

FRIENDS OF OIGNIES TWINNING ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF AGM held Saturday 24 October 2020 via ZOOM

Present: Derek Thomas, Peter Bloomfield, Susan Quas-Cohen, Anne Johnson, Chris Clegg, plus Members: G & V Oakley, J & V Marriott, Helen Bloomfield, Catrin Davies, Judith Dakin (joined after close of meeting).

1. Notice of Meeting: Sent on 10 October 2020

2. Apologies: Karen Done, Paul Lewis, Sue Hodgkinson, Ian & Jane Calvert, Martin & Anne Willey

3. Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minutes and Treasurer's Report of AGM on 13 October 2019 were posted on the website and no comments received. Proposed by Chris Clegg and seconded by Anne Johnson.

4. Chair's Report:

Derek presented the Chair's report to the meeting. The full text is available on the website at www.friendsofoignies.com/agm-2020

5. Treasurer's Report:

Peter presented the Balance Sheet for 2019/20 showing a balance in hand of £4,009.30. Whilst the Dinner Dance in March and the sale of calendars made a profit, this year has been very different in terms of finances as fundraising ceased in March, and with no donation received from the Mayoral Charities Fund, no monies have been raised. Whilst we appear to be in a fairly good position financially more funds need to be raised for next year. With our local RBS now closed we need electronic payments unless absolutely necessary. After being proposed by Derek Thomas and seconded by Chris Clegg, it was unanimously agreed by those present to adopt the Balance Sheet.

At this point the Committee stood down pending the election of a new Committee. All posts were available for nominations from the floor. In the absence of our President, The Mayor of High Peak, the business was conducted by Derek T and Sue QC.

6. Election of Scrutineers: The meeting agreed that none were needed.

7. Election of Officers:

Chair: Derek Thomas was nominated and seconded. **No other nominations and elected unopposed.**

Vice Chair: Ian Hamilton was nominated and seconded. **No other nominations and elected unopposed.**

Secretary: Sue Quas-Cohen was nominated and seconded. **No other nominations received and elected unopposed.**

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Treasurer: Peter Bloomfield was nominated and seconded. **No other nominations received and elected unopposed.**

Publicity Officer: Chris Clegg was nominated and seconded. **No other nominations received and elected unopposed.**

8. Election of Committee: Anne Johnson, Ian Calvert, Karen Done, and Sue Hodgkinson were **proposed and duly elected. No further nominations for Committee Members had been received.**

The newly elected Chair and Committee reconvened.

9. Annual Subscription:

As outlined in Item 9 in the Chair's report included in the Notice sent out prior to the meeting, the Committee propose a reduction in subscriptions for the current year which commenced on 1st September. (Those who have already paid their £22 are therefore entitled to a partial refund).

As it is not possible to know when we can begin fundraising again, a subscription of £15 would yield circa £900 which equated to the loss of funds from the Dickensian Market, Rotary Charity Bazaar and the Mayoral donation.

The proposal to temporarily reduce subscriptions to £15 was put forward and seconded. A vote of those present together with on-line voting resulted in 11 in favour, 6 against and 3 abstaining. The Motion was carried: therefore the annual subscription for 2020/21 will be £15.

10. Election of Accountant:

Derek advised that Peter Quas-Cohen had again volunteered to stand as independent accountant. **There were 19 present and on-line votes in favour plus 1 abstention. The proposal was carried.**

11. AOB: No items received

Chris advised of another proposed mass Zoom meeting with Les Amis de Buxton on Saturday 12th December. Confirmation and details will appear in the next Newsletter.

Jim thanked Chris and Ian Hamilton for the Wednesday evening Zoom sessions with members of Les Amis de Buxton.

Derek thanked all present for their attendance and involvement in the meeting. We hope to be able to visit next year, or when visits resume, and Oignies are willing still to host.

Meeting Closed