



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 21st October 2022 at 8pm

Held at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church Hall,147 Bingham Road,CR0 7EN.

Chairman: Vincent McLaughlin

The meeting commenced at 8pm with 6 members present. The Chairman pointed out that the Association's constitution stated "for each AGM to be operative a quorum of at least ten members must be present". However, he decided to override the stipulation on this occasion and it was agreed that the meeting proceed.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Keith and Valerie Phillips, Paul Henson, & Jo Taylor.

2. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all present.

3. Minutes of the last AGM Wednesday 28th April 2021

The minutes were available on the BRA website and hard copies distributed at the meeting.

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4. Chairman's Report

Referred to

- (a) Holding AGMs
- (b) Social Matters
- (c) Thanks to former committee members , Sheila ,Heather & Penny
- (d) Lack of Road Representatives

5. Social Events

Chairman recalled the very successful "Quiz & Chips" evening held earlier in the year and the forthcoming coach trip to Brighton's Christmas Market on the 2nd December with over 30 members already signed up to go.

6. Subscription Fees

It was agreed to keep the subscription fees at £4 per annum

Proposed by Daryl Seyforth

Seconded by Jill Seagroatt

Unanimous vote in favour

7. Membership Secretary's Report

Steve reported that so far this year the numbers were down 90 at approximately 190 but final figures not yet collated. Committee to discuss initiatives to attract members at their forthcoming regular meetings.

8. Treasurer's Report

Jill reported that the accounts were prepared to the 31st March 2022 and pointed out that there was not much activity during the year due to the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions. The current account stood at £138.16 with £3,718.56 in the savings account.

The accounts were signed off by the Auditors.

Proposed by Steve Storey

Seconded by Ann Nicholson

Unanimous vote in favour

9. Election of Officers

Keith Phillips who had been acting as secretary since Sheila's departure and Daryl Seyforth who had taken over Heather's role as newsletter editor kindly agreed to continue in office as did Jill Seagroatt, treasurer, Steve Storey membership secretary Daryl, website administrator and Ann Nicholson Addiscombe Railway Park liaison officer.

Proposed by Vincent Mc Laughlin

Seconded by Dorothy Ayling

Unanimous vote in favour

The Chairman, Vincent Mc Laughlin decided not to put himself forward and it was agreed that he continue in that role as acting chairman.

10. Election of Auditors

The Auditors, Paul Henson and Jo Taylor have agreed to continue in that role and were re-elected.

Proposed by Steve Storey

Seconded by Daryl Seyforth

Unanimous vote in favour

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Ann Nicholson from the Railway Park committee mentioned the forthcoming Halloween event in the park on Sunday 30th October, 5.30 to 7pm. Includes fairy lights and all sorts of spookiness.

11.2 Daryl commented that the response to the flowers around pavement trees was disappointing but it was agreed that the committee should look at other gardening initiatives which may stimulate members' interest.

11.3 Jill spoke about the Association's commitment to support the poppies and the Christmas lights on the lampposts in Addiscombe. (this matter was brought up under the Treasurer's report heading)

11.4 The most recent application to add a fourth floor to the Liberty Point building at the junction of Lower Addiscombe Road and Blackhorse Lane was refused but another application has been submitted with comments to be lodged by the 9th November.

11.5 Dorothy Ayling asked if there was any further news on a survey regarding parking metres in Dalmally road. It was noted that this was not a Council survey but one conducted by CHASE Resident's Association and appeared to be information gathering only. A short discussion on the effect of the Council's traffic management scheme at the junction of Blackhorse Lane and Dalmally Road took place.

11.6 The matter of the graffiti on Blackhorse Bridge was mentioned from last year's AOB and it was agreed that it had been dealt with but in a somewhat shoddy manner.

11.7 Confidence was expressed that the Charles Wootton memorial tree had withstood the summer drought but some concern for the newer tree which was planted by the Council to compensate for some damage caused to the original one by Council contractors.

11.8 The Beach Boys tribute band, which was playing in the next door large hall, did not overly detract from the meeting which concluded at 9pm.

The acting Chairman thanked all who attended, the committee, road representatives and all who supported the Association over the past year or so.

Signed.....

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