

Ludlow 21

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
for financial year ending 31st March 2025
held at Ludlow Brewery on 13th November 2025, 7.00pm**

Present:

John Daniels
Megan Blackmore
Philip Adams
Jane Lumley
Denise Thompson
Crawford Robinson
Liz Taylor
Robin Pote
Chris Deaves
Tish Dockerty
Mike Owens
Rev Denise Hargreaves
Elizabeth Wright
Faith Claringbull
John Cherry
Bridget Cherry
Scarlet Penn
Roz Cox
Pete Lawley
Kim Holroyd
Nicola North
Jane Cullen
Keith Claringbull
Richard Ellis
David Curren
Clare Curren
Roger Furniss
Di Lyle
Paul Weeden

Apologies:

Sylvia Duffy
Marianne Wakeling
Ian Urry

Introduction and apologies

Tish Dockerty (chair) welcomed everyone to the AGM and “Green Power Hour”.
Members of the Board introduced themselves. The above list of apologies was read out.

Minutes of 2024 AGM 17th October

These had previously been circulated.
They were proposed as an accurate record by Linda Downey and seconded by Di Lyle.
There were no objections.

Treasurer’s Report and Accounts year ending 31 March

The report and accounts had been previously circulated

John Daniels (treasurer) gave a brief verbal report and answered questions. We are in a very good position financially. The present accounts show figures for the Green Festival 2024

We depend on financial support in terms of membership fees, so thank you to members, and thank you to Clare Currant for her role of membership secretary. Please make sure your subscription is up to date with the current rate. £15 individual, £20 household, £100 life membership

A proposal was made that the meeting accept the accounts as published. Proposed by David Currant, seconded by Di Lyle. The accounts were duly adopted.

Chair's report

Tish Dockerty introduced herself. Tish became chair in 2016. Stability and structure was needed at the time. Family and Friends group structure has worked well since. All the Family groups are represented on the Board in some way. Tish thanked all group members who give up their time to make these groups work. A round of applause followed.

Friends groups at the moment are Shropshire Climate Action and Local to Ludlow CIC

Ludlow 21 is first and foremost a community group promoting sustainable lifestyles. Been going for 27 years. Name comes from Agenda 21 of the Rio summit in 1992. Although this was some time ago, we find ourselves in a similar situation as nations convene for COP30.

Tish announced a new regular session: Green Drinks will be replaced with a monthly session called 'Creating Tomorrow's World Together' on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Unicorn Inn. Sessions will approach a different topic each month. All ideas welcome.

Tish gave big thank you from the Board to Denise who stepped down after many years as chair of Sustainable Transport Group. Denise was presented with a gift and card.

Tish explained that Ludlow 21 is a Company limited by guarantee with Memorandum and articles of association and directors of a Board. Thanks to all Board members and other officers – Clare Currant as membership secretary. Funds are available if anyone wants to start up any new projects – speak to a Board member. Thanks to Megan as secretary. Megan wished to step back somewhat from this role, Tish asked for anyone interested in taking on any of the secretary role – minute taking, communications, social media, circulating information etc – to come forward.

Reports from Family Groups

Written reports had previously been circulated. Group reps gave a verbal summaries as follows:

Ludlow Repair Cafe, Di Lyle

Incredible Edible Ludlow, Megan Blackmore

Fair Trade, Liz Taylor

Sustainable Transport, Denise Thompson (outgoing chair)/ Philip Adams (new chair).

Philip also introduced other members of the group.

Energy, Chris Deaves.

Green Festival Tish Dockerty. Tish thanked all that help to make the Green Festival happen. There will be an initial planning meeting early next year. Thanks also to Ian Urry.

Election of Directors

No new nominations to the Board, no directors due for re-election. Tish asked members to please come forward at any time if you would like to be on the Board. We hope that the new monthly Tuesday sessions will help with communication with members. Also if there is anyone who might be interested in producing a members newsletter, please come forward.

AOB

Linda Downey noted that Ludlow 21 have previously donated books to Ludlow Library. As part of some training, Linda had come across a book which she felt should be donated to Ludlow Library. This could be part of a collection which would stay at Ludlow Library. The Board felt this was a great idea and asked for suggestions of other books. Linda agreed to take on compiling a list of books to be purchased.

Meeting ended at 8.08 pm

Following the formal meeting, there were short presentations by representatives from other local groups, as follows:

Shropshire Climate Action – Jane Cullen
Working Together Ludlow – Nicola North
Ludlow Town Council Climate Action Task & Finish Group – Di Lyle
Caring for Creation (Ludlow Methodists) – Mike Owens
Ludlow Quakers – Paul Weeden
Hands Together Ludlow – Chris Deaves
Myriad Organics / At Home Ludlow – Pete Lawley / Jane Lumley
Castle View Meadow – Tish Dockerty