

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Weston Village Hall
6.30pm Tuesday 29 June 2021

Present: José Wilson (Chair), Lori Weber, Katie Lewis, Chris Chowney, Venera Town, Velda Kemp

We also welcomed Pat and Roger Duggan, Janet and Martin Thorne, and Fiona Leathart to the meeting.

Apologies: were received from Richard Watts, Doreen Davies, Marilyn Brookes, Sheila Heath, Jan Powell, and Helen Wilson.

Minutes of the AGM of 22 June 2020 were approved. Proposed Velda Kemp, seconded Lori Weber.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Annual Reports

Chairman: José recorded thanks to her dedicated committee and reported that Covid-19 restrictions had led to our previous AGM being held on Zoom; to the abandonment of folding and stapling; to online publication (thanks to David Weber, Lori Weber, Chris Chowney and Katie Lewis); and finally to printing and stapling done remotely. This in turn had brought many opportunities for using colour, and we were welcoming new contributions. José also recorded thanks to the distributors who take the magazine now to 656 households. We had hoped to hold a celebration for them this evening, but that had to be postponed and we were hoping to hold one in September instead.

Editor: Lori reported on the roller coaster from print to online and back to print, but this has been a success. Contributions have increased, particularly from the Weston-under-Penyard parish council and the walks. Some Hope Mansell residents are regular contributors and the history of Charlie Cole has been popular. The What's On page had just made a return. Advertising was now running efficiently, with Velda Kemp's help, and David Weber had helped by reformatting some adverts. Lori also recorded thanks to Katie Lewis, who proofreads and tweaks the magazine when it's nearly finished, and who obtained permission for us to reproduce Ordnance Survey maps with the walks. Lori hoped production would never be disrupted again.

(Janet and Martin Thorne arrived.)

Treasurer: (Figures attached to these minutes.) Velda reported that our income was down about £1000 this year, partly because of rebates to advertisers whose adverts did not appear in five online editions. But the costs for paper and for printer maintenance had also gone, and we still had a surplus for the year, albeit a smaller one than last year (£651.63). Income and expenditure have now settled down again, and the income from advertisers covers the cost of printing. We lost four advertisers but replaced them, and we offer occasional advertising features. The money we hold in the Coventry Building Society gives

us a comfortable reserve, and we hold £4,838.41 in total. We recorded thanks to Nigel Stewart for auditing the accounts.

(Roger Duggan and Fiona Leathart arrived.)

Elections:

Officers: There was only one candidate for each post, and so the election/re-election en bloc of the following was proposed by Fiona Leathart and seconded by Janet Thorne.

Chairman	José Wilson
Editor	Lori Weber
Secretary	Katie Lewis
Treasurer	Velda Kemp

Committee members: The re-election en bloc of the following candidates was proposed by Katie Lewis and seconded by José Wilson.

Chris Chowney
Venera Town
Richard Watts

Fiona Leathart very kindly offered her services to the committee.

Any Other Business

The committee thanked José Wilson for her very capable steering, and thanks were recorded from the floor to John and Hilary Smart for their well-described walks. Other compliments on the magazine had been received at the Weston fete the previous Saturday.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

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