

BEACON VILLAGES COMMUNITY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 2nd JULY 2022 at 10AM BY ZOOM

1. Welcome and Introduction

Avril Davies, chair, welcomed the attendees: Karen Hills (Buckinghamshire Council), Cathy Craft, Alex Wynne, Sylvia Simmonds, Gareth Davies, John Page, Louise and Eluned Emlyn Jones, Mary Cook, Michelle West (Library Manager), Colin Arney, (treasurer) Gill Arney (committee member), Derek Peverill (committee member), and Janet Page (Secretary).

2. Apologies for absence were received from Ziggy Bis, Sally Kipping, Sue Eyre, Fiona Thompson, Iain Lowrie, Elaine Wilson, Sam Lincoln, Andrew Reeve, Mary Hyde, Les Graves, Bob & Carol Corn, Bridget Knight, Karen Groom, Jean Booth, Frances Booth, Libby Thompson, Zachary Allgood, Bren Sainsbury, Amber Churchouse-Cooke, John Wallis, Stephen Lott, Dave Frearson.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 3rd July 2021. These had been posted on the website and were accepted by the meeting.

4. Reports

Chair: Avril Davies' report had been published on the website ahead of the meeting. Avril thanked Shelle, the Library Manager, who had kept the library running by successfully negotiating her way through the rules and regulations imposed upon us over the last two years, well guided and supported by the staff at Buckinghamshire Council, especially in the early days. The year ahead looks positive, and we hope to be in a position to offer pre-pandemic opening hours in the coming months.

Janet Page proposed, and Derek Peverill seconded the Chair's Report, which was agreed,

Treasurer: Colin Arney's report had been published on the website ahead of the meeting. This year we had a loss of £2819, which had arisen due to increased costs over the year, and a planned ex gratia payment to CuriosiTea in support of their efforts in the community during the pandemic, from funds received in 2020-21 and included in those accounts, but not paid out until the subsequent financial year 2021-22.

Alex Wynne proposed, and Janet Page seconded the Treasurer's report which was agreed.

Library Manager: Michelle West's report was also published on the website beforehand, and as with all the reports, attendees had been directed to it ahead of the meeting. Shelle expressed her gratitude to the volunteers, the committee members, and the staff of Buckinghamshire Council for their support over the past year. She was pleased to report the continuing rise in members, many from the new housing development. Just recently she has been asked to help set up the pre-school new reading area and Brookmead school has also expressed interest in resuming visits.

The report was noted.

5. Approval of Accounts.

A copy of the audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 is available on the website and were adopted. Proposer Gareth Davies, seconder Michelle West.

6. Election of the management committee.

The following agreed to serve on the committee for the following year, and there being no further nominations, this was accepted by the meeting.

Chair – Avril Davies
Treasurer – Colin Arney
Secretary – Janet Page
Committee Members – Gillian Arney, Derek Peverill, Dave Frearson.

7. Any other business.

There were no comments or suggestions in the box held in the library, however the following matters were raised.

- (a) Shelle advised that Alan Jackson had recently commented on how well the library looked and was pleased to see it up and running successfully again.
- (b) Colin Arney tabled the following proposed amendments to the Constitution, which had been notified to the Secretary 7 days prior to the meeting:

1) Heading 7 c) to read "A quorum for a General Meeting shall be **five** members" (not ten members);

2) Heading 5 b) to read "There shall be a **maximum of five further** Committee members" (not a minimum of four and a maximum of eight). It is unrealistic to expect to recruit a minimum of four additional members, and we can still co-opt two more members to the Committee if necessary.

The difficulty of getting sufficient numbers to attend AGMs was recognised by all, and it was noted that any amendment agreed could subsequently be amended in the future.

Item 1 above was agreed.

In light of the growing numbers of Library members, and the possibility of extra committee members being required, Gill Arney tabled an alternative to item 2 above as follows: "There shall be a **maximum of six further** Committee members....."

Alex Wynne suggested, and it was agreed by the meeting, that the committee should contact local organisations within the villages covered by Beacon Villages Community Library, to see if they would like to send a representation to sit on the committee.

Item 2, as amended, was agreed by the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.40am.