



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at 7.30pm on 23rd April 2020
Via Zoom

11 members were present, including three directors.

After introductions the accounts were presented by Anne Chapman.

The chair's report was also presented by Anne Chapman. Gill Fenna added that the financial risk to MORE arising from the Covid-19 pandemic had been considered by the directors, and was considered to be small. It is expected that the electricity usage at the Boys & Girls Club may be reduced, but this is just a small part of our income and that from Lancaster Cohousing will be unaffected.

The following motions were proposed and all were carried unanimously:

Motion 1: to approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th May 2019.

Proposed by Gill Fenna, seconded Steve Dealler.

Motion 2: To approve the payment of share interest to members at a rate of 4%, and 25% of the total share interest paid as community benefit.

Proposed by Dave Brookes, seconded by Steve Dealler.

Motion 3: to receive and adopt the Report of the Directors and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2019.

Proposed by Gill Fenna, seconded by Simon Gershon.

Motion 4: to disapply the obligation of the co-operative to appoint auditors pursuant to Section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 so that an audit of the accounts of the Co-operative shall not take place for the Co-operative's year of account ending 31st December 2020.

Proposed by Gill Fenna, seconded by Simon Gershon

Election of directors. Gill Fenna is an existing director who is standing down in rotation, in accordance with our Rules, and is offering herself for re-election.

Motion 5: to reappoint Gill Fenna as a director of the Society.

Proposed by Anne Chapman, seconded by Steve Dealler. The motion was passed unanimously.

Presentation by Green Rose CIC

Goergina Sommerville gave a presentation of the work of Green Rose CIC, consisting mainly of home visits and other measures to help households in the Lancaster and Morecambe area use energy more efficiently and save money. This was followed by a discussion of how Green Rose might develop its work to achieve carbon savings as well as helping those in fuel poverty, including perhaps working with groups other than households, including care homes.

Motion 6: that of the £3195 set aside in 2018 and 2019 for community benefit we give a grant of £3000 to Green Rose CIC to deliver a programme to give energy advice and install energy efficiency measures based on input from directors and members.

Proposed by Gill Fenna, seconded by Simon Gershon. The motion was passed unanimously.

Other business. Arising from discussion following the Green Rose CIC presentation, the meeting agreed that when Anne Chapman sends an email to members about payment of share interest it should include the option of giving a proportion of their interest to the community benefit fund, on the basis as agreed at the meeting.