

Strutt Centre Limited

Minutes of Strutt Centre Limited Annual General Meeting Held on Friday 15th February 2019 at Strutts (19.25)

1. Apologies:

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

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

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

Kay Ramsbottom proposed that the minutes for the previous AGM be approved.

Proposed: Kay Ramsbottom
Seconded: Joan Hardy
Carried: Unanimously

3. Chair's Report (Nick McLeod)

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

The Directors of Strutt Centre Limited for this year were:

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

The use of the site has increased progressively over recent years and the SCI turnover has again matched this trend. We are now so busy that we need to recruit more volunteers and organise ourselves better.

SCI is a wholly owned subsidiary of GOS that operates the Strutt site and passes all operating surpluses to GOS. This year a total of £96,788 was donated, which is a tremendous achievement. Next year we hope to break the £100K barrier!

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

The financial policy of the Project 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. The Project is run entirely by unpaid

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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.

4. Treasurer's Report and Approval of Accounts

Eric Manning presented the attached accounts for the period ending 31st May 2018.

He gave a breakdown of the statistics for the years of operation of the Strutts Community Centre.

The U3A continues to be our best customer with over 700 members and 50 of its groups using the building monthly.

This was another record year with turnover for SCL at £111,252 showing an increase of 4%. The amount donated to GOS was a record of £99,511. Although income was up so was the workload, so we urgently need to recruit and retain new volunteers if we are to sustain this year on year growth.

The catering was down by 29%.

The bar takings increased by 52%.

The book sales have again been dealt with by Belper Strutts Society successfully this year.

This level of turnover again raised the issue of VAT registration. The advice from our accountant is that VAT is not chargeable for room hire alone, which is the majority of our income. VAT is, however chargeable on room hire which includes catering, but only a small proportion of the total is of this type so registration is unnecessary at this point in time.

We need to consider putting our prices up progressively.

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

Proposed:	Ian Samways
Seconded:	Cynthia Maddock
Carried:	Unanimously

5. Election of Officers for 2019

The directors for the year were:

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

All the Directors offered themselves for re-election.

Kay Ramsbottom proposed that the Directors be re-elected en-block as follows:

Nick McLeod (Chair)
Janet Honey

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Cynthia Maddock
Eric Manning (Treasurer)
Kathleen Manning
Frank Smith

Proposed: Kay Ramsbottom
Seconded: Sue Smith
Carried: Unanimously

6. Appointment of Auditor

Eric Manning proposed that Dale Accounting Service be appointed as Auditors for the next financial year.

Proposed: Eric Manning
Seconded: Pat McLeod
Carried: Unanimously

7. A.O.B.

7.1 Philip Salaun raised the issue of price increases discussed at the previous AGM and the need to progressively raise prices to meet inflation. Cynthia Maddock suggested a simple £1 on all hourly room hire rates. A discussion took place concerning the financial systems at Struts for room hire price increases.

7.2 The need to produce the annual accounts earlier was raised by Edward Wint to enable him to process them for an AGM and submission to HMRC and the Charity Commission.

7.3 The recruitment of more volunteers to spread the load of running the Centre was yet again discussed.

8.0 There was no other business and the meeting closed at 19.44.