

BRENTOR COMMONS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Fifteenth Annual General Meeting

2pm Thursday 31st March 2022

The Homestead, Liddaton

Attending: Adrian Arnold, Sue Fraser, Laurel Miller, Jim Phelpstead, Will Walker-Smith and Sarah Walker-Smith

Will Walker-Smith in the Chair

1. Apologies: Belinda Wheeler, John and Liz Wheeler, Rosine Arnold, Mike Whitfield
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Retirement of Officers

Gretta Madigan from the position of Hon. Secretary
Val Barns as Dartmoor Preservation Association Representative

4. Election of Chair
Adrian Arnold was proposed by Sue Fraser, seconded by Sarah Walker-Smith. Elected unanimously

Adrian Arnold in the Chair

5. Election of Executive Committee
 - I. Officers
Hon Secretary Laurel Miller was proposed by Sue Fraser and seconded by Adrian Arnold. Elected unanimously

Hon Treasurer Jim Phelpstead was proposed by Will Walker-Smith and seconded by Sue Fraser. Elected unanimously.

Land Manager Will Walker-Smith was proposed by Jim Phelpstead and seconded by Adrian Arnold. Elected unanimously

II. Elected members
None

III. Nominated members
Sue Fraser is the nominated member for Brentor Parish Council. Noted

Dartmoor Preservation Association have contacted the BCA to indicate that they no longer wish to nominate a member of the committee. We will continue to circulate minutes to them.

6. Minutes of last AGM (circulated)
Agreed and signed by the chair

7. Annual report (circulated)
Vote of thanks to John Wheeler for his time working with the designers for the new information boards (thank you gift to be purchased)

8. Treasurer's report

Statement of accounts for 2021 (previously circulated)

Vote of thanks to Paul Webster for his help with auditing the accounts in previous years

John Fraser was nominated to help with auditing as needed and unanimously approved

Accounts show healthy balance thanks to the grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Acknowledged the need for funding for future years, possibility of funding through new agri-environment scheme ELMS to be investigated.

9. Changes to the constitution

- I. **Resolution 1** will be discussed, proposed and seconded
Proposed Will Walker-Smith Seconded Adrian Arnold
Unanimously agreed
- II. **Resolution 2** will be discussed, proposed and seconded
Proposed Will Walker-Smith Seconded Adrian Arnold
Unanimously agreed

These resolutions will now be forwarded to the Charity Commission for their agreement.

10. Any other business

- I. Date of next meeting
- II. Items of business received by the Secretary
 - I. ECM 11 May 2.30pm
 - II. WW-S gave an update on the Workshop Under the Sky plans for June 2022
 - III. Question from floor about membership was discussed and agreed to take forward to ECM meeting in May
 - IV. LM gave an update from Mary Tavy Nature Projects group, potential to work together on joint public events
 - V. Discussion about social media, website, QR codes etc to be taken forward to next ECM meeting in May
 - VI. Consideration was given to the need for additional committee members

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1

Item 9.I changes to the constitution

Resolution proposing changes to the Constitution of The Brentor Commons Association. This constitution was drawn up in 2004 when the Brentor Commons Association wished to become a registered charity.

“The AGM agrees that clause I of the Constitution “*executive committee members not to be personally interested*” be altered to read “*executive Committee Members to receive remuneration for specific, contracted pieces of work, carried out for the Brentor Commons Association.*”

Any agreed changes to the constitution would have to receive consent in writing from the Charity Commissioners before being adopted.

Resolution 2

Item 9.II changes to the constitution

The DPS has written to the BCA indicating that they no longer wish to continue to have a member co-opted to the ECM.

“The AGM agrees to remove the Dartmoor Preservation Association from the list of co-opted executive committee members listed in the Constitution of the Brentor Commons Association”

1. (G) Executive Committee

G (1) (c) Remove The Dartmoor Preservation Association.

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