

# Ludlow 21

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
for financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
held at Ludlow Brewery on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 7.00pm**

## **Present:**

Tish Dockerty  
Megan Blackmore  
Marilyn Gaunt  
Penelope Bridstrup  
Liz Taylor  
Sue Campbell  
Linda Senior  
Robin Pote  
Jo Poulton  
Bev Lloyd  
Sandie Batten  
Jane Cullen  
Linda Downey  
Stuart Waite  
Richard Ellis  
Kim Holroyd  
Matt Taylor  
Susan Eastaff  
Ian Urry  
Roger Furniss  
Chris Deaves  
John Daniels  
Di Lyle

## **Apologies:**

David Currant  
Clare Currant  
Faith Claringbull  
Keith Claringbull  
Marianne Wakeling

## **Introduction and apologies**

Tish Dockerty (chair) welcomed and thanked everyone for coming, and explained that Ludlow 21 has existed for 26 years and is a limited company so an AGM is necessary. The above list of apologies was read out.

## **Minutes of 2023 AGM 19<sup>th</sup> October**

These had previously been circulated.

They were proposed as an accurate record by Robin Pote, seconded Marilyn Gaunt. There were no objections.

## **Treasurer's Report and Accounts year ending 31 March**

John Daniels (treasurer) gave a report and answered questions.

Our financial circumstances very healthy. Around £10,000 in the bank. The Board is very open to receiving bids to fund new initiatives.

The main cashflow through the account relates to Ludlow Green Festival. There was a deficit for last year but some of that related to capital investments which will benefit us for future years eg. signage etc.

Thank you to all those who pay a membership subscription, this is our core funding.

Particular thanks to those who have responded to the increased subscription fees.

Currently £15 per person, £20 per household, £100 life membership

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Robin Pote and seconded by Kim Holroyd.

There were no objections.

### **Chair's report**

Tish introduced herself as chair

Ludlow 21 is first and foremost a community group focused on environmental issues and promoting sustainable lifestyles. We have been going 26 years, managed to miss celebrating 25 years last year!

Tish explained the reason for the Ludlow 21 name, following Agenda 21 from the Rio UN summit of 1992, from which came the concept of "Think Global, Act Local". Our slogan is Local Initiatives, Sustainable Future

We are a membership organisation, but not an exclusive organisation so our mailing list and activities are open to all, but membership fees appreciated to cover running costs.

Ludlow 21 is a Company limited by guarantee, non profit making. There is usually a small surplus generated by the Green Festival which is spent on projects and initiatives.

We like to make connections locally through monthly Green Drinks on 21<sup>st</sup> of the month at the Blue Boar. This is an informal gathering, sometimes with a theme.

Many of the Ludlow 21 family groups have been highly active over the last year.

Thank you to all members of Ludlow 21 Board for their contributions throughout the year.

Board members are Tish Dockerty (chair), John Daniels (treasurer), Kim Holroyd, Di Lyle, Chris Deaves. Megan Blackmore is secretary. Liz Taylor attends Board meetings representing the Fair Trade Town group and Denise Thompson as a link with Ludlow Town Council.

Thanks also to Ian Urry (Green Festival co-ordinator), Clare Currant (membership secretary), and to the many other volunteers who support different aspects of Ludlow 21's work.

We have an open door to support people to get involved or start their own projects, and have funds to underpin activities that people want to undertake. We are all volunteers but can offer support and expertise for anyone new who wants to get involved.

### **Election of Directors**

Chris Deaves was nominated for reelection by Megan Blackmore and seconded by John Daniels. There being no objections, Chris was re-elected to the Board.

Di Lyle was nominated for reelection by Megan Blackmore and seconded by Tish Dockerty. There being no objections, Di was re-elected to the Board.

Peter Batt was nominated for election by Tish Dockerty and seconded by Megan Blackmore. There being no objections, Peter was elected to the Board and welcomed as a new member.

Tish pointed out that the Board are always open to new people getting involved in aspects of the organisation, and we can co-opt people to the Board at any time.

## AOB

- **Jo Poulton from Transition Together gave a summary of the organisation:**

Established in 2005. 3,000 groups over many countries, Ludlow 21 has signed up as a Transition organisation. Jo was at the meeting to find out more about what we do. Clearly there is lots happening in Ludlow.

A Transition Assembly is being organised in February 2025 and groups are being asked to send up to two representatives to the Assembly.

- **Linda Downey gave a brief update on medicine blister pack recycling:**

Medicine Blister pack recycling used to be available in town. Linda and a friend have been investigating possibilities. As a result of this, they bought a bag for £39 from Terracycle, which covers cost of recycling. Fill up bag and return. Fits over 600 blister packs, which works out 5p per blister pack. Other groups in the area are doing this too. Government response to a question is that medicine blister packs will not be included in recycling legislation, will be a devolved issue for local councils. Linda proposed to take bags to Green Drinks and collect associated 5ps to cover outlay. Also would like to encourage others to do this amongst friends and family.

### **Ludlow Green Festival report**

Ian Urry gave a report on the 2024 Green Festival.

A film made by Peter Batt was shown

There's a point at the Green Festival where your anxiety dissipates and you realise it's going to be OK. This year's seemed okay. Last few have been very good, always room for improvement, a good attraction for locals and visitors. Ian felt a sense that this year there were lots of locals. Children's activities were popular.

Started planning earlier for this year's festival to plan for greater involvement of schools and youth groups. Wrote to lots of schools and youth groups in the area, offering involvement in 3 projects:

Living willow sculptures, planters from reclaimed timber, and plants in repurposed containers. Some great involvement of several hundred children. Guides planted up planters with plants supplied by Ludlow in Bloom. Children in schools got involved in living willow sculptures and competition for repurposed planters.

The Green Festival is a team effort of old hands and some new faces. Great to have Peter's involvement with ideas for publicity and promotion, and film-making.

There was a theme of 'navigating the storm' this year.

Stalls representing many local organisations and businesses

Music organised very well again by Nick Robertson – brings life to the festival.

Children's activities area become a firmly established part of the festival, this year we had the snakes and ladders game which was popular. Also foraging walks.

Interested in feedback and new ideas. We need people to help plan and organise next year's festival.

The Board thanked Ian for his report and continued work on the Green Festival.

Meeting ended at 8.04 pm

Following the formal meeting, each Ludlow 21 family group had a table to talk to people about what we do.