

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum
Minutes of the AGM held on 14th November 2022

At Stirchley Community Church, Hazelwell Street, Stirchley

Present: 32: including; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Members of the Forum's management committee, also Councillor Mary Locke

Apologies: 9

1. Robert Morris (RM) took the chair and welcomed everyone. He explained that the Committee had decided to hold the meeting in person due to issues with obtaining suitable IT facilities to hold it online too.

2 Apologies as set out in the Attendance book were noted.

3 Minutes of AGM 2021.

These were accepted as being a true record,

4 Matters arising.

It was noted that planning permission for the phone mast had been refused.

5. Presentation of Annual Report

RM presented the Annual Report outlining the activities of the Forum over the previous 12 months.

Sandra Cooper (SC) gave a short overview of planning matters.

RM thanked residents for their support in a number of initiatives. He also thanked Cllr Locke, businesses and BCC staff (including Karen Cheney) for their support.

He also thanked the Forum committee for their support for the Forum (and for himself personally) over the previous 12 months.

SC in turn thanked RM for his support for and hard work on behalf of the Forum.

The Report was accepted by those present.

6. Presentation of Accounts

Paula Aubrey (PA), Forum Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts.

The restricted funding which the Forum applied for on behalf of Stirchley Together was highlighted and it was noted that this had now been spent.

PA thanked BCC for their ongoing support.

RM thanked Paula for her work on the accounts.

Adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts was proposed and seconded by residents.

Their adoption was agreed by the meeting.

7. Election of the Committee

RM announced that there had been 7 people properly nominated to serve on the Committee for 2022-23. Susan Maclean had decided not to stand for re-election and RM thanked her for contribution.

As there were 15 Committee places available he proposed that those nominated be elected to the Committee.

It was agreed by the meeting that the following, having been properly nominated before the meeting and being qualified to stand, be elected to the Committee for 2022-23;

Paula Aubrey, Sandra Cooper, Rob Morris, Heidi Murphy, Julie Saunders, Marg Walker and Diane Johnson.

Rob Morris reminded those present that the Committee had power to co-opt during the year and if anyone is interested in joining the Committee to please contact the Forum.

8. Networking

Rev Catherine Grylls proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for their hard work during the year which was agreed.

Rachel Ward announced that the new Ward Plan would be discussed at the Ward Meeting on 30th November.

After the formal part of the meeting there was the world premiere of the film made by John Hemmings, facilitated by the Forum

John introduced the film which was conceived as a way of encouraging young people to find out more about Stirchley.

He said that problems had occurred due to the hot weather and therefore more of the film was classroom based than had been envisaged.

He said that the film would be publicly available once the young people and their families had had a chance to view it.

After the film everyone congratulated John.

RM thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended at 8.40.

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