

## Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 19.30 on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

The AGM for the year 2022/232 was held at the United Reformed Church Hall, Maidenhead.

### Attendance

On 22 June 2023, Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum had about 70 full members who were eligible to attend the meeting. Of those, 21 attended the AGM (and a further 9 gave a proxy vote to the chair).

Richard Davenport, Mark Fessey, Andrew Ingram, Sue Ingram, Mick Jarvis, Martin McNamee, Ian Rose, Nicola Stingelin, Andy Woodcock, Bob Beauchamp, Simon Bond, Jinx Dacombe, Brian Davies, David Downing, Lizzie Jones, Gareth Jones, Peter Knott, Stephen Smart, David Snelgar, Donna Stimson, Malcolm Stretten attended the meeting

Apologies were received from Philip Adkins, Brian Ball, Ann Beauchamp, Rachel Cook, Joyce Delasalle, Bob Dulson, Judith Littlewood, Mark Loader, Tess March, and they gave their proxy vote. In addition, apologies were received from Richard Johnson and Theresa May

### AGM

In line with our Constitution, the AGM is required to be held within 3 months of the end of the financial year on 31 March each year.

The agenda for the 2023 AGM contained the following resolutions:

1. To approve the Minutes of the previous AGM (2022/2023)
2. To approve the Chair's Annual Report
3. To approve the Annual Financial Report
4. To appoint the Forum officers (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) and members of the Management Committee, which is required to have a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 10 members.

Each of the items 1-3 (above) was made available in advance of the AGM, and presented to the meeting by the co-Chairs with an opportunity for participants to make comments or ask questions prior to voting taking place,

#### 1) **Minutes of the previous AGM**

No comments or questions were raised.

#### 2) **Chair's Annual Report – available [here](#)**

Summary and Designation  
Running of the Forum 2022-2023  
Engagement with Maidenhead  
Proposed way forward  
Funding and support

- 3) **Annual Financial Report available [here](#)** A number of questions were raised concerning the fact MNF had to submit an explanation of exactly how our 22.-23 grant was spent, the fact that any unspent money at the end of March had to be returned to Groundwork, and the fact that we have had no money whatever since the start of the new financial year 23-24; To date, the grant application process is not yet open.

Our treasurer has all the documentation and budgets prepared so she can apply for funding as soon as the grant application process opens.

In the meantime, members of the Management Committee have had to bear the costs themselves and pay a number of expenses, such as exhibiting at the forthcoming Maidenhead Festival, Public Liability insurance, hall hire for the AGM etc. These will be considered a donation and cannot be reclaimed. This is totally unacceptable. It also means that without funds, the Forum cannot engage with the public.

## **Voting**

All four resolutions were proposed by Chair and seconded as follows;

**Resolution 1.** Seconded by Andy Woodcock, approved by all the members present plus 9 proxy votes.

**Resolution 2.** Seconded by Richard Davenport, approved by all members present and 9 proxy votes

**Resolution 3.** Seconded by Sue Ingram. Approved by all members present and 9 proxy votes.

**Resolution 4.** Appointment of Forum officers was seconded by Mick Jarvis, approved by all members present and 9 proxy votes. The members below were duly elected

## **Forum Comprises**

### **Officers**

Chair – Ian Rose/Andrew Ingram (as co-chairs)

Treasurer – Nicola Stingelin

Secretary – Sue Ingram

### **Management Committee**

Mark Fessey

Martin McNamee

Richard Davenport

Andy Woodcock

Mick Jarvis

The co-Chairs thanked the management committee members for offering to stand again.

The formal AGM closed at 20.01 pm

**Sue Ingram**

**Committee Secretary. 22 June 2023**