

ALFORD CORN EXCHANGE COMMUNITY GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE ALFORD CORN EXCHANGE 7.30PM FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER 2023

Present: N O'Farrell (Chairman), J Hynes (Vice-Chair), H Dewick-Eisele, A Taylor, J McHamilton, Neil Calvert, L Laquaniello, June Husband, Mike Vickers

In attendance: A Hill

J Hynes welcomed all those present

1. To record attendance and receive apologies

Apologies were received from Graham Hounslow, Katie Walsh and Den Husband.

2. Approve the minutes of the previous AGM held on 16th September 2022

It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes as presented be approved.

3. Receive the annual audited accounts for the years ending 31st March 2023

Copies were made available to all present and noted. Thanks were given to Jenny Cooper for auditing the accounts (and to Bob Stephenson for auditing the accounts for previous years) and to Linda Croft for preparing them and for providing book keeping services for free throughout the year.

The accounts were approved

It was noted that the hall has continued to get more busy over this period and this is reflected in the accounts.

4. Receive the Trustees' Annual Report and Update from the Chairman

It has been a good year at the Corn Exchange, and the outlook going into the New Year is good. The finances are healthy.

We have received a generous donation for the Community Christmas Lunch which should secure the lunches for several years.

Air conditioning has now been installed in the bar room and kitchen areas, which will be a great boon to the volunteers working at the hall.

We are planning on installing acoustic panels in the main hall shortly, which should improve the sound quality.

We have had our first concert in the upstairs lounge which was well received.

Thanks were given to the fellow Trustees, especially the Vice-Chairman, John Hynes, and to the Trustees, with particular thanks to Janet Taylor, for all their hard work.

The volunteers are essential to the working of the hall and we now have regular volunteer meetings to discuss upcoming events and Corn Exchange related news.

Thanks were also given to Andrew Hill, the Manager, who has continued to grow into his role, and to Paddy Stubbs, our new caretaker who has settled well into his new role.

5. Retirement (and re-election) of one third of the trustees.

Lizzie Arrowsmith stepped down as Trustee during the year due to work commitments, and thanks were given to her enthusiastic contribution to the group, and for getting the Youth Arts events going, alongside Lucy Laquaniello and Angle Dewick-Eisele.

We have not had any applications for new Trustees. It was noted that we are open to new approaches, and if anyone was interested, they can visit John at Tinn Criddle.

John Hynes, election officer explained that as per the constitution 1/3 of the trustees were required to stand down. Andy Taylor, Neil Calvert and Janice Hamilton retired as Trustees. It was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept their retirement. It was further proposed, seconded and unanimously voted that they be re-elected.

Particular thanks were given to Janice Hamilton for her tireless work in the kitchen and at the many Corn Exchange events including the Community Christmas meal.

6. Any other business appropriate for an AGM.

Andy Taylor gave an update on the events that take place via Live and Local, an Arts Council funded group. The next event is on the 12th November, being Kevin, King of Egypt followed by Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman in February 2023.

The last few events have been well received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46pm

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