

Ver-Colne Valley



Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 20th June 2019

Present:

Brian Baxter – Chairman
Brenda Kember – Vice Chairman
Bob Allam – Treasurer
Cathy Jones – Secretary
Ron Fenn – Speaker Co-Ordinator
Barbara Berry - Webmaster
Mary Gotts – Group Travel & Events Co-Ordinator
Doreen Van Cauter – Study Groups Co-Ordinator (Leisure)
Steve Bowler – Committee Member
Nick Photi – Committee Member

Apologies for absence:

Neil Hutchison – Study Groups Co-Ordinator (Fitness)

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed 197 members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

61 apologies had been received by the Secretary. These were posted on the VCV notice board at the meeting.

3. Minutes of 2018 AGM

These were approved unanimously.

4. Committee Report

The Report, which was circulated at the meeting, had been placed on the VCV website 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

The Chairman reported it had been a good year for VCV with membership standing at 460. Study Groups number 60 and are flourishing. The Chairman thanked all those who had served on the Committee, Study Group Leaders, RUMs, Catering, Holidays, Events & Trips teams, Sue Darvell for VCV's excellent Newsletter and everyone who had played a part in helping VCV to have such a successful year.

There were no questions from the floor.

5. Financial Report for 2018 – 2019

The Report, which was circulated at the meeting, had been placed on the VCV website 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

The financial year ended with a shortfall of income over expenditure of £1667.92. Income was down reflecting lower advanced receipts of membership fees for the current year with expenditure up mainly in hall hire charges, speakers, catering and Beacon. The General Fund, being unrestricted funds available for all purposes of the Charity, and after allowing for advanced membership fees, stood at £12236.53 at the year end, down from £13131.45 for the previous year. All Events monies are recorded and kept separate from the main account and of the balance of £4482.66, £1388 represents the net balance of receipts and payments made for future events.

Where Study Groups collect and hold monies pending payments to 3rd parties for facilities, separate accounting records are kept, and consolidated figures are shown. They have not been

included in the main account and they do not form part of VCV U3A's General Fund. Ver-Colne Valley's finances remain strong and we have been able to plan some special events for this our 10th anniversary year, and to maintain membership fees at £17.50.

There were no questions from the floor and the Chairman congratulated the Treasurer on his well-executed Report.

To accept the Financial Report for the year ending March 2019

Proposed by: David Choppin Seconded by: Rod Harman

Members unanimously approved the Report.

6. Appointment of an Independent Examiner for the Accounts

The Chairman thanked Eve Brown for her invaluable contribution in examining and approving the VCV Accounts for the past year. He was pleased to report that she had agreed to carry out this role for the coming year.

7. Motions already received

No motions had been received.

8. Elect the Committee

As required by the Constitution, the existing committee stood down. The Chairman thanked them, and also his wife, for their support over the last year. As Brian Baxter, Bob Allam and Neil Hutchison 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 offered themselves for re-election and each of the following members was proposed and seconded:

Brenda Kember – Proposed by: Wendy Kirby; Seconded by: Maggie Fenn

Cathy Jones – Proposed by: Coral McCulloch; Seconded by Pat Hammond

Ron Fenn – Proposed by: Ted Sam; Seconded by Jean Sam

Barbara Berry – Proposed by: Bronwen Hewer; Seconded by Pam Kimber

Mary Gotts – Proposed by: David Collins; Seconded by Penny Collins

Doreen Van Cauter – Proposed by: Eileen Martin; Seconded by: Ruth Harbert

Steve Bowler – Proposed by: Rose Ennis; Seconded by: Linda Cook

Nick Photi – Proposed by: Tony Davies; Seconded by: Ken Pragnell

Gill Davies – Proposed by: Tina Photi; Seconded by: Ann Allam

The Chairman thanked Neil Hutchison for his service over the past few years and Bob Allam for his time as Treasurer. He then added his personal farewell to everyone after 6 years as Chairman, stressing the continuing need for members to come forward and join the committee in order to achieve an orderly succession.

The majority of members voted unanimously to approve nominees.

9. Any Other Business

The Vice Chairman, Brenda Kember, on behalf of the membership, thanked Neil Hutchison, in his absence, for his service to VCV over the years. She also thanked both Brian Baxter as Chairman and Bob Allam as Treasurer for their 6 years on the Committee and presented them with gifts.

10. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Provisionally Thursday 18th June 2020.

Dear Member,

**Invitation to book your place(s) for the
Rescheduled Virtual VCV AGM 2019/2020
18th February 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Via Zoom**

To join in the AGM, you are invited to book by sending your name(s) and VCV membership number(s) to

**Ron Fenn at: magron2821959@virginmedia.com
No later than 10 a.m. on Monday 8th February**

To help with administration and to allow more members to participate in the meeting, please tell as at the time of booking if there is more than one VCV member at your email address who will be joining the AGM with you. Also, it would be helpful if you are a couple at the same address if you could use just one email address when booking.

It is essential to give not only names but membership numbers too.

Also **attached are the motions already received** which will be voted on at the AGM, as has been our traditional custom. These are:

- a. Approval of the 2019 draft minutes (also available on the VCV website)
- b. Appointment of Eve Brown as the Examiner of Accounts for 2020/2021 and for 2021/22
- c. Amendments to the VCV constitution
 - i. Insertion of a new paragraph 17 to include virtual meetings,
 - ii. The re-numbering of the following paragraphs without amendments
- d. Election of members to the Committee.

Agenda:

- **Welcome,**
- **Speaker Ann Lawrence's topic is "Terrorism"**

Ann is a retired police officer having served 33 years in the Metropolitan Police. For the last 12 years she worked as a Detective Inspector on the Counter Terrorist Command at New Scotland Yard. Her talk will expand on the experiences she has had fighting terrorism in the UK.

- **AGM**
- **Committee News**

Please book early so we can ensure we have the correct Zoom licence to admit all those members wishing to join us.

The link for the meeting will be sent out nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing you on the 18th February.

Best wishes
Brenda and the VCV Committee

2019/2020 Motions Proposed by the Committee

Motion 1

To Accept the minutes of the 2019 AGM held on the 20th of June 2019

Motion 2

To approve the appointment of Eve Brown as the Independent Examiner for the Accounts

Motion 3

To approve the election of the named members to the VCV Committee for 2021/2022as listed below:

NAME	M'ship No.	Proposer	M'ship No.	Secunder	M'ship No.
Brenda Kember	451	Bronwen Hewer	38	Maggie Fenn	386
Cathy Jones	479	Ann Allam	441	Pat Hammond	506
Ron Fenn	456	Coral McCulloch	390	Peter McCulloch	457
Nick Photi	392	Ann Hutchison	205	Brian Baxter	432
Steve Bowler	581	Rose Ennis	433	Linda Cook	482
Gill Davies	681	Tina Photi	391	Robin Jones	480
Dick Downs	556	Diana Field	647	Christine Haggerty	648
Ken Pragnell	344	Neil Hutchison	364	Angie Clayden	616
David Collins	246	Andrew Shanks	384	Michael Ironmonger	355
Julia Scott	730	Jan Baladi	535	Lyn Brandrith	715

(Please see final page for nominee photographs)

Motion 4

Proposed amendments to VCV's 2018 Constitution as recommended by the Third Age Trust and Charities Commission to ensure we are compliant with current legislation.

Members are asked to accept the following proposed changes to VCV's Constitution 2018

A. Paragraph 10. MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Add a new sub clause:

- x. A meeting of the Executive Committee may be held in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the members of the committee in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants.

B Insert a new Paragraph 17

17. ONLINE AND HYBRID GENERAL MEETINGS

- i. A general meeting (whether an annual general meeting or a special general meeting) may be held in person or by suitable electronic means agreed by the Executive Committee in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants. Where the Executive Committee determine that a general meeting is to be held by electronic means pursuant to this clause, such determination shall be set out in the notice of general meeting sent to members, together with details of how a member may participate in such meeting.
- ii. Where a general meeting is to be held in person, the Executive Committee may if they deem it appropriate set out a procedure in the notice of meeting which allows members to attend electronically if they so wish, and in such circumstances both members physically present in person and members present by electronic means will be considered present in person and will count towards the quorum for the relevant meeting.
- iii. If the meeting is to be held solely by electronic means pursuant to clause 17.i, the place of the meeting shall be deemed to be the charity's registered office address.
- iv. Proceedings at a general meeting held by electronic means pursuant to clause 17.i or a physical meeting at which procedures are put in place to allow members to attend electronically pursuant to clause 17.ii will not be invalidated due to technical issues which prohibit members from joining such meeting electronically, so long as a sufficient number of members to form a quorum under clause (16 iv and v] is able to join the meeting successfully.

C. Renumber old Clause 17 to Clause 18 and old Clause 18 to Clause 19

Motion 5:

For renewing members only, free membership for the year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. New members to continue to pay as per the year 2020- 2021.

Your Committee Nominees 2020 - 2021

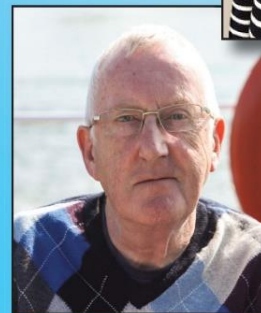


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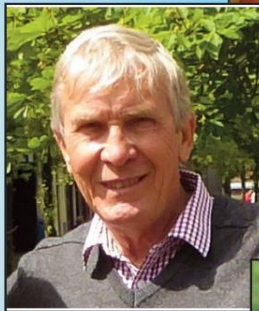


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