

## **PCT AGM – March 17th 2021, 6pm via Zoom**

1. Welcome from the Chairman.

It was agreed by all present that the meeting be recorded.

Apologies received from: Derek Demaid, Ruth Demaid, Jill Jones, Therese Chapman, Sally Bastock, Ian Cowling

Members present: D Austin, K Denby, N Backhouse, A Couzens, J Holtom, S Omar, S Young, H Harrison, J Harrison, N Constable, K Farrington, A Smith, S Cheetham, B Young, J Jones, C Robey, M Hamblyn, L Constable, J Patrinos, A Newall, C Hewitt, A Constable, K Farrington, J Pope, G Coops (?), J Minns, A Hay, S. Cheetham, G Hamblyn.

Proxies: Therese Chapman, Sally Bastock and Derek Demaid have authorised the secretary to vote as their proxy in favour of approving items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 **Prop. acceptance J Holtom; Sec. N Backhouse and approved by clear majority.**

3. Annual accounts for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 and the Board of Directors Review and Report for the year ending August 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 **Prop. acceptance JHoltom; Sec. H Harrison and carried by clear majority**

4. To vote on the Board's recommendation that no audit of the accounts be required. Alice Newall asked whether we were permitted to decline an audit because of the sums involved. DA said an audit was at the board's discretion and it was felt the sums involved in the 2019-20 financial year did not justify the cost of a full independent audit.

**That no audit be required Prop. J Patrinos; Sec. Gareth Co-Op and carried by clear majority.**

5. To vote on any alterations / additions to policies and standing orders since the previous AGM: Conflicts of Interest Policy **Prop. acceptance K Farrington; Sec J Holtom and carried by clear majority.**

6. Resolutions tabled by members - none received. **Noted**

7. Election of Directors. Election of directors (under Rule 19 a minimum of one-third of the existing board must stand down or submit themselves for re-election). Two board members have tendered their resignation and are standing for re-election. They are:

David Charles Austin, Chair,  
**(Proposed Clive Robey; seconded John Minns) and carried by clear majority.**

Nicholas Charles Constable, Secretary,  
**(Proposed John Minns; seconded Clive Robey) and carried by clear majority.**

New directors nominated for election in accordance with the required 14-days notice. Nomination papers for the following members to stand as board directors have been received by the secretary.

Simon Young of South Ridge, Parracombe  
***Proposed K Farrington; Sec. B Young) and carried by clear majority***

Simon Omar, of Higher Dean Farm, Dean, Trentishoe, Parracombe

***Prop. N Constable; Sec. D Austin) and carried by clear majority***

*DA recorded the sincere thanks of the board for the work of the Trust's former treasurer Tom Wilde who resigned earlier this year for personal reasons. Tom had performed a crucial role in the birth of the Parracombe Community Trust.*

NB proposed a vote of thanks to Dave Austin for his huge commitment and hard work across all the Trust's projects but particularly in bringing the shop share offer to fruition and seeing it through to construction.

***Prop. N Backhouse; Sec. N Constable and carried by clear majority.***

There being no other business the meeting closed at 18:28

Signed..... Dated.....

Q&A session

NB said that on behalf of the Trust he would like to thank all the members – and particularly new members for the work they have done in support of the Trust and each other during lockdown

DA Thanked all the committees for keeping the Trust's main projects going – particularly the shop which has had incredible support and commitment from the community. A date has now been fixed for construction to begin. Local builder Paul Smyth had been appointed main contractor. Video recordings and blog posts would be sent out to the membership. Grants had come in from Parracombe Parish Council and Exmoor Renewables (?) but there was a shortfall in the renewables budget of some £10k.

KD said the surveyor's report on the state of the hall was expected soon. This was the key to all further work and refurbishment. In terms of re-opening, May 17<sup>th</sup> was the target date. Devon Communities Together has been advising us on how to open safely. WE will tiptoe slowly into bringing the Village Hall back into village life.

NC Affordable housing – NC said the Trust had now appointed an architect, a partner Housing Association (South Devon Rural) and had just received a £16k grant from North Devon Council to pay for feasibility studies on the identified preferred site.

C Hewitt asked where the affordable housing land was located. NC replied that it was on the north side of the village, above existing houses and on the opposite side of the road to Heddon Hall.

Q&A session closed at 18:42