

LUDLOW 21 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 22nd June 2017 at the Feathers Hotel, Ludlow at 7.30 pm

Present: Board Tish Dockerty (Chair), John Daniels (Treasurer), Ian Urry, Kim Holroyd , Liz Taylor

Present: 15 members - Bettina Selby, Chris Deaves, John Mackintosh, Pauline Mackintosh, Tim Gill, David Currant, Anne Ripley, Jo Phelps, Penny Bridstrup, Juergen Bridstrup, Kate Norman, Peter Norman, Roger Furniss, Robin Pote, Phil Sams

- 1. Introduction and Apologies** TD welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Eliz-Anne and David, Marilyn Gaunt, Mo Smith

- 2. Minutes of 2016 AGM held on 19th July 2016** The minutes were accepted as an accurate record

Proposer Peter Norman

Secunder Kate Norman

- 3. Receive and agree the Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ending 31.03.2017** JD summarised the accounts and explained queries. The report and accounts were received and agreed

Proposer David Currant

Secunder Robin Pote

- 4. Short presentations from Family and Friends Groups to supplement written reports already circulated**

Family:

Transport Group – David Currant spoke on behalf of the group on key projects – introducing a 20 MPH speed limit in Ludlow; installation of bus shelters; improvement of safety for pedestrians at train station; survey for walkers in town. There are 5 or 6 regular members and additional people are welcome.

Fair Trade Town Group –Liz Taylor spoke on behalf of the group. Progress had been made through the introduction of sub-groups, business, schools, churches and the council. Highlights included the permanent planting of the circular flower bed outside the castle; meeting with MP Philip Dunne to discuss achieving fair trade deals for developing countries during the Brexit negotiations.

Education Group – Ian Urry spoke about its focus being the participation of more young people in sustainable projects. The change of date of the Green Festival was to enable more local youngsters and parents to take part inside term time. Work was continuing with Ludlow Infants School, Rockspring Centre and the Youth Centre. It was hoped there could be increased involvement of Ludlow College,

Swifts Group – Robin Pote spoke for the group. The period of most activity for members is between 1st May and 1st August annually. There has been a focus on the thriving swift colony in the Sandpits area and the neighbourhood leafleted resulting in requests for swift boxes. The British Legion had been re-roofed and existing nesting sites rebuilt.

Climate Friendly Diet - Kim Holroyd was the spokesperson and spoke of the big contribution that Jackie and Graham had made. Kim explained a new term 'flexitarian' to describe those who wishing to make a diet change, perhaps partially to eating less meat or some vegetarian food were not committed to a vegan diet yet. Monthly based shared suppers continue and the evenings include a variety of discussions leading to actions.

Incredible Edible – Tish Dockerty said the group had concentrated on the public planting of assorted trees around Ludlow with Station Drive as a main focus. It was hoped that the trees could mature a while before too much publicity was given to the project. This group is providing edible plants for Ludlow in Bloom with local schools planting seeds and having their own planter in the town centre.

Friends of Ludlow 21 Groups:

GSX –Green Shropshire Exchange hosted a variety of talks and events. There was the Big Green Shropshire gathering in spring focusing on energy. Prof John Whitelegg presented sustainable transport last autumn.

Ludlow Car Club – While this is successful, there is need for more members and greater use of the cars.

Food and Farming Group – Kate Norman spoke. The Local Produce Market continues each month but it is difficult to fill all stalls as local produce is becoming much more mainstream. The biggest change has been the Local to Ludlow café and shop and HQ in Castle Square. The status of the group has changed and activities and resources transferred to a Community Interest Company. A contribution of £30 per month is made to Ludlow 21 to assist with running costs.

Green Festival – Tish Dockerty spoke about the decision to take the planning and organisation back in-house so that Ludlow 21 Board is fully involved so reflecting what Ludlow 21 is doing. It is hoped that the earlier date chosen will encourage local participation and that families would be involved.

5. Receive and Agree the Directors' written report

The report was received and agreed by the meeting. We would welcome new members onto the Board

6.Election of Directors

The following elections were approved

John Daniels Proposed by Kim Holroyd Seconded by Denise Thompson

Liz Taylor Proposed by Denise Thompson Seconded by Roger Furniss

7. Any Other Business:

Bettina Selby expressed concern about the apparent lack of opportunity for public consultation regarding events in Ludlow involving road closures and other disruption. The community was being subtly eroded and it was important to be able to defend our rights as a democracy. Chris Peares mentioned the People for Ludlow Group which focuses on long term sustainability in Ludlow. The issue would be within its remit.

Penny Bridstup asked whether the Transport Group's walking group was looking at printed maps on Ludlow Town already available for tourists. As an example of omission, Friar's Walk is not evident on any such maps.

David Carrant said this could be under taken under the Transport Group's remit.

Chris Deaves enquired about the situation regarding Ludlow 21 having an Energy Group. Tish Dockerty said the Board was aware of the significance of such a group but there had not been any interest expressed in reviving the group after Alan Stewart had stepped down as co-ordinator. Roger Furniss was involved in the U3A Energy Group

Chris Deaves expressed his interest in progressing a Ludlow 21 Energy Group.

There was no other business.