

HAVA AGM 19th March 2016

The meeting started at 2.20 after refreshments and 19 people were present.

The Chairperson (Duncan Scobie) welcomed everyone especially the new Board members of which we now have 14 increasing from the original 4. Everyone introduced themselves and everyone seems to be keen to improve the community and to bring back the community spirit that seems to have been lost.

Duncan gave a report on the work done over the previous year. Match funding has been given to HOPS for a minibus and HAVA will have their name on this and the board are to agree the decal.

Money was given to the HWCA towards the summer outing for the community.

Funds were given to the YMCA for a street dance performance and this seems to have been well supported.

The Children's Centre received funds for a scrap and craft play sessions and these are still ongoing.

Money was contributed to the dog clear up campaign, it was felt that the posters were not really effective and dog waste bins would have been better. This had been discussed at the time but the council informed HAVA that if bins were provided they would have not have the staff/facilities to have them emptied.

The Dog show was well attended and this will be looked at again this year.

The Easter Egg hunt at the church is also supported by HAVA

A query was raised regarding the money drawn from DWP for advertising and Marian from the Cardigan Centre will look into this.

The Big Local Area plan will be organised into clearer headings in future.

1. **Green spaces** to be run by Deborah

The plans for benches plants and mosaic etc in the triangle of land outside the Co-Op have been agreed in principle by the local residents and authorities but the ownership of the land is still unclear and Lucinda Yeadon is to continue following this up.

Discussions are underway with park designers with regards to options for the playing fields.

Hawksworth in Bloom to be planned later in the year.

2. Volunteer Programme to be run by Rozina.

Numbers of volunteers are increasing. The recent First Aid training course was good but it was felt that in future one that was more hands on would be beneficial.

Job club now running on a Wednesday 11-1.

A local business directory has now been started.

3. Health and Wellbeing – Deborah

This section will include events like the Dog show, the egg hunt and music and scarecrow festivals.

The newsletter is being produced and will be ready for printing shortly. It was suggested that when these are delivered we could maybe knock on doors to introduce ourselves so the local residents can put a face to a name and increase community involvement.

The Financial statement was not available due to staff changes at the Cardigan Centre but should be available the beginning of April. There was some discussion on making the statement available to all no decision was reached at this point and will be made when the statement has been received.

No information regarding the Credit Union was available.

Steve Skinner offered to do an induction to the Big local for all new members and this has been arranged for 31st March.

The meeting closed at 3.45