sales were reintroduced.
  - Work on clearing the footpath from Belvedere Avenue to Nabbs Way was completed by council contractors.
  - The community celebrated Lancashire Night and paid tribute to Faith Greenhalgh as this event had previously been organised by Faith. The Strummers performed and the hall was packed.
  - The book Pilgrim's Way from Whalley to Lichfield was launched as a new publication by the Holcombe Moor Heritage Group. Documenting the Saxons on Holcombe Moor and the mystery of Pilgrim's Cross. 5,000 was granted from the Council's Health Improvement Fund and is to be used to create a well-being trail in Greenmount.
  - Back by popular demand were the Advent Window displays. It was wonderful to see many more residents taking part this year. A seasonal trail quiz was organised by the Greenmount Village Walking Group as well as a photographic treasure hunt and a series of family walks were planned.

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- In January 2022 GVC were instrumental in fundraising for the Old School Users Association, by having contact with a local charitable funder, The Garl Foundation. This has enabled them to progress with their much-needed extensive renovations.
- Greenmount Village Walking Group were successful in applying for The Pitch Funding. This money will pay for a large-scale map displaying local walks as well as an activities exhibition available to all those in Bury North.
- Holly Mount Orchard also received funding from The Garl Foundation for a new building to provide better storage and workshop area.
- Greenmount Primary School PTA opened UNI-CYCLE project to enable families to obtain good-as-new uniform, therefore helping to save the planet and help families save money.
- In March 2022 Cuppa and Chat marked its first anniversary. This group has gone from strength to strength with the help of committed volunteers.
- GVC worked with David Chadwick from the council to arrange for the path from Garside Hey Road to Kirklees Brook to be improved, in preparation for the extension to the Well-being Trail.
- Due to the pandemic, D-CaFF has remained closed but is due to open in April 2022.

Thanks were given to the Chairperson for all she has done.

### 5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2022

Presented by our Treasurer Bob Judge.

Proposal: Acceptance of Report. Proposed : Alistair Waddell Seconded: Neil Carter.

Carried unanimously.

Thanks were given to the Treasurer for all his work during the year.

Thanks also to Julie Lightfoot who kindly Examined our Accounts.

### 6. Election of Officers.

Most Committee members were happy to continue. Thanks expressed for all the work Frank Crawford has done as he steps down from the Committee but we are very pleased he will continue to help when needed. Ian Mayer of the Hollymount Orchard is happy to join our Committee going forward. Laura Roberts will join Joani Beale to represent D-CaFF.

GVC Committee 2022 to 2023: Chairperson - Julie Southworth; Treasurer – Bob Judge; Secretary – Joan Waddell. Committee Members - Tracey Hayhoe, Joani Beale (D-CaFF Rep), Laura Roberts (D-CaFF Rep), Christine Taylor, Neil Carter, Ken Dearden, Dorothy Gunther, Marcus Evans (Webmaster), Graham Lord, Ian Mayer, John Southworth (Communications Officer), Alistair Waddell (Woodland Management & BGG).

### 7. A.O.B.

B. Allen expressed thanks to everyone who objected to the proposal for a 5G mast to be positioned on Coleridge Road on the grass area.

### Date of next AGM

October 2023.

Joan Waddell – GVC Secretary