

Dunlop Village Hall



The Annual General Meeting of Dunlop and District Community Company will be held on Monday, 17th February 2014 at 7.30pm in Dunlop Village Hall. The agenda for the meeting is printed overleaf.

This is the 11th AGM of the Company but it is a particularly important one. For several years after the opening of the refurbished hall in January 2007, a grant from East Ayrshire Council made up about a third of our income. Since then, the amount of the grant has been progressively reduced, and has now stopped altogether. This obviously presents a challenge to the Company in making ends meet. Added to that, to make the building sustainable in the long term, a lot of work needs to be done to the roof. We would hope to access grants to contribute towards this, but we would be expected to meet a proportion of the cost from our own resources.

Do you feel, like me, that you belong to a thriving community? Is Dunlop much more to you than a dormitory village? We want to keep it that way, and continue to foster the strong community spirit where everyone feels that they belong.

The aim of the Company is to make the Village Hall a focal point for community life. We want the hall to be a place where everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, can enjoy recreation, leisure, entertainment and the opportunity to socialise. But to get something out, you have to put something in. The Village Hall can only be sustained if the community helps. The Hall is run by volunteers, and we are always looking for more! Could you help?

Come along to the AGM and find out the Company's vision for the Hall and how you could help make it happen.

Kind regards,

Kevin Brown, Convener of Board of Directors



AGENDA

1. Directors' Report and Accounts for the year to 31st July 2013.
2. Future Plans
3. Demission and Appointment of Directors.
4. Any other competent business

You can join the Company
at the AGM!

To download Nomination Forms go to
www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk and select "AGM"

Why you should come to the AGM

- Because you believe that the Village Hall is an important community asset
- Because you don't want the village to lose this asset
- To find out the Company's plans for the Village Hall
- To ask any questions you may have
- There's a free glass of wine after the meeting!

Some facts you may not be aware of

- Only about half of the income we need to cover our costs comes from hall lets
- We no longer get a grant from the Council
- We depend on income from the café, the cinema and fund-raising to make ends meet
- About half of our costs are gas and electricity (excluding building works)
- We have only one paid employee; everyone else is a volunteer

How can I help?

- By becoming a member of the Company (it's painless and doesn't cost you anything!)
- By volunteering in the Café – even a couple of hours a month would be much appreciated
- By joining the rota of hall-keepers
- By making use of the hall for parties / functions
- By supporting (or helping to organise) fund-raising events
- By joining the Board of Directors