



Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting of Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust Ltd held via Zoom at 7.15pm on Friday 4 September 2020

Present

Directors: Peter Buck; Bob Williams; Dora Hancock; Christine Howles; Jeff March; Brian Williams; Derek Lord, Luke Walker.

Other Members: Gill Bellenie, Hilary Smith, May Brown, Tony Cadwallader, Adrian Sturgess, Andy Tidy, Robert Almquist, Michael Babb, Cllr Deb Baker (mayor), Linda Bark, Ralph Barker, Paul Brettell, Mike Brown, John Buckley, Simon Clive, Kathryn Downs, David Dundas, Tony Dunning, Eric Wood (President), David Harrison, David Hodgkinson, Jon Hopper, Jan Horton, Arran Jenkins, Julie Kaine, Steve Mackay, Paul Marshall, Bev Marshall, Mick McKie, Tom Reid, Michael Shipp, Dave Wedd.

Apologies

Chris Bull; John Bryan; Brian Williams; Cllr Doug Pullen; Chris Osborne; Chris Coburn and Sue Williams.

Welcome and opening remarks

Luke Walker welcomed guests, visitors, members and volunteers to the AGM including Deb Baker, Mayor of Lichfield and our visitor from Brisbane.

Luke explained how the votes will be taken, which is using the reactions on Zoom or raising a hand.

A video of this meeting will be available on the website.

Minutes

The minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting held on 7 June 2019 were circulated and taken as read. Approval of the minutes were proposed by Peter Buck, seconded by Derek Lord and approved by a show of hands from the floor.

Matters arising

None

Directors' reports

The Chairman called on principal Directors to give their reports.

Engineering report

The report presented by the Engineering Director Peter Buck.
Peter's report was unanimously accepted by the members.

Treasurer's report and presentation of the accounts for the y/e 31 December 2019

The report presented by the Finance Director Bob Williams.
Bob's report was unanimously accepted by the members.
Luke thanked Bob for all his efforts during the year for the Trust.

Chairman's report

A video of the Chair's Report presented by the Trust's Chair Chris Bull was shown and will be available to review on the website. A written copy of the Chair's Report is attached.

L&H a year in pictures 2019

In lieu of a guest speaker Paul Marshall created a video of the Trust's work in 2019. The video will be available on our website and on YouTube. Thanks go to Paul from everyone including President Eric Wood.

Election of directors

In accordance with the Trust constitution John Bryan, Chris Bull, Dora Hancock and Jeff March retired in rotation and offered themselves for re-election. All were proposed by Christine Howles and seconded by Bob Williams and the proposal was carried unanimously.

During the year Steve Webster was co-opted on to the board and the meeting is now invited to endorse his election to the board. This was proposed by Bob Williams and seconded by Tony Cadwallader and unanimously passed.

Appointment of examiner

The re-appointment of Dains LLP as examiners was proposed by Tony Cadwallader, seconded by Bev Marshall and carried unanimously.

Any other business

Cllr Deb Baker reminded us that we are one of her mayoral charities of the year and would benefit financially from this. She explained that this was because of our commitment to the environment, one of her passions and our work attracting volunteers of all ages thus reducing feelings of isolation. She went on to say that our Queens award for Volunteering was well deserved. Deb also praised our communication with local people about our work on green corridors, skills development and the promotion of Lichfield and its area.

Eric Wood thanked the mayor for her continued support.

Christine Howles thanked Paul for the videos and technical support for the AGM. She also thanked the marketing and events team and reminded us all that merchandise, mugs calendars and raffle tickets, would normally be for sale at an AGM and encouraged people to visit our website and buy the items there instead.

John Hopper acknowledged the difficulties of Zoom but pointed out that ex pats, he is in Boston US, have been enabled to join the event. John hopes that other meetings and events can be run in a similar way and encouraged us to keep up the good work.

Dora thanked Christine Howles, Paul Marshall and Luke Walker for all their preparation which has made the meeting run so smoothly. Luke echoed Dora's thanks to Christine.

Luke thanked Dave Wedd from WRGs who arrived at the end of the meeting.

Christine Howles also welcomed Andy Tidy and thanked him for all his ongoing work on videos about the Trust.

The formal meeting closed at 8.09pm.

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