



AGM Minutes 2015
The Hall Get Involved Ltd
Friday 17th July 2015
Exeter Street Hall, 16-17 Exeter Street, BN1 5PG

1. Members Present

A register of attendees was taken. The number of voting Member attendees was 46 at the start of the AGM and increased to 48. Additionally, 20 proxy votes were received. The AGM was quorate.

Apologies: 4 Members gave apologies.

Directors present: David Amor, Peter Golton, Susan Corlett, Gus Sylvester and apologies from Marianne Craig who was attending a pre- booked holiday.

Chair: David Amor opened the AGM at 7.07pm.

1.1 Minutes AGM 2013

Paper copies of the Minutes were given to all attendees, having previously been available on the website. There were no matters arising from the Minutes. A resolution to approve the Minutes was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett.

Approval of the Minutes was unanimous (66 – 46 present, 20 by proxy)

2. Presentation of the Director's Report

Paper copies of the Report were given to all attendees, having previously been available on the website. The Chairman, David Amor spoke of the achievements of the year since July 2014 including the installation of a new roof and other internal and external maintainance and re-decoration. He applauded the number and range of events Members had organised, plus the activities being run by commercial hirers. Of particular note was the £5,000 raised by Members efforts in winning the Aviva Fund grant to rebuild and decorate the back room. Members did not have any further questions. A resolution to approve the Director's Report was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett.

Approval of the Director's Report was unanimous (66 – 46 present, 20 by proxy)

3. Presentation of the Financial Report (part of the Annual Report)

Paper copies of the Financial Report were given to all attendees, having previously been available on the website. The Treasurer Jo Camplisson presented the Financial Report, summarizing the published accounts and explained the balance sheet as at 31st March 2015. She also explained the income and expenditure account for the year to 31 March 2015 and presented the detailed items of income and expenditure therein. The Treasurer had asked a lay Member, Vanessa Booker to inspect the accounts before the AGM. Vanessa had provided a written statement confirming "Accurate accounts are being prepared on computer and there are paper records to support the information. Records of membership are being kept in both paper and computer format and are being safeguarded. Records of hall bookings are being kept which can be matched against income paid into the account."

The following Member's question were answered:

- Question 1. Will the decrease/increase in the property value of the hall factor in the accounts?
- Answer 1. No. The value of the property is an asset.
- Question 2. Is the depreciation of the halls assets factored into the account?
- Answer 1. Yes.

4. Approving the internal inspection of accounts - dis-applying the option of having the accounts externally audited

David Amor explained the option to have the accounts internally inspected and signed off as being correct by the Secretary and two Directors, before being presented to the AGM for Members' approval. Alternatively the annual accounts can be externally audited at a cost up to £2,000.

A resolution by the Management Committee of Directors recommending Members vote in favour of approving the internal inspection of the accounts April 2014 to March 2015 only, was proposed by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett.

Approval of the internal inspection of the accounts April 2014 – March 2015 only, was unanimous (66 – 46 present, 20 by proxy).

5. Election of Directors

Current directors are: David Amor – Chair, Susan Corlett, Marianne Craig, Peter Golton and Gus Sylvester

David Amor explained Under Rule 18 one third of all Directors must stand down at the AGM, in order of the Directors who have held office the longest.

Continuing Directors are Marianne Craig, Gus Sylvester, Susan Corlett.

Directors standing down and seeking re-election are David Amor (nominated by Gus Sylvester and seconded by Susan Corlett).

Directors standing down and not seeking re-election are Peter Golton.

Members standing for election as new Directors are Dave Fellows (nominated by David Amor and seconded by Susan Corlett).

Dave Fellows gave a short presentation regarding his interest in the position and relevant skills, experiences and expertise.

Both nominations for Directors were unanimously approved and voted in by Members (67 – 47 present, 20 by proxy).

6. Any Other Business

Approval of the financial report – missed from the third item.

A resolution to approve the Financial Report was proposed by David Amor.

Approval of the Financial Report was unanimous (66 – 46 present, 20 by proxy)

No other questions from members

7. The future – David Amor, the Chair of Directors described the progress made to date and future plans – detailing the five phase plan. The key points highlighted included news that the hall is now 'breaking even' financially, the roof had been completed and the back room is on its way. The many and varied events put on in the hall over the year were also praised.

There were no further questions from the members.

8. Thanks to the community

Gus Sylvester presented all the ways in which volunteers do and can contribute to the value of the hall. She introduced a new initiative - 'Friends of the Hall'.

David Amor thanked everybody who had played their part in saving and now running the Hall. He continued to be impressed by the number of Prestonville residents that wanted to get involved, and invited the Members present to join him for refreshments.

The formal business of the AGM finished at 8.25 pm.

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