

Dalwood Community Shop and Post Office

A.G.M.

Friday 6th March Dalwood Village Hall

Kathy thanked the 22 people who came and there were 17 apologies.

Shelagh Beak read over the minutes of 2007's AGM which were accepted by the meeting and signed by Kathy Laing. There were no matters arising and Kathy continued with her Chairman's Report.

She expressed disappointment at the turnout, as over 150 invitations to shareholders and non shareholders had been distributed in the village.

Kathy described busy year with the installation of 2 new freezers and an upgraded till. The freezers have increased our range of products and led to improved sales. The till has greatly the improved financial reporting.

Kathy thanked all the shop volunteers and customers for their contribution to another successful year.

Kathy introduced David Faint(Post Master) and thanked him for coming.

David was anxious to increase business at the Post Office to improve the chances of the PO staying open. Usage often fluctuates and should be more consistent.

He is hopeful the PO will stay open as we fulfil many of the criteria but we will not know officially until May.

The Treasurer Phil Roberts explained the Financial report which showed we had more money in the bank and more stock than last year. He thanked Keith Brindle for helping him with the report and George and Christine Owen for their help with the till.

As we do not expect any major capital projects this year Ray Venn suggested we put some capital in an interesting bearing account. He kindly offered to research this option.

John Gostling asked about repayment of Bonds and it will be looked at by the next A.G.M.

Votes were taken to keep the accounting procedures as now and for shares to remain £2.00

The Committee stood down and as no one came forward to replace them, they were re-elected.

There was a lively discussion about papers and new procedures will be looked at.

A newcomer to the village thought the shop could do more to promote its services.

The committee thought this was a good idea and an information sheet will be available in the shop and distributed to new residents and holiday lets.

Shelagh asked the meeting if they would approve a move to go plastic bag free. It was unanimously agreed and the project will go forward by early summer.

John Gostling proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and Michael Porter asked for thanks to be given to George and Christine Owen for all their help.

The meeting closed at 8.30