

Bladon Community Benefit Society

Annual Members Meeting 1st March 2022, The White House Pub, Bladon and on Zoom

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Meeting Minutes

The Chair opened the meeting as it was declared quorate with 71 members present in the pub and a further 21 online via Zoom. All members present were welcomed to the meeting and the chat function on the zoom meeting was explained as a method to ask questions not covered by the presentations in the meeting. The chat functioned was monitored by the Secretary throughout the meeting.

Approval of previous Minutes and Matters arising

The minutes of the previous Annual Members meeting of 23rd February 2021 were presented to the members present in paper form. The approval was given and there were no matters arising.

Chairperson's report to members

The Chair welcomed the members to the 2nd Annual Members meeting and ran through the agenda for the meeting. The report is for Society affairs running from the 1st January 2021 until the end of the Society financial year of 31st December 2021. A copy of the report can be found on the website https://bladoncommunitypub.org/annual-members-meetings A full recording of the report can also be found here.

An opportunity was given to ask questions at the end of the report presentation. No questions were asked but it was made clear that questions could be asked at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's report to members

The Treasurers report is supplementary to and needs to be read in conjunction with the annual accounts which have been prepared by the Accountants to the Society, the Woodstock Accountancy Practice covering the period of the 1st January 2021 until 31st December 2021. The accounts can be viewed in full by emailing the Treasurer: treasurer@bladoncommunitypub.org and are available to all members.



The full presentation of the report can be found at https://bladoncommunitypub.org/annual-members-meetings

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To vote on Annual Audit Exemption

The Chair put a vote to the members present to vote for an annual audit exemption. As our assets are below £5.6 million and our annual income is below £2.8 million we are not legally required to undertake a full audit. The cost for a full audit would be £3.5K however the annual financial report prepared by the accountants cost the Society £550. Members were given the opportunity to vote on this matter and the motion not to have the accounts fully audited was carried unanimously.

To declare confirmation of committee members for the year 2022-2023

All the present committee have declared an interest to remain on the Bladon Community Benefit Society Committee for a further term of one year. As the Society rules dictate that we can have up to a maximum of 10 committee members a voting process was not necessary this year as we only have 8 members wishing to stand.

Each member was introduced to the members present and a motion was nominated by Paul Edwards and seconded by Nicola Rogan that all committee members remain to serve the interests of the Society members for a further year.

AOB

Johnny Roberts, our current tenant spoke to the members present about the challenging year they had endured because of Covid restrictions. Business is now improving which has also been helped by the recruitment of a new kitchen team, Ben and Charlie. The menu will be developed over the coming months and is bringing in business from around the county. There remains a drive to improve the local community engagement from the village and Johnny is keen for local community members to contact him by phone or email with suggestions as to what they would like to see in the pub.

Opportunity to ask questions by members present:

A member present asked how they can put their ideas forward and it was suggested that if it is concerning the running of the pub, the ideas should be discussed with Johnny in the first place. It was asked whether there could be a suggestions box in the pub to make it easier for people to put forward ideas for the pub.

Action: Johnny and Committee members to liaise with regards to setting up and implementing a suggestion box.



Close

The Chair thanked the members for attending the meeting and closed the meeting at $8.15\,$ pm.