

Minutes of rescheduled 11th Annual General Meeting held via Zoom on 18th February 2021.

Present:

Brenda Kember – Chair

Ken Pragnell – Treasurer

Ron Fenn – Development Co-ordinator

Gill Davies – Speaker Co-ordinator

Nick Photi – Front of House/Physical Activities

Dick Downs – Committee member/Sub-editor

Doreen Van Cauter – Vice Chair/Groups Co-ordinator

Cathy Jones – Secretary,

Mary Gotts – Events/Holiday Organiser

David Collins – Webmaster

Steve Bowler – Front of House/Supplies

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed 118 members to the meeting. The reason for the rescheduling of the AGM was COVID 19 and lockdowns. Members were informed about how polling would take place electronically by Zoom.

2. Apologies for Absence

10 apologies had been received by the Secretary.

3. Minutes of 2019 AGM

A motion to approve the Minutes was proposed by Rod Harman and seconded by Neil Hutchison.

A poll result of members unanimously approved the minutes.

4. To receive the Committee Report

The Committee Report ending 31st March 2020 had previously been circulated by email prior to COVID19. The Chair reported VCV was still active and vibrant in spite of the pandemic restrictions and was ready to reactivate its Groups as soon as permitted.

5. To Receive the Financial Report

The Financial Report for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 had previously been circulated by email and post prior to COVID -19. The Chair thanked Ron Fenn for taking on the role of Treasurer after the previous Treasurer had stood down.

The Treasurer reported VCV's financial year ended with a deficit of £2740.66. Receipts at £9043.03 had increased following the growth in membership and the subsequent increase in membership subscriptions. The Events account showed payments for the year exceeded receipts by £326.89 and a review of Groups' financial practices had clarified that funds were being managed according to VCV financial policy.

The Treasurer concluded VCV's financial resources were in a strong position to meet the requirements of the coming year. Monies saved when Greenwood Park had been closed would enable no renewal fee to be made for membership renewal 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 for existing members, although failure to renew by the deadline would result in a new member charge of £20.

The members had unanimously approved the Report & Accounts prior to the meeting.

6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts

The Chair thanked Eve Brown for examining and approving the VCV Accounts for the past year and was pleased to report she had agreed to carry out this role for the coming year. The motion to approve the appointment was proposed by David Choppin, seconded by Barbara Berry.

The poll of members unanimously approved the motion.

7. Motions received from the Membership.

No further motions had been received by the Secretary.

8. Election of the Committee

As required by our Constitution, all the existing committee stood down.

As Mary Gotts and Doreen Van Cauter had come to the end of their terms of office, they would not be standing again for re-election.

All other members of the existing committee, plus 2 new members, offered themselves for election:

Brenda Kember	Proposed by Bronwen Hewer,	Seconded by Maggie Fenn
Ken Pragnell	Proposed by Neil Hutchison,	Seconded by Angie Clayden
Cathy Jones	Proposed by Ann Allam,	Seconded by Pat Hammond
Ron Fenn	Proposed by Coral McCulloch	Seconded by Peter McCulloch
Gill Davies	Proposed by Tina Photi	Seconded by Robin Jones
Nick Photi	Proposed by Ann Hutchison,	Seconded by Brian Baxter
Steve Bowler	Proposed by Rose Ennis,	Seconded by Linda Cook
Dick Downs	Proposed by Diana Field,	Seconded by Christine Haggerty
David Collins	Proposed by Andrew Shanks	Seconded by Michael Ironmonger
Julia Scott	Proposed by Jan Baladi,	Seconded by Lyn Brandrith
Fran Smith	Proposed by Lyndsey Scudder,	Seconded by Lyn Williams

The motion to approve the election of the above members to the committee was proposed by Derek Palmer, seconded by Brian Baxter.

The poll of members resulted in unanimous approval by the members.

9. Any Other Business

1. Motion to amend the VCV Constitution.

- a. To ensure we are compliant with current legislation and as recommended by the Third Age Trust and Charities Commission, a motion was put to members to amend VCV's 2018 Constitution to include the holding of meetings electronically if required.
- b. The motion was proposed by Tessa Pyke, seconded by Bronwen Hewer.

The poll of members unanimously approved the motion.

2. Motion to amend the Membership Fee for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

- a. In view of the current lack of physical meetings and the funds available, a motion was put to members to offer free membership, for one year only, for existing members who renew before 31st March 2021. A fee would have to be re-introduced from 1st April 2022. New members would continue to pay the existing joining fee.
- b. The motion was proposed by Clem Kimber and seconded by Ron Heartfield.

The poll of members unanimously approved the motion, with 1 abstention.

3. The Chair gave her personal thanks to her husband for his support and patience during her term of office and this difficult time.
4. The Chair, on behalf of the membership, thanked Mary Gotts and Doreen Van Cauter for their services to VCV since 2012. She welcomed our new committee members too. Julia Scott will be our link with the Groups. Frances Smith will have a role allocated to her following discussions. Mary will still be a significant part of the Events & Holidays team.
5. The Chair also referred to the membership renewal form revamped in order to comply with Data Protection and advised members the form should be returned electronically or by post to the Membership Secretary by 31st March 2022.
6. Finally, the Chair thanked the committee for their hard work during what was a very difficult year and looked forward to getting up and running again as soon as restrictions permitted.

10. Date of 2021/22 AGM

Provisionally Thursday 21st October 2021.