

Guardians of Strutts

Minutes of Guardians of Strutts Annual General Meeting Held on Friday 15th February 2019 at Strutts (19.45) in Room 14

1. Apologies:

Rob Bolton, Kath Carvell, Sheena Dearle, Brenda Hart, Alan Melbourne, Ann Newport, Henry Pielacki, Brenda Ray, Alan Wagstaff, Val Walters,

2. Those Present: (26)

John Braley, Madeline Eley, Sheila Featherby, Malcom Goodman, Joan Hardy, Janet Honey, Roger Hyland, Cynthia Maddock, Eric Manning, Kathleen Manning, Nick McLeod, Pat McLeod, Carolyn Murcutt, Kay Ramsbottom, Paul Ramsbottom, Neil Riddle, Pam Ryder, Ian Samways, Sue Slater, Frank Smith, Philip Salaun, Sue Salaun, Sue Smith, Dom Ward, Edward Wint, Jane Whitaker

3. Minutes of the Previous AGM

Joan Hardy proposed that the minutes for the previous AGM be approved.

Proposed: Madeline Eley
Seconded: Neil Riddle
Carried: Unanimously

4. Chairman's Report

As chairman I would like to record my thanks to my fellow Trustees and all the volunteers that have contributed to the success of this Project.

The Trustees of Guardians of Strutts for this year were:

Janet Honey, Cynthia Maddock, Eric Manning (Treasurer), Kathleen Manning, Nick McLeod (Chairman), Neil Riddle, Frank Smith.

The Guardians of Strutts has a wholly owned subsidiary, called Strutts Centre Limited that operates the Strutts site and passes all operating surpluses to Guardians of Strutts.

The primary aims of the overall Project are to provide self-funding community facilities and to restore the Herbert Strutt School site to its former glory.

The policy of GOS is to cover all operating cost out of revenue. Commercial activities are being developed to create income streams to make the Project sustainable in the long term whilst breaking even in the short term. It will not borrow against the assets. It will use operating surpluses and grant aid to restore the site and develop the facilities.

The Project is run entirely by unpaid volunteers, and at this stage it is not financially viable without their efforts. I would heartily like to thank all those who have helped in any way to make all this possible.

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5. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts

Eric Manning presented the attached accounts for the period ending 31st May 2018. He made a comparison with the previous years by means of a pie chart to show how the Project has progressed over the last 8 years. He described the financial position as "healthy" and a firm base from which to move forward.

Nick McLeod explained the conditions concerning the Ryklow Trust Grant in the accounts.

Ian Samways proposed approval of the accounts for the financial year ending 31st May 2017

Proposed: Ian Samways
Seconded: Sheila Featherby
Carried: Unanimously

6. Election of Officers for 2019

All the Trustees offered themselves for re-election.

Joan Hardy proposed that the Trustees be re-elected en-block as follows:

Nick McLeod (Chair)
Janet Honey
Cynthia Maddock
Eric Manning (Treasurer)
Kathleen Manning
Neil Riddle
Frank Smith

Proposed: Joan Hardy
Seconded: Paul Ramsbottom
Carried: Unanimously

7. Appointment of Auditor

Eric Manning proposed that Dale Accounting Service be appointed as Auditors for 2019/20.

Proposed: Eric Manning
Seconded: Carolyn Murcutt
Carried: Unanimously

8. A.O.B.

There followed a discussion about an accident on the North Hall stairs where a user has made a claim against our insurance. The financial consequences of this are additional costs of refurbishment of the 4 sets of stairs, estimated to be £5,0000 per set, and increased insurance premium.

The meeting closed at 20.20.