

THE WHITCHURCH WATERWAY TRUST

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the Dodington Lodge Hotel, Dodington, Whitchurch SY13 1EN on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 1930

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr William Benjamin Young (Junior) retired on 16Nov2017 due to ill health. A new Chairman, Chris Chambers had been co-opted since the last AGM. The meeting thanked Bill for his work during the 9 years that he was Chairman and wished him well in his recovery.

1. Apologies for Absence
Paul Millington
Mike Byrne
Ken Green
Julia Mortimer
Claire Butler
Ian MacTavish
Kath Priddy
John Burton
Brian Crump
2. Approval of the Minutes of the previous AGM
The minutes were approved.
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM
Two litter bins have been installed on the Whitchurch Arm as requested by a member at the 2017 AGM. These bins are emptied by volunteers as there are problems in getting Shropshire Council to empty them.
4. Report of the Management Committee
Chris Chambers outlined the need for an approach to extending the canal towards town which focusses on the economic benefit to the town. 44 boats came through the Grindley Brook locks last Sunday. Numbers seem to be up on last year, possibly due to the Middlewich Arm breach having made some cruising rings impossible until it is repaired. At the moment the spend per capita from canal visitors is largely going to Ellesmere.
5. Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)
Since the AGM Notice had been sent out, the accounts had been independently examined by Don Pearce, who was very satisfied with them.
6. Adoption of Accounts
Paul Radcliffe proposed, Dave Smith seconded. The accounts were adopted.
7. Election of Independent Examiner
Although Don Pearce had only agreed to be the Independent Examiner for WWT for 1 year, it is hoped he may continue, having found the accounts straightforward, even though this year's accounts were more complicated than usual, due to settlements and cash flow management for the EAFRD funding.
8. Election / Re-election of Trustee / Directors

*Mr Christopher Chambers was co-opted to join the committee on 15Nov 2017 and seeks election
Mr David Torrens and Mrs Joan Crump are retiring by rotation and seek re-election*

a) To elect Mr Christopher Chambers

Proposed by Ray Hatton, seconded by Bob Sumner. Resolution passed.

b) To re-elect Mr David Torrens

Proposed by Dave Smith, seconded by Bob Sumner. Resolution passed.

b) To re-elect Mrs Joan Crump

Proposed by Bob Sumner, seconded by Helen Brockman. Resolution passed.

d) Nominations for Trustee / Directors from the floor

There were no nominations from the floor.

Sandra Stone, who is Treasurer for The Little Theatre and The Friends of St Alkmunds, has not yet agreed to be the new Treasurer for WWT, but may take over as Treasurer from Ray Hatton, who will continue as a Trustee / Director

9. The meeting closed at 1954.