

# Ludlow 21

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
for financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019  
held at the Appleteme, The Old Brewery on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 7.30pm**

**Present:**

Megan Blackmore  
Kate Norman  
Peter Norman  
Robin Pote  
Jenny Nicol  
Clare Currant  
Julia Radburn  
David Currant  
Kim Holroyd  
Simon Hodson  
Ian Urry  
Chris Deaves  
John Daniels  
Denise Thompson  
Roger Furniss  
Jane Cullen  
Philip Adams  
Sylvia Duffy  
Tish Dockerty

**Apologies:**

Liz Taylor  
Richard Ellis

## **1. Introduction and Apologies**

Tish Dockerty welcomed everyone and gave a brief introduction, and read out the apologies as listed above. The Board and officers introduced themselves.

## **2. Minutes of the AGM held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Robin Pote proposed that these be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Kate Norman seconded. All present voted in favour.

## **3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ending 31.03.19**

A written report from the Treasurer had previously been made available to members via the website. John Daniels circulated paper copies and gave a verbal summary.

Questions:

Peter Norman asked why there was such a change in Green Festival income (£3,000 in 2018, £1,600 in 2019.) The Treasurer clarified that this was because sponsorship had been separated from other GF income.

There was also a tax fee which had not been present in previous years due to offsets. (Treasurer had explained this in an email.)

Peter Norman proposed that the accounts were accepted. Denise Thompson seconded. All present voted in favour.

#### **4. Directors' Report**

A written report had previously been made available via the website. Tish Dockerty gave a summary of the report, emphasising that Ludlow 21 is a community organisation reliant on volunteers. Tish explained that ideas are being sought for the future, with a view to holding a Green Summit in the near future.

Tish thanked the Board, the Secretary and Membership Secretary, and thanked Nina as the outgoing bookkeeper and welcomed Jenny to the role.

Tish expressed a wish to step down as Chair, and find someone who has more time to devote to the role.

All present agreed the Directors' report.

#### **5. Election of Directors**

Tish Dockerty was proposed for re-election by Ian Urry and seconded by Chris Deaves. Tish was duly re-elected to the Board

Kim Holroyd was proposed for re-election by Megan Blackmore and seconded by Tish Dockerty. Kim was duly re-elected to the Board.

Ian Urry was proposed for re-election by Megan Blackmore and seconded by Jenny Nicol. Ian was duly re-elected to the Board.

There were no other nominations.

David Currant asked if there were any vacancies on the Board. The Board confirmed that they were keen to recruit new Directors, and asked members to please speak to anyone they know who may be interested and an asset to the Board.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **Membership and community engagement:**

Clare Currant confirmed there are currently approximately 50 members. There followed a discussion about membership and recruiting new members. Tish stated that people are becoming less interested in joining organisations due to the financial climate.

There was a suggestion of having a reduced price membership for young people, possibly targeting college students. Peter Norman suggested engaging students involved in the climate strikes. Tish mentioned the Soap Box planned for the Green Festival, which is attracting young people.

Denise Thompson said there was a need to raise the profile of Ludlow 21 e.g. a regular column in a local paper.

Jane Cullen suggested there should be more information sharing between like-minded organisations within Ludlow.

Sylvia Duffy said that changes to personal lifestyle are important – we could ask L21 members and the wider public to take up this challenge. Tish said that media influence is

stronger than anything.

Kim Holroyd said that L21 complements the XR movement because we do the personal and local and have always been non-political, whereas XR is a more political movement. Peter Norman queried whether we can afford to be non-political, and said that we need to focus more on lobbying.

Denise Thompson suggested that at the Green Festival we ask for ideas and contacts for people who want to do something and need support for a project.

A Green Summit is in the making, with a provisional date in early October.

Jane Cullen said we should not be disheartened, keep up the good work and galvanise our efforts. Denise Thompson thanked the Board for their work.

### **Climate Emergency:**

Jane Cullen reported that the Town Council has an amendment before them probably later this month to declare a Climate Emergency.

### **Plastics:**

Chris Deaves had attended a GSX meeting about plastics, and a Shropshire Prevent Pointless Plastic group has been formed. We need a plastics group in L21.

### **Bus timetable:**

Roger Furniss reported on attempts to produce a local bus timetable (this was accidentally omitted from the Sustainable Transport group report) The aim is to launch this in September. Ludlow 21 has contributed to the costs – fundraising is currently up to £600, need to raise £1000.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.40pm

There followed a 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday celebration with a slideshow, cake and refreshments.