

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting



Meeting Held: Thursday 21st August 2025

Time 4.00pm

PRESENT: David Harper (DH), Keith Siseman (KS)(Chair), Becci Murray (BM), Joanne Douglas (JD), Mike Crawford (MC), Joan Montgomery (JM) (Vice Chair), Sarah Ponton (SP), Liberty Holloway (LH), Colette Harper (CH), Julie Kennedy (JK), Lucy Hodgson (LH). Antony Chessel (AC), Rowena Redgewell (RR) and Kate Gill (KG)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from John Fisher, Margaret Shaw, Bobbi Minshull, Mike Greener, Alan Filer, Paul Anderson, Isobel Hunter, Georgina Hill, Zoreen Hill and belated apologies from Dave Purvis

WELCOME

KS welcomed everyone extended his thanks for the hard work by the staff team.

MINUTES

The minutes for the previous year's (2023) Annual General Meeting held on 12th August 2024 were circulated at the meeting and it was agreed that they were a true record. There were no matters arising.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER 2024

JD introduced the accounts and directed those present to the highlights provided. JD had full accounts to hand and invited anyone to view them if they wished.

JD explained the headline figures in the papers she provided, breaking the figures down to cash at bank, fixed assets and designated/restricted funds. She also mentioned that the Trust runs at a deficit each year, she explained that the budget is monitored monthly to ensure that the deficit figure is fully understood and mitigated.

JD identified the Food Bank, Here for You and Tourism projects as those with regular support from the community as well as grant funders.

Flagstone continues to provide solid returns on interest to ensure that the capital funds are working well for the Trust.

JD mentioned the William Elder Building as a primary income source with office spaces currently fully tenanted, together with casual and regular room bookings still bringing in a good income.

There were no questions asked on the accounts and they were formally adopted by the meeting. KS proposed adoption of the accounts and LH seconded.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER AND ACCOUNTANCY SUPPORT

JD advised that she was very satisfied with the service provided to the Trust by J H Greenwood & Co. and that they had indicated that they were prepared to continue to provide accountancy support for the current year. It was agreed that J H Greenwood & Co. be appointed with DI proposing and JM seconding.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Of the current Trustees Kieth Siseman, David Harper and Colette Harper were due to stand for re-election. Keith Siseman, David Harper and Colette Harper expressed a willingness to continue to stand and they were duly re-elected. KS proposed by JM, seconded by LH, CH proposed by JM, seconded by LH and DH proposed by DI seconded by LH.

Dan Inglis has been a co-opted Trustee meeting and expressed an interest in becoming a Trustee. Dan was duly voted onto the Board of Trustees. Proposed by DH, seconded by MC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

REVIEW OF THE TRUST'S WORK

BM informed the meeting of a change in this year's proceedings. With the formal business concluded all present were invited to have cake and coffee whilst awaiting the arrival of the invited volunteers at 4.30pm for a celebration of the role they play in the work of the Trust, as well as a presentation of the projects and development of the Trust's work.

The meeting closed at 4.20pm