

BEACON VILLAGES COMMUNITY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 6th JULY 2024 at 9.30am in the Library.

1. Welcome and Introduction

Avril Davies, chair, welcomed the attendees: Rob Peck, Alex Wynne, Joy Powell, Lesley Horlock, Gareth Davies, Cathy Craft, Michelle West (Library Manager), Colin Arney, (Treasurer), and Janet Page (Secretary).

2. Apologies for absence were received from Richard Everitt, Iain Lowrie, Elaine Wilson, Mick Harris, Greta Brown, Derek Peverill, Sam Lincoln, Fiona Broadbent, Mary Hyde, Karen Groom, Bren Sainsbury, Dave Nicholls, Chris Shephard, Gill Arney, Amber Churchouse-Cook.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 1st July 2023. These had been posted on the website and were agreed as a true record. Proposer: Gareth Davies, seconder Colin Arney.

4. Reports

Chair: Avril Davies' report had been published on the website ahead of the meeting. Avril is pleased to report that our model of running a community library looks as if it will be adopted by other libraries.

Treasurer: Colin Arney's report had been published on the website ahead of the meeting. Colin is pleased to report that our deficit is less than had been feared.

Library Manager: Michelle West's report was also published on the website beforehand. Due to the current system upgrade, Shelle was unable to give current figures on footfall and borrowings; these will be available shortly.

The three reports were accepted by the meeting. Proposer: Joy Powell, seconder Lesley Horlock.

5. Approval of Accounts.

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 had been audited by Dave Nicholls and were available on the BVCL website. Gareth Davies proposed, and Janet Page seconded, that the accounts be accepted, and this was agreed by the meeting.

Colin Arney said he was pleased to report that Dave Nicholls had agreed to audit the accounts following the resignation of John Wallis who had been doing this job for a number of years. Thanks were expressed to both of them.

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, Rob Peck, Richard Everitt.

The Secretary will send a note of thanks to the retiring committee member Derek Peverill.

7. Any other business.

There were no comments or suggestions in the box held in the library, however the following items were raised:

- (a) Alex Wynne thanked everyone for their continued work and support.
- (b) Rob Peck said he is looking forward to working on the committee.
- (c) Joy Powell pointed out that when driving past the library it is difficult to see if it is open or closed. The committee will look at obtaining an Open sign, which can be lit up, similar to the one in the Post Office.
- (d) Reporting back on a suggestion from last year about engaging with year 6 pupils on how a library works, Shelle reported she is continuing to maintain contact with schools to offer support in any way we are able.
- (e) A further suggestion from the last meeting was that we should provide a local information leaflet for visitors, particularly from the camp site. Avril has a draft leaflet which she is adapting, and we will take this forward. Alex will give us an email contact for the camp site.
- (f) Colin Arney mentioned he had been Treasurer for a number of years and was looking for a successor. He requested anyone who knows of a suitable candidate to get in touch.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55am.