

NB Movies 2023/4 AGM
7 February 2025
North Berwick Community Centre

Present: Jim Conway (Chair) (JC), Jane Nelson (Secretary), Carolyn Foster (Treasurer) (CF), Paul Duffney, Robin MacEwen, Amanda Sumner, Mike Sumner, Ronnie Williams (Committee members), Patricia Vanreenen (Independent Examiner) and 27 others

1. Welcome from the Chair

JC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the 2022/23 AGM held on 20 February 2024

The minutes were approved (proposed by Jane Green, seconded by Mike Sumner).

3. Annual Reports for 2023/24

a. Chair's Report

The Chair's report had been published with the AGM agenda on the web site.

JC remembered NB Movies' long serving Treasurer Stuart Wight, who had sadly died in March 2024. Stuart had been Treasurer for more than 20 years.

The main screenings and attendances in 2023/24 were as follows:

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| September 2023 | Knives Out | 34 |
| October 2023 | Bullet Train | 24 |
| November 2023 | Barbie | 58 (afternoon) 80 (evening) |
| December 2023 | No film – NBCC closed because of rat infestation | |
| January 2024 | Oppenheimer | 70 |
| February 2024 | Wonka | 66 |
| March 2024 | One Life | 94 |
| April 2024 | Anatomy of a Fall | 72 |
| May 2024 | Wicked Little Letter | 75 |
| June 2024 | The Holdovers | 74 |
| July 2024 | All of Us Strangers | 73 |

Usually about 10% of ticket holders were 'no shows'.

NB Movies equipment and projectionists had additionally been used for:

- Gruffalo's Child for Stay and Play Group and Dirleton Play Group.
- Surviving Translation, a documentary by local film maker Ling Lee.
- Dead Good in Abbey Church for North Berwick Coastal Connections.
- 2 screenings of Shivery Bites in June 2024.
- Screening of The Land That Time Forgot for Can-Do in August 2024.
- Screenings for This Is Us (a group of young people with additional support needs) on most Friday afternoons.

A bar had been provided at evening screenings, which continued to be well received.

All the nett proceeds from the Barbie screenings (£500) had been donated to the Harbour Trust to contribute towards the cost of repairing the harbour wall.

Ticket sales had been via Eventbrite software, which had worked well but was expensive. An alternative called Ticketsource was to be trialled shortly.

Work continued to improve the quality of the sound system. In addition, the use of subtitles had been trialled and, following overwhelmingly positive feedback from the audience, was now used whenever possible. Steady progress had been made with various issues with the Community Centre: a blind had been fitted to the roof window; an HDMI had been fitted to help other users use our equipment, and some space had been provided for equipment storage.

The Committee had been considerably strengthened by the addition of Jane Green and Saartje Driver, who had taken on responsibility for stocking and running the bar, and storing bar supplies.

Finally, the Chair reported that it was planned to show a series of documentary films in the forthcoming period, perhaps one quarterly.

b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report and accounts for 2023/24 had been laid out on chairs and were projected onto the screen. CF reported that a net surplus of £1550 had been achieved in 2023/24. This was below the planned surplus of £2000 but took into account the £500 donation to the Harbour Trust. Ticket sales had increased by 20%, prices remaining at £6 for adults, £3 for minors. Bar sales contributed 12% of the surplus.

At the end of 2023/4 NB Movies had £3229 in its Treasurer's Account and £6616 in its Reserve Account. Itemised information was shown in the accounts, which had been signed by the Independent Examiner after reviewing records.

Carolyn thanked Patricia Vanreenen for acting as Independent Examiner.

4. Election of Committee and Office Bearers

The following were re-elected *nem con*: Chair - Jim Conway; Vice-Chair – vacant; Treasurer - Carolyn Foster; Secretary - Jane Nelson; Committee Members – Paul Duffney, Saartje Driver, Jane Green, Robin MacEwen, Amanda Sumner, Mike Sumner, Ronnie Williams.

The Committee were thanked by attendees for their work.

5. Re-election of Independent Examiner of NB Movies Accounts

Patricia Vanreenen was re-elected *nem con*.