

Ludlow 21

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
for financial year ending 31st March 2020
held online via Zoom on 10th August 2020, 7.30pm**

Present:

Barbara Mark
Denise Thompson
David Currant
Clare Currant
Tish Dockerty
Kim Holroyd
John Daniels
Ian Urry
Chris Deaves
Megan Blackmore
Philip Adams
Jane Cullen
Liz Taylor
Roger Furniss
Robin Pote
Chris Evans
Gordon Coppock

Apologies:

Richard Ellis
Linda Downey
Christopher and Felicity Martin
Peter and Kate Norman
Di Lyle

1. Introduction and Apologies

Tish Dockerty welcomed everyone and gave a brief introduction, and read out the apologies as listed above.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 4th June 2019

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

3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ending 31.03.20

A written report from the Treasurer had previously been made available to members via the website. John Daniels gave a verbal summary. John noted that the Green Festival had been a success in terms of finances, and that it was good to be able to make use of our facilities to host funds for projects such as the bus timetable.

There were no questions

Ian Urry proposed that the accounts were accepted. Robin Pote 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 year. It had been an active year and a successful Green Festival, featuring more external organisations than ever before. Ludlow 21 had also been involved in helping to organise climate protests.

Tish reported that an early decision had been taken to cancel the 2020 Green Festival. The Board had met twice since lockdown. Not much community work had been possible but the success of the Incredible Edible seed and plant swap was notable. We are poised at a stage where the country is in a slightly different place to a few months ago. There may be changes to people's lifestyles, new grants available for renewable energy, towns and cities having the opportunity to plan better sustainable transport. We were poised to plan new activities having had a successful event in autumn 2019. This has had to be put on hold but we could plan something for spring 2021.

All present agreed the Directors' report.

5. Election of Directors

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

Di Lyle had expressed an interest in joining the Board but was unable to attend the AGM. The Board could consider co-opting Di at a future meeting.

There were no other nominations.

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

Green Drinks

Current COVID 19 regulations allowed for 30 people to meet outdoors socially distanced. Investigations to be made into organising something for a date in September when things are quieter. Possible venues include the Blue Boar, or a private garden, David and Clare Currant having kindly offered the use of theirs. Some members said they would feel more comfortable in a private garden.

Membership

Denise Thompson enquired if we had any new members. Clare Currant (membership secretary) confirmed that 6 new members joined in 2019.

Herefordshire Green Network

Gordon Coppock gave a summary of the group's activities and news of interest. Gordon gave some more information in the Zoom chat which Megan Blackmore agreed to circulate after the meeting.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Liz Taylor enquired if there are any charging points at the new Woofferton Service Station or planned for the Rocks Green one. Phil Adams informed the meeting that four 7kW chargers were being installed at Woofferton, so far permission only on Rocks Green.

Climate Action

A Shropshire Climate Action Strategy Group is being set up. Chris Deaves will be the Ludlow 21 representative.

Jane Cullen gave information about a Climate Conference in September. Megan will circulate to Ludlow 21 mailing list.

It should be noted that there are two separate groups:

South Shropshire Climate Action Group, which is a community group.

Shropshire Climate Action Partnership, which involves Councils and other agencies.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.45pm