

Minutes of Bear Flat Association AGM 10th November 2023

Apologies: James Gibbons, Deborah Steele

JT welcomed the membership to the AGM and outlined the Agenda for the evening.

A highlight report of our activities in 2022 had been circulated to the membership prior to the meeting.

1: Minutes of the 2022 AGM and matters arising

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record and there were no matters arising

2: Chair's Report (Nick Francis)

NF thanked the membership for their support over the period of his Chairmanship & offered thanks to the committee for their support too. Thanks were also given to our councillors and to Clyde Hunter, one of the founding members of the BFA, who is stepping down

3: Reports

Treasurer's report and presentation of 2022/23 accounts (Mark Richardson)

There were no questions for MR

Planning & Transport Group (Timothy Cantell)

TC summarised the report

Membership (Jeremy Trenchard)

JT summarised the report

Food Group (Judith Eversley)

JE summarised her report

Friends of Bloomfield Green (Clyde Hunter)

CH summarised the report

Friends of Alexandra Park (Sue Evans)

SE summarised the report

4: Why a new constitution ?

GS outlined the reasons behind our desire to modify our constitution and detailed the steps we would need to take to complete the process to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

A general discussion was had around the organisation and roles and responsibilities of officers within the new structure.

Mark Richardson proposed & Timothy Cantell seconded the resolution to accept the new constitution

The membership voted unanimously in favour and the resolution was passed

5: Election of Officers

The following nominees were elected to post:

Chair: David Morgan

Vice Chair Nick Francis

Treasurer: Mark Richardson

Membership Secretary: James Gibson

Secretary: Jeremy Trenchard

Refreshments followed by :

6: Presentations

VISION for Bear Flat Centre

Plans for Festive Lights

Clean & Green HUB for 2024

Street Reps for 2024

Item 6: Any Other Business

- A member noted that it would be nice to see greater female representation amongst the committee officers.
- A general discussion was had around the current Public Rights of Way consultation that BANES was having .
- Martin Axford raised the issue of Electric Vehicle Charging Points. Deborah Collins gave a brief explanation of the council's ideas / strategy on EV charging and then continued the discussion off line

The meeting closed at 8 20 pm with a vote of thanks to the membership, the officers of the BFA and to JE, HS and TG who organised refreshments .