

2021 AGM Minutes

Present: Julia Baker, Lynne Bowden, Francis Brindley, Chris Clegg, Catrin Davies, Tony Glew, Catherine Grundy-Glew, Ian Hamilton, Jim Marriott, Viv Marriott, Suzanne Pearson, Keith Ray, Jean Todd

Apologies

Carol Bowns, Ian Shepherd, Pam Smart, Mike Reynolds

Apologies for absence (committee members): Deborah Ward

Minutes of Previous (2020) AGM

Viv Marriott summarised the previous AGM minutes, which are available on the Website. The minutes of the 2020 AGM were agreed.

Proposed by Suzanne Pearson and seconded by Tony Glew.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence to report.

Chairperson's report – Viv Marriott

(Report attached)

Viv also noted that since writing the Chairs Report she had been in touch with Fairfield Junior School, and of course everything is up in the air at the moment. However, the acting head is still keen to work with our committee to provide some experiences that enhance the pupil's knowledge and understanding of Germany.

Treasurers Report – Tony Glew

Tony confirmed that we received the £500.00 grant from Derbyshire County Council. After settling the website costs for 2019 and 2020 the account currently stands at £404. Tony would also contact our auditor, Peter Quas-Cohen, to confirm that with so little activity no audit is required.

Constitution Amendments

Viv introduced a discussion of how we define a member of our association and noted that currently we are not considering a subscription and are relying on our grant to cover any costs. Viv invited Keith Ray to comment on our current understanding. Keith confirmed that the contact list stored on the website is our membership list. The list comprises individuals who have given their name and email details either in person or via the website contact forms.

If, in future, we decide to have a subscription, we will review this definition.

Election of officers and committee

Viv introduced the election. She informed the meeting that two committee members had not responded to emails asking if they wished to stand for re-election. Viv had emailed these two committee members thanking them for their contribution and informing them that their names would not be put forward for re-election.

Viv also believed she had to stand down at this point, causing a discussion. Tony Glew proposed Viv as new Chair which was seconded by Jean Todd. Catherine Grundy-Glew proposed reinstating the status quo if the committee members were happy with that. The current committee members confirmed their agreement. I

Keith Ray then listed the resulting committee:

Chair	Viv Marriott	Proposed: Tony Glew	Seconded: Jean Todd
Vice Chair	Ian Hamilton	Proposed: Catherine Grundy-Glew	Seconded: Jim Marriott
Secretary	Keith Ray	Proposed: Catherine Grundy-Glew	Seconded: Jim Marriott
Treasurer	Tony Glew	Proposed: Catherine Grundy-Glew	Seconded: Jim Marriott
Committee			
	Jean Todd	Proposed: Catherine Grundy-Glew	Seconded: Jim Marriott
	Jim Marriott	Proposed: Catherine Grundy-Glew	Seconded: Jim Marriott
	Deborah Ward	Proposed: Catherine Grundy-Glew	Seconded: Jim Marriott

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Ideas:

Zoom – Making the most of Zoom.

Jim suggested joint zoom meetings with Bad Nauhiem committee members.

Jean suggested having the annual multi town meetings via zoom. Viv asked Jean to follow up.

Catherine suggested a zoom quiz.

Choirs

A discussion followed on developing contacts with choirs, which has been strong in the past. Suzanne, Viv, Francis, and Lynne contributed resulting in:

Suzanne Pearson requested more information on the other towns as they were not aware of them.

Follow up on Andy Parker's choir videos.

Mary Williamson is currently in touch with Hans Peter regarding the Schwalheim choir.

Video of Buxton produced by young people.

Bad Nauheim are still keen to have an updated video about Buxton produced by 11 – 18 year olds. Viv to contact with Kitty Randle from the REC theatre group to see if they are still interested in being involved. If not Suzanne and Viv briefly discussed the feasibility of maybe doing this film through the Green Man Gallery.

Closing

Viv said that we would send everyone at the AGM copies of committee meeting minutes to keep everyone informed and connected. The meeting was closed.

Date of next committee meeting

To be confirmed after the AGM.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.