# **St Gluvias Community Hall Association**

# **Report for 2018 to Annual General Meeting**

#  **by the Hall Management Group**

## **Introduction**

The Constitution of the St Gluvias Community Hall Association states that its objectives are:

*to administer, manage, maintain and develop the St Gluvias Community Hall as a centre for the Church’s mission of social justice and care for creation, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish of St Gluvias with Penryn and others qualified to use the hall.*

The Hall Management Group (HMG), which is a committee of St Gluvias Church,ew Parochial Church Council(PCC), is charged by the Constitution to act for the PCC in meeting these objectives. The HMG has met most months during the past year, to work towards achieving these objectives. This report sets out what they have achieved.

The hall is managed by the HMG with the Vicar as Chair, four members nominated by the PCC, this year Annie Jones, Richard Hopper, Roderick Dare and Jackie Dare. There should also be four members from groups using the hall, but this year there were only three nominations, Jenny Gluyas (Penryn Community Theatre), Jane Cross (Olive Branch) and Ann Roberts (Community Crafts). Jenny Gluyas was voted as Vice Chair at the last meeting and chairs the meetings in the absence of the Vicar.

New members for HMG are sought at each Hall AGM, failing which previous members may be re-elected. The Constitution lays out the process to be followed. The Constitution can be viewed at: stgluviashallpenryn.org.uk/governance/constitution/

**Projects**

During 2017 all the major work needed to bring the hall up to a good standard was done – with the help of substantial grants and donations. So in 2018 all the improvements to the hall were less costly and funded mostly from our own resources with the help of a couple of small grants.

Our first improvement was lighting for the step-free pathway to the hall from the car park. This was paid for by a grant from the Gannett Foundation, the charitable arm of the company which owns the Falmouth Packet. This was followed by a further grant from Cornwall Council to purchase more chairs for the hall.

The other improvements undertaken were:

1. Shelving in the kitchen, this will free up space in the store cupboard.
2. Preparation of the area at the top of the steps to West Street, so that it can be turfed in the spring.
3. The planting of a soft fruit garden next to the hall on the path side. The ground was also covered with membrane to stop the regrowth of weeds.
4. New metal handrails have been fitted to the steps.

The HMG has decided their next major project will be raising money for a battery storage system. We have been offered matched grant funding by a local businessman so are looking for further grants, as well donation and raising money at community events. We had a table at the WI Table-Top Sale last autumn, as well as selling refreshments on the ‘Switch-On’ evening for the town’s Christmas lights.

**Hall usage**

The Hall has again been well used by the community. There are 13 groups using the hall on a regular basis, with 17 ‘one off ’ bookings including birthday parties, photography session, rehearsals and dances. It is also used by the University for rehearsals and meetings. Our calendar is on the hall website if you would like to see what is going on there: stgluviashallpenryn.org.uk/bookings

Those using the hall are asked to complete a ‘footfall form’. The figures given are used when applying for grants and this year’s figures are as follows.

From April to July the hall was used to make a programme about the hall for Source F.M.

Jerry Padfield spent a couple of months at the hall talking to people who use it, to make the programme. Here is a link to the programme if you are interested, but it does run for about an hour. You just click on the link and the programme will come up and start.

 <https://www.mixcloud.com/FreshSources/olive-branch-radio-a-show-made-by-and-about-the-people-of-st-gluvias-hall-penryn/>

We are very pleased that the hall is being used for Messy Church session, which are very successful and would like to see the hall being used more by the P.C.C. for church activities.

One change this year is that Olive Branch, one of the original groups that used the hall, has come under the wing of the Hall Management Group. This means that their finances will pass through the hall accounting and the HMG adopted full responsibility for the group. This change has the benefit of laying foundations for a sustainable future for Olive Branch and its service to the community. Olive Branch is a drop-in cafe, currently open on Mondays from 10.00, followed by a simple, nutritious lunch provided as a FairShare meal, funded by contributions on an ‘as able’ basis.

At Christmas, the Hall Management Group supported a day at the hall, when students served soup for the community, whilst also running a drop-in workshop on making Christmas decorations from recycled materials. We hope this will become a continuing event.

## We ill work hard to ensure 2019 is a successful

## Annie Jones