



AGM Minutes 2017

**The Hall Get Involved Ltd (registration no 31628R)
Friday 6th October 2017
Exeter Street Hall, 16-17 Exeter Street BN1 5PG**

1. Members Present

A register of attendees was taken on arrival. The number of voting Member attendees was 55 at the start of the AGM (later 56). Additionally, one proxy vote was received. The AGM was quorate.

Directors present: Susan Corlett, David Fellows, Norman Wright, Jo Camplisson. Apologies received from Marianne Craig.

The Chair, Susan Corlett opened the AGM at 7.34pm and explained the voting procedure and order of the meeting.

1.1 Approval of Minutes of last AGM

Paper copies of the Minutes from the 2016 AGM were distributed to attendees, having been previously available on the website. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

A resolution to approve the Minutes of the 2016 AGM was proposed by Susan Corlett and seconded by Jo Camplisson.

The Minutes were approved (54 votes in favour including 1 proxy. 2 abstentions)

2. Presentation of the Directors' Report

Paper copies of the report were distributed to attendees, having previously been available on the website. The Chair, Susan Corlett presented the Directors' Report for the financial year April 2016 – March 2017.

A resolution to approve the Directors' Report was proposed by Hannah Reed and seconded by Norman Wright.

The Directors' Report was approved unanimously (57 votes in favour including 1 proxy)

3. Presentation of the Financial Report

Paper copies of the report were distributed to attendees, having previously been available on the website. The Treasurer, Jo Camplisson presented the Financial Report for the financial year April 2016 – March 2017, summarising the published accounts and explaining the balance sheet as at 31st March 2017. She also explained the income and expenditure account for the year to 31st March 2017. The Hall made a surplus of around £5000.

The following questions from Members were asked:

Q: Is the grant from Veolia included in these figures?

A: No, although the grant was agreed in the financial year 16-17, the actual funds came in after the year end.

Q: Is there any scope to increase the hours of the Hall Manager?

A: Yes we would want to if possible, but it wouldn't be possible to afford a full-time Hall Manager.

A resolution to approve the Financial Report for the year April 2016-March 2017 was proposed by Louise McGowan and seconded by David Fellows.

The Financial Report was approved unanimously (57 votes in favour including 1 proxy).

4. Appointment of Auditors (if required)

4a. Susan Corlett explained that the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 gives the Directors the option to **not** have an external audit but instead for the accounts to be scrutinised and signed off as correct by the secretary and two committee members and then presented to the AGM for approval.

A resolution to not have an external audit of the accounts for April 2016 – March 2017 was proposed by Susan Corlett and seconded by Dexter Coombe.

The resolution to not have an external audit was approved unanimously (57 votes in favour including 1 proxy).

4b. The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 now requires the Directors to ask the AGM to approve the same resolution as above for the current financial year (April 2017-April 2018).

A resolution to **not** have an external audit of the accounts for April 2017 – March 2018 was proposed by Susan Corlett and seconded by Phil Richardson.

The resolution not to have an external audit was approved unanimously (57 votes in favour including 1 proxy).

5. Appointment of Directors

Susan Corlett explained that under our rules, one third of all Directors must stand down at the AGM, in order of those who have held office the longest.

Current directors are:

Jo Camplisson, who will continue as a Director
Norman Wright who will continue as a Director
Marianne Craig, who will continue as a Director
David Fellows who is standing down and seeking re-election

Susan Corlett, who is standing down and seeking re-election

No further nominations for Director have been received.

In addition the following have been re-appointed by the Management Committee as co-opted members to serve for the coming year:

Dexter Coombe
Iain Chambers
Phil Richardson
Louise McGowan, as secretary.

Election of Directors:

David Fellows nominated by Norman Wright and seconded by Jo Camplisson

57 votes in favour (1 by proxy) none against.

Susan Corlett nominated by Louise McGowan and seconded by Hannah Reed

57 votes in favour (1 by proxy) none against.

6. Any Other Business

Iain Chambers stated that he would like to acknowledge the work of the Management Committee and show his appreciation. The chair thanked him for his kind words.

Martin Poole spoke on how the Hall has been turned around, and as the vicar at St Luke's who sold the Hall, shareholding members may like to know how their money has been used to renovate the church. There will be a re-opening next month, all are welcome.

David Fellows then spoke about the building works which have been taking place, including the current access project, dry rot work and gas pipes replaced. He gave thanks to everyone who has contributed to the crowdfunding project to complete the ramp. There are two volunteer days coming up for anyone to come along and help out with painting and other jobs. A defibrillator has been fitted this week to the external wall of the Hall and is a resource for the community.

Next projects – all the external windows need restoration and re-glazing and the building team hope to look at this in the short term. Apart from the new disabled toilet, all the other toilets need work, as does the back yard area. We continue to need volunteers to help, and of course funds. We are putting in a bid shortly for provision of performance lighting.

Susan Corlett then gave an update of what is coming up in the Hall, including training dates for use of the defibrillator. The new corridor now gives access to the community room so it can be rented as a separate space. Approximately 800 people per month use the Hall.

How you can help the Hall:

Support events

Join Friends of the Hall

Spread the word – tell new neighbours about the Hall

Get involved

Volunteers are crucial to the Hall, If you have time to spare there is something for everyone – restoration work, events, paperwork and governance, bar work....if you have an area of expertise we'd love to hear from you.

Susan Corlett thanked all volunteers for their work.

The AGM formally closed at 8.12pm.