

Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11 May 2020

The AGM for the year 2019 – 20 was held electronically due to the Covid-19 pandemic preventing a physical meeting taking place.

Quorum

On the 11 May 2020 Maidenhead Neighbourhood Forum had 62 full members who were eligible to participate. Of those, 38 completed the voting process, three people started to vote without completing the process and submitting, these are treated as abstentions. No apologies were offered. A turnout of 41 out of a potential 62 members (66.1%) means that the meeting was quorate.

AGM

In accordance with the Constitution, the AGM is required to be held within 3 months of the end of the 2019/2020 financial year on 31 March 2020.

The AGM was required to deal with the following resolutions:

1. Agree to hold the AGM electronically
2. Approve the Chair's Annual Report
3. Approve the accounts for the financial year
4. Appoint the officers (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) and members of the Management Committee, which is required to have a minimum of 5 members (maximum 10)

Voting

All four resolutions were approved by the 38 members who voted, 3 members abstained and no votes against were received. All 4 resolutions are therefore carried.

Officers

The following members agreed to stand and were duly elected:

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

Treasurer – Bob Beauchamp

Secretary – Andy Woodcock

Management Committee

David Dyer

Mark Fessey

Judith Littlewood

Martin McNamee

Arising from the election of new officers, Matthew Shaw stood down as Chair, Ian Rose and Andrew Ingram are hereby appointed as Co-Chairs and Bob Beauchamp appointed as Treasurer. Andy Woodcock is re-appointed as Secretary.

The Management Committee thanked the outgoing Chair for his commitment and effort during the year and welcomed the new co-Chairs.

Members comments

As part of their electronic response, members were also asked to provide comments/suggestions concerning their views on the future of MNF and whether the Forum should be seeking to re-apply for Designation as a Qualifying Body.

22 Members provided one or more comments, of the comments received the key themes can be categorised as:

- An overwhelming support from responders for MNF to re-apply for Designation
- MNF should seek to engage with RBWM (Councillors and Officers)
- MNF is considered as a voice for the people of Maidenhead
- MNF may need to repurpose as a campaigning group prior to seeking Designation
- MNF should actively seek to address the issue of improving diversity amongst its members and supporters within the community

These comments will be considered by the Management Committee and used to develop the activity of MNF during the forthcoming year.

Andy Woodcock

Secretary

14 May 2020