



**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING
(Adjourned)
held at 2pm, 27th June 2018, at
Sevenoaks Community Centre and revised at the
Reconvened AGM on 24th October 2018**

There were 98 persons present, 7 short of a quorum, but the Chair decided to go ahead with the AGM explaining that the proceedings would be ratified at a special meeting in the autumn. This process was approved by a vote of the members. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies had been received from: Judy Hebert, Jean Stirk, Richard and Victoria Baxter, Len and Gwyneth Miller, Derek and Barbara Childs, David Taylor, John Christy, Barbara Coleyshaw and Peter Medhurst.

2. Minutes of the AGM held 28th June 2017: The Minutes were approved by the meeting on a show of hands (proposed: John Eastwood, seconded: Susan Henson).

3. Matters arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising.

4. Trustees' Report: The Chair reminded the meeting that the Trustees' written report had been circulated to members with the June Newsletter, both paper and electronic versions. He asked if there were any comments or questions arising from the Report. There being none, the Report was approved on a show of hands (proposed: Patrick Pascall, seconded: Roger Walshe).

5. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the Report and the Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018. The Report and Accounts had been circulated to members with the June Newsletter. The Treasurer reported that the accounts showed a healthy position with the General Fund generating a surplus of approximately £3.5k. Since introducing the new subscription regime, we anticipated a surplus in the early years, but this will move into deficit in future years as our costs rise. This was always in our plan and we should not need to adjust the subscription level for at least 10 years. There was one typo error in the Report: Education at £251 should read £261. It should also be noted that during this year we made provision of £1k for new equipment, which was not spent.

A question from the floor queried whether a more attractive interest-bearing bank account could be investigated in view of the £57 bank charges against our account in the past year. This matter will be investigated by the Treasurer.

A further question from the floor queried the high level of reserves held in the General Account, in response the Chair explained that a plan was in place to reduce the surplus over a period of 10 years.

This year we have introduced Sub Committee accounts.

The Chair expressed his thanks Richard Baxter for acting as Independent Examiner of the accounts.

There being no further questions, approval of the annual accounts was proposed by Michael Harwood, seconded by Charles Hebert, and approved on a show of hands.

6. Motion to amend Clause 3 (Charitable Purposes) of the Constitution. Motion proposed by Jim Purves and seconded by Nick White to read:

"The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development".

The Motion was approved on a show of hands.

7. Re-election of Trustees:

Members of the Executive Committee are nominated to stand as Trustees for a period of one/two years. Nicholas White who was retiring as Vice Chair and Organiser of Monthly Meetings, was thanked by the Chair for his work on the EC and Meetings Manager during the last 6 years.

Sue Christy had been nominated for two years as Vice Chair by Harvey Mahn and Elizabeth Purves; Sue's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

The following members offered themselves for re-election: Jackie Bradforth (one year) had been nominated as Secretary by Stephen Hale and seconded by John Christy; Jackie's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

Jill Davies (two years) had been nominated as Membership Secretary by Sheila Bonnett and seconded by Mike Davies; Jill's appointment was approved on a show of hands.

Two late volunteers would be co-opted on to the EC under Clause 6vii of the Constitution: Richard Baxter as Meetings Manager and Barbara Coleyshaw as Speakers Secretary. These appointments will be effective until the 2019 AGM when they may stand for election to the EC.

8. Election of External Affairs Coordinator: there being no nomination for this post, Jim said it would be filled under section 6vii of the Constitution when a candidate is identified. He encouraged those at the meeting to offer or to suggest others who might volunteer for this position.

9. Appointment of Independent Examiner:

Richard Baxter had agreed to join the EC and as a Trustee could no longer be Independent Examiner; Jim said the position would be filled during the coming year and asked for volunteers to come forward.

The Chair expressed his warm thanks to all Committee Members and to members who work behind the scenes: to all Group Organisers and volunteers; and to members who were stepping down from committees.

10. Any other business:

A member of the audience offered a vote of thanks to Jim, as Chair, and to members of the Executive Committee for their work during the year; there was a round of applause. There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 2.25pm.

Reconvened AGM held on 24th October 2018

There were 106 members present at the Reconvened AGM. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all those present.

The Chair explained that as the AGM of 27th June was inquorate the minutes of that meeting needed to be ratified by this Reconvened AGM and confirmed that a quorum of members was in attendance.

The Chair noted two amendments to item 5 (Treasurers Report) of the minutes and confirmed that these amendments are included in the revised minutes.

Questions were requested from the floor but there were none.

Members unanimously voted for acceptance of the amended minutes and the actions therein.

There being no further business the Reconvened AGM was closed by the Chair.