

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10.30am In your own home via zoom

**Present:** Chair: Liz Wallace, Secretary: Audrey Lockhart, Treasurer: Peter Worthington, Membership Secretary: Allen Young, Group Co-ordinator: Sharyn Williams.

Committee Members: Robin Masefield, Dorothy Salter, Salie Tinsley, Paul Weir. Janet Campbell.

In Attendance: Joy Montgomery (President), Gerry Henry, (Webmaster), Valerie

Cobain (Trustee for N. Ireland) + 53 members and visitors.

**Apologies:** Yvonne McAnearey.

**1. Welcome:** Liz welcomed everyone to our first AGM via zoom. She explained that it had been postponed since Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 due to social restrictions and in accord with COVID-19 Guidance for Charities from the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

### 2. Minutes of previous AGM meeting on the 26<sup>th of</sup> April 2019:

These had already been circulated by mailchimp to all members. They were proposed as a true record by Joy Montgomery and seconded by Valerie Cobain. They were accepted and will be signed by the Chairperson in due course.

#### 3. Annual report:

This report had already been circulated by mailchimp to all members. It had been ratified by our committee on the  $10^{th}$  August and subsequently sent to the Charity Commission.

### 4. Treasurers Report:

This report had already been circulated by mailchimp to all members. Peter highlighted that the Bank Balance is very 'healthy'. They have been independently examined and agreed by Michele Gibson on behalf of the North Down Community Network.

The accounts had also been ratified by our committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> August and subsequently sent to the Charity Commission.

**5. Appointment of the Independent Financial Examiner for next year:** Peter proposed that the North Down Community Network should be re-appointed. This proposal was accepted unanimously.

# **6.Election of Officers and Committee. Liz asked Valerie to chair the election.**

It was proposed by Norma Cooper and seconded by Chris Hewitt that the following committee members who are willing and can serve for at least one more year should be elected en bloc. They are as follows:

Liz Wallace - Chairperson.
Peter Worthington - Treasurer.
Allen Young — Membership Secretary
Audrey Lockhart — General Secretary
Sharyn Williams — Group Coordinator
Janet Campbell
Robin Masefield
Salie Tinsley

Gerry Henry – webmaster co-opted due to expertise needed.

This proposal received unanimous agreement.

New committee members were as follows:

Dorothy Salter. Proposed by Audrey Lockhart / Seconded by Joy Montgomery Paul Weir. Proposed by Liz Wallace / Seconded by Sharyn Williams.

These two proposals also received unanimous agreement.

It was proposed by Salie Tinsley and seconded by Gerry Henry that Joy Montgomery be re-elected as our President.

## Any other business.

Liz Wallace returned to the Chair to thank Valerie, our Trustee for N. Ireland, for taking us through the election and who has provided valuable guidance and support throughout the year,

to Joy for all her help and support along with her bright and cheerful approach throughout the year,

to the Executive Committee for their time given to participate in committee meetings and their diligent work throughout the year.

On behalf of the committee Liz also expressed great appreciation to interest group convenors, the welcome team, the refreshment team, and the microphone convenor for all their work.

The secretary had not received any correspondence for the meeting, so there was no further business.

The meeting closed.	
Signed	Date

#### Addendum.

We have become aware that in the Annual Report the Loose Ends Group was omitted from the list of interest groups which had been active during the year. We apologise for this omission and wish to thank them alongside the other group convenors for all their hard work.