

Meeting of Management Committee
Tuesday 31st August 2021 at 9.30am at HQ

Present – Sue Watkinson (Trustee), Geoff Roberts (Trustee)
Alan Starkie, John Tomlinson, Derrick Fewings, Les Rippon, Paul Andrews, Mike Rimmer,
Megan Tomlinson, Pamela Ball, (MC)

Apologies

1 Welcome

Alan Starkie was thanked for his work as Chair.

2 Apologies

Colin Russ
Doreen Baker

3 Election of Officers

Chairman – John Tomlinson
Proposed – Mike Rimmer
Seconded – Les Rippon
John Tomlinson was unanimously elected

Vice Chair – Pamela Ball
Proposed – Alan Starkie
Seconded – Paul Andrews
Pamela Ball was unanimously elected

Secretary – Megan Tomlinson – agreed to carry on in the role
Treasurer – Derrick Fewings – agreed to carry on in the role

4 Minutes of meeting held on 27th July, 2021.

Accepted as a true record

5 Matters arising.

None

6 Feedback from AGM

Discussion took place regarding the AGM and the need for it to be quorate. It was felt that as the AGM was approximately 8 short of 100 (quorum required) it should be seen as a “descoped AGM” and an EGM should be organised to accept the accounts, accept the

auditors as JVSA and to give notice that there could be a proposal to amend the Constitution at the AGM in 2022.

Action: Date for EGM to be held at HQ on Monday October 11 2021 at 1pm. Notice to be sent via email and letter to be sent to those not on email. Two agenda items JVSA auditors and voting on accounts.

Questions from the floor – suggestion that the MC challenge the Third Age Trust and extent to which they provide value for money. TAT do provide lots of support, meetings, information and support. It was felt that overall we do get value for money.

Action: Derrick Fewings and Sue Watkinson to follow up

It was noted that a proposed increase of TAT membership has been postponed. There was discussion about the TAT Brand Centre and also some difficulty in communication over the last year.

Action: Sue Watkinson to follow up with another Trustee in the North West

Badges – felt that committee members should have badges with their name and role.

Action: Megan Tomlinson to follow up

7 Correspondence

None

8 Treasurer's Report

Currently £48k in reserves.

Quick analysis of restart activities suggests a £5k loss by December.

Reference was made to information sent out to group leaders about the new charging system – there was acceptance of the proposals sent out with the capping system of £1 minimum and £2 maximum.

Thanks were given to start up committee for all of their hard work.

Question was asked about a suggestion that room hire costs could be met from any surplus monies left over from membership subscription and extent to which this is possible under gift aid rules.

Question was asked about groups asking for assistance with purchasing equipment – at present the Finance Committee can authorise requests up to £500, any amount above this has to go to Management Committee.

9 Membership Report

1549 members, 1179 lapsed members, 138 deceased. Typically, within a couple of months we lose 200 members at renewal time which is normally addressed over the year.

Membership Team expressed concern about the difficulty of operating from Aughton Village Hall (AVH) given that stationery items, forms, files, card reader, filing cabinet etc are held at HQ. Membership Team would prefer to operate Horizons at HQ rather than Aughton Village Hall.

This led to discussion about location of New Horizons at AVH. The advantages of AVH include the ease of car parking, possibly the kitchen and maybe ventilation. Issues however centre around storage and movement of books, admin resources etc. From an MC/organisational point of view AVH doesn't seem as easy a location to operate from.

Suggestions discussed included giving AVH a little longer, canvassing opinion and operating two venues on same or different days.

Action: Survey to be carried out on way into New Horizons on Thursday – Pam Ball and Mike Rimmer to survey members this week as enter AVH.

10 Communication's Report

Suggestion that brochure is attached to next newsletter. Issue of people not opening email attachments was discussed.

11 Magazine

Problem of the cost was discussed and possibly alter the format to a small A5 brochure. This would not be posted but available for collection at Horizons.

Action: Communication's group to look at cost of 3 issues per year with reduced content so that there is a limit of 6-8 pages.

12 AOB

Reinstatement of sub committees on next agenda.

Zoom licences – Agreed that one licence be renewed.

Action: John Tomlinson to follow up

New Constitution – Need to include clause on digital meetings and possibly looking at quorum number as well as length of service of officers. Ian Grant to be invited to a future meeting for advice.

Action: Megan Tomlinson to invite Ian Grant to next meeting.

13 Date of next meeting

Tuesday September 21 2021 at 9.30am

Signed.....Date,.....