

Ludlow21

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for financial year ending 31st March 2015

held at the Feathers Hotel on 2nd July 2015

Present: there were 31 attendees : see list below for names.

Apologies were received from 6 members: see below

1. **Introduction:** Roger Furniss, chair of Ludlow 21 Board, welcomed members and visitors. The list of apologies was read.
2. **Minutes of AGM 2014:** Peter Norman proposed that these were accepted as a true record of the meeting on 29th July 2014. Anne Ripley seconded the motion which was then agreed by everyone.
3. **The Treasurer's Report:** The full set of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 had previously been circulated to all members. Denise Thompson thanked Gillian Mortimer for taking on the role of book-keeping and then explained the figures in the accounts and noted some corrections. Eliz-anne Williams proposed and Pam Latchford seconded that the report should be accepted and the motion was carried.
4. **Presentations from Directors and members of Action Groups:** Written reports had previously been circulated to all members. Roger Furniss gave a brief introduction and commented that chairing the Board in his final year as a Director has been both a pleasure and a challenge. Roger thanked everyone in the room for all their hard work and contributions and commented that although stepping down as a Director he hoped to remain involved. Short presentations were then given by Directors and members of Action groups as follows:

Food and Farming (Peter Norman standing in for Kate Norman)

Events (Kim Holroyd)

Fair Trade (Liz Taylor)

Swifts (Denise Thompson)
5. **Presentations from Directors on other local activities supported by Ludlow 21:** Written reports had previously been circulated to all members. Directors gave short presentations as follows:

Shropshire Car Club (Denise Thompson)

Green Shropshire Xchange (Alan Stewart)

Ludlow Pride of Place (Alan Stewart)
6. **The Directors' Report:** The report from the Chair and Directors of Ludlow21 had previously been circulated to members, including reports on the groups and activities as listed in 4 & 5 above. John Mackintosh proposed that the report be accepted as a true record of the group's activities. Anne Ripley seconded this and the motion was then agreed by everyone.

7. **Election of Directors:** Roger Furniss stood down from the Board but agreed to continue as interim Chair until the next Board meeting when a new Chair would be elected. Nomination papers had been received prior to the AGM for Tish Dockerty and Diane Lyle who had both been co-opted to the Board during 2014-15. All those at the meeting were in agreement with these new appointments and Tish Dockerty and Diane Lyle were duly elected to the Board.
8. **Any Other Business:** Gillian Mortimer, Megan Blackmore and Clare Currant had agreed to continue as Book-keeper, Company Secretary and Membership Secretary respectively, and were thanked.

A document 'Ludlow 21 – A New Vision' had previously been circulated to all members, and was proposed by the Board for adoption by the membership. Discussion followed. Roger Bartlett raised a query about the last bullet point relating to Fair Trade, commenting that this was a global issue compared to all the others which were local. Another member commented that Fair Trade becomes a local issue because towns can declare themselves Fair Trade towns as Ludlow has done. Tish Dockerty commented that local action with respect to Fair Trade makes a difference globally. The Vision document was then proposed for adoption in its existing form including the final bullet point. This was put to the vote and the vote was carried.

Liz Taylor gave a vote of thanks to Roger Furniss for his Chairmanship over the last year and presented Roger with a gift.

The formal meeting closed at 7:50pm and was followed by a Vision Meeting to further develop the aims of the newly adopted Ludlow 21 Vision.

Attending - members

Roger Furniss
Denise Thompson
Jenny James
Kim Holroyd
John Daniels
Peter Norman
Megan Blackmore
Pauline Mackintosh
John Mackintosh
Diane Lyle
David Burton
Anne Ripley
Robin Pote
Eliz-anne Williams
Pam Latchford
Alan Latchford
Jo Phelps
Sue Chantler
David Chantler
Tish Dockerty
Liz Taylor
Alan Stewart
Roger Bartlett
Deborah Fox

Attending – supporters and non-members

Mo Smith
Trevor Hewett
Sheila Thackaray
Gillian Mortimer
Jane Cullen
Hugh Cullen
Helen Vaughan

Apologies - members

Sylvia Duffy
Nina Walmsley
Keith Crouch
David Currant
Clare Currant
Kate Norman