

# SPAXTON STORES

COMMUNITY SHOP

## Minutes of Spaxton Community Shop Society Ltd Annual General Meeting

At 7.30 on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Spaxton Village Hall

1. **Present:** 41 shareholders, apologies received from 18 shareholders.
2. **Chairman's Report:** Richard Lee gave an account of the activities of the society to date, the current position and plans for the future. He described;  
The relationship with the current shop and post office and its owner.  
The reasons for deciding on a new-build project  
Early successes and failures at raising funds  
How costs have been cut in later designs  
Current funding options  
Plans to press ahead with a planning application  
Actions planned should the current shop/post office close  
The full text of the report is attached

Questions and discussion followed. The results of this may summarized as;

- a. It is expected that the current shop/PO will be put back on the market soon
  - b. Other grants may be available in the future and we will have further opportunities to apply for lottery funding.
  - c. The previous, high estimates for the early designs were based on the cost per square metre figure supplied by builders and cost of professional fees.
  - d. Work is progressing towards a leasing agreement with the Village Hall committee
  - e. Although a "shopping service" could be provided by other means there is a desire for an actual shop building which can have a wider range of functions. The committee will discuss other options.
  - f. The chairman was congratulated for his clear explanation of the decision taken by the committee to suspend fundraising until the future of the current shop becomes more certain. This position was supported by the shareholders.
3. **Presentation and approval of the accounts:** Richard Lee described the accounts attached. They have been professionally examined and approved. There were no questions and the accounts were approved by the meeting. The first motion was taken at this point viz.  
**This meeting authorises the society to disapply the requirement to undertake a full professional audit for 2011.**  
Proposed by Anne Stoye, seconded by John Knight. The motion was approved unanimously.
  4. **Membership Report:** Peter Harvey reported that the committee had been pleased with the response to last year's share offer. 4851 shares were issued to 261 holders making an average shareholding of about £93. 250 shareholders could be described as "local".
  5. **Election of committee:** The chairman reported that all members of the current committee are willing to stand. If all are re-elected there would still be 4 places available. The committee was elected as follows;  
**Cathy Macadam**, proposed Bidy McWilliam, seconded Gilly Lee. Elected unanimously  
**Tanya Davies**, proposed Olive Linge, seconded Daniel Linge. Elected unanimously  
Those on the current committee ie, **Richard Lee, Vernon Hughes, Simon Haswell, Bidy MacWilliam, Josh Schwieso, John Tomlinson, Tomas Stephens, Peter Harvey**, proposed Liz Knight, seconded John Edwards. Elected unanimously.

6. **Motions:** The motion put to the meeting by the committee was discussed. There was general support for seeking planning permission for a new building soon. The following motion was proposed by Bernard Linge and seconded by John Knight;

**This meeting directs the management committee to apply for planning permission for a community shop based on the designs displayed.**

This was approved by a show of hands with one against.

The following motion was proposed by Anne Stoye and seconded by Ken Walters;

**This meeting empowers the committee to enter into a leasing agreement with the Village Hall committee as and when such an agreement is required.**

This was agreed unanimously

7. There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.55pm