



**Annual General Meeting
Monday 16 October 2006
Sports and Community Centre, Stone Close**

PRESENT

I. Clayton (IC: Chair)	P. Scott (PS)	F. Coxon (FC)
A. Liddell (AL)	D. Donaldson (DD)	S. Calvert (SC)
B. Turner (BT)	J. Walton (JW)	G. Stewart (GSt)
D. Hindmarsh (DH)	J. Turnbull (JT)	

IN ATTENDANCE

J Riley (minutes)

S. Wright, J. Thompson, W G R Weeks, J France, A. Newton, A. Riley
M. Hosken, J. King, I. Hume, R. Deeth, W. Deeth

Chairman, Ian Clayton welcomed everyone to the AGM and thanked them for attending.

1. **APOLOGIES**

J. Williams	J. Oxley	C. Turner
J. Wood	D. Miller	C. Taylor

2. **MINUTES OF LAST AGM**

The minutes were available on the night and had been available at Trust office since mid-September. The chairman proposed that the minutes of the AGM held on 17th October 2005 be accepted. This was agreed and there were no matters arising. The Annual Report was available for all attendees and contained reports on all the Trust activities.

3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Ian Clayton

After a year as Chairman it was encouraging that the organisation was gathering strength, with many people using the different facilities and services offered by the Trust. This year have new staff in place. Tina Phelan manages the Community Resource Centre and has created a real buzz. Thanks also to Judy Thompson who had helped the Trust overcome staffing problems. Peter Stonell has also been appointed to run the book-keeping service and has assisted the financial side of the Trust.

4. **ACCOUNTS TO 31 MARCH 2006**

Ian Clayton

Trust does not currently have a treasurer so the Chairman has to present the accounts. The accounts and annual report have been prepared following the Charity Commissions "Statement of Recommended Practice" so have slightly different layout. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

It was agreed that CTC, Chartered Accountants would continue to audit the accounts. The company had recently changed its names from Rowlands, Newcastle. Currently act as independent examiners, not auditors, because our turnover is below a certain level.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

6.1 **Core Organisation**

Chairman confirmed to the meeting the core organisations representatives for the next year. The Trust has 19 Trustees who are also Directors of the limited company. Of these 19, 12 represent named organisations within the community.

Nominated representatives for 2005/6 are:

Northumberland County Council	Cllr P Scott
Berwick upon Tweed Borough Council	Cllr R Patterson
North Sunderland Parish Council	Cllr S Calvert
Community Council of Northumberland	J Turnbull
National Trust	J Walton
Seahouses Fishermen's Association	J Dawson
North Sunderland Harbour Commission	<i>vacant</i>
North Sunderland & Seahouses Sports and Community Centre	B Turner
The Trustees of Lord Crewe's Charity	J Williams
North Sunderland and Seahouses Retailers	<i>vacant</i>
Seahouses and District Council of Churches	Rev J Wood
Tourism Representative	<i>vacant</i>

The meeting recorded its thanks to Chris Taylor who had stood down as Tourism representative.

6.2 **Elected Members**

Trustees have discussed the number of elected members on the management committee and are seeking an ordinary resolution to increase the number of elected members. Both to increase representation and respond to growing interest in the Trust and people volunteering to be trustees. The meeting discussed the ordinary resolution to increase the number of elected members.

1. That the Company's Articles of Association be amended: -

(a) by the deletion in clause 9.2.2 of the word 'four' and by substituting therefor the word 'nine'.

This was proposed by A. Riley, seconded by DH and approved by the meeting.

There are therefore nine vacancies for elected members at the AGM. Positions in 2005/6 were held by David Donaldson, Finlay Coxon, Ian Clayton and Geoffrey Stewart. Five members have submitted their names for election and so are automatically elected: Joy King, Beata Kohlбек, David Hindmarsh, Ian Clayton and Geoffrey Stewart.

The meeting recorded its thanks to Finlay Coxon and David Donaldson who had stood down as elected members.

6.3 **Co-opted members**

These 21 committee members can cop-opt three more members, and this will be done sometime after the AGM. Two names have been put forward so far: Michael Hosken and Alistair Liddell. Other nominations are welcome.

The meeting recorded its thanks to J. Scott Smith who had stood down as a co-opted member.

6.4 **Company Secretary**

The Chairman thanked Chris Turner, for his support and advice over the year and confirmed that there was no change to the appointment.

7. **PROJECT REPORTS**

The Chairman drew attention to the information about projects in the annual report, which had been circulated before the meeting.

7.1 **Trust Management**

Jon Riley

7.2 **Book-keeping Service**

Peter Stonell

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| 7.3 | Environment Project | Shirley Wright |
| 7.4 | Festive Lights | Ian Clayton |
| 7.5 | First Responders | Ian Clayton |
| 7.6 | Federation of Northumberland Development Trusts (FONDT)
DD asked how many development trusts were in FONDT. JR answered there were about 25. | Jon Riley |
| 7.7 | “Village News” Newsletter
W Weekes noted his appreciation of the newsletter and this was endorsed by the meeting. | Jon Riley |
| 7.8 | Seahouses Community Resource Centre | Tina Phelan |
| 7.9 | Seahouses Festival | Jim Thompson |
| 7.10 | Community Website | Jon Riley |
| 7.11 | Sports and Community Centre | Jon Riley |
| 7.12 | Youth Project | Shirley Wright |

8 Any other business

Jon Riley drew attention to the Trust’s 10th birthday and displays at the resource centre through November.