

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Weston Village Hall

6.00 pm Thursday 9 May 2019

Present: José Wilson (Chair), Lori Weber, Lesley Ross, Katie Lewis, Chris Chowney, Gill Evans, Eleanor Bette-Bennett, Venera Town; Fiona Leathart

Apologies: Apologies were received from Richard Watts.

Minutes of the AGM on 10 May 2018 were approved. Proposed Chris Chowney, seconded Lesley Ross

Matters arising: The Weston News laptop is now back with Lori Weber, but is not in active use, and could be used to store archive copies of committee minutes, for instance.

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Editor: A full year of editing had gone really well from Lori's perspective, but she is always open to feedback. The editing (LR), proof-reading (KL) and printing (VT) system is working efficiently and allows sufficient time for everyone. Lori had created a definitive layout style, which is speeding up the process of compiling the magazine. She was delighted to have two new recipe contributors plus a new contributor to the front cover in Jane Sandles. Finding a good image for the cover was one of the most difficult things. Lori tends to receive sufficient contributions to fill the magazine and has little time, alongside her day job, to search out and write up additional content, but would like to know if there is something which she includes on a regular basis which might not be relevant (any more) and could free up space for something more unusual. She would then try to find additional content herself or ask others to provide it. Lori thanked everyone around this table for their support in helping her with the monthly task. She continues to enjoy the role and looks forward to remaining in it for the foreseeable future.

Chairman: José confirmed that the magazine continues to be in good hands under Lori's capable leadership, with lots of positive feedback, and thanked Lori for her hard work. She confirmed that Lesley Ross was leaving the committee and thanked her for arranging an online account to make future transactions easier and for all her hard work. She welcomed (John) Richard Watts in his absence; he is standing for the role of treasurer. She thanked Gill Evans for keeping advertising pages full and especially for collecting payments - our crucial income. She thanked Venera Town for her diligence in managing the printing. The distribution number had remained constant at 608, but was set to increase significantly with the houses being built at Ariconium Park. She pointed out that we would not have a magazine to distribute without the stalwart group of folders and staplers and the distributors who deliver a free copy – thanks to our loyal advertisers – to everyone that wants one in the combined parishes of Weston under Penyard and Hope Mansell, and thanked everyone who helps with these tasks. She also thanked Katie Lewis for proofreading and general assistance, and Chris Chowney for maintaining the website. There are so many people who contribute in a large or small way to this magazine and everyone is important. She

expressed the hope that the magazine would continue to grow and evolve with new input and ideas in the coming year.

Treasurer: Lesley Ross presented the Receipts and payments for the year ending 28 February 2019, which had been examined by Nigel Stewart. These showed receipts of £1,220.41 and payments of £1,515.28. Expenditure was in line with expectations, but income had dropped because of advertising payments not coming in on time. Some cheques had been received since the end of the year, bringing us closer to break-even. The system for advertising payments will be altered after discussion to improve timing. Lesley thanked Nigel Stewart for auditing the figures, and Katie Lewis was to send him a letter of appreciation. The accounts were unanimously adopted: proposer Lori Weber, seconder José Wilson.

Officers: There was only one candidate for each post, and so the election/re-election en bloc of the following was proposed by Chris Chowney, seconded by Lesley Ross and unanimously supported.

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| Chairman | José Wilson |
| Editor | Lori Weber |
| Treasurer | John Richard Watts |
| Secretary | Katie Lewis |

Committee members: The following were the only candidates and their election/re-election en bloc was proposed by Katie Lewis and seconded by Fiona Leathart.

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| Advertising | Gill Evans |
| Website | Chris Chowney |
| Venues | Eleanor Bette-Bennett |
| Printing | Venera Town |

Any Other Business

A thank you to all the folders and staplers was proposed, with an offer of refreshments at the pre-Christmas session. The committee all seconded Chris Chowney's thanks to José Wilson for all that she does.

The meeting closed at 6.45 pm.