

Minutes of AGM Business 2020

Benenden Village Trust was unable to hold its AGM as planned in June 2020, and, because of the ongoing Covid-19 situation, Trustees decided to conduct the business and voting of the AGM electronically.

- Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March

From 3rd – 28th August Members were given the opportunity to raise any questions regarding the Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2020 and any other question on activities; none were received. On 8th September 2020 the Report and Financial Statements were unanimously approved by Trustees and signed by the Trust Chairman and published on the Trust's website.

Members were asked to vote on acceptance or otherwise of the Trust's Report and Financial Statements by 25th September, and these were accepted by Members.

- Chairman's Report 2019-20

The Chairman's report 2019-20 was circulated to Members and published on the website.

- Election of Trustees

Any Member wishing to stand as a Trustee was asked to respond to the Trust Manager by 28th August 2021. No response was received.

Ballot papers were sent by email to Members on 9th September and Members were asked to vote on the election of Trustees electronically or to be delivered to the Community Office by 25th September.

The following information was provided to Members :

- The Trust's Constitution requires that the Trust has at least 3 trustees on its board and no more than 12.
- At the first AGM (June 2019) all founding Trustees retired and at every subsequent AGM, one-third must retire (starting with the longest-serving, or decided by lot where trustees were appointed at the same time). Trustees are appointed for a three-year term; a trustee who has served three consecutive terms may not serve during the next three years. Any vacancies not filled at the AGM or arising at other times may be filled by the trustees or by members; anyone appointed by trustees must retire at the next AGM.
- Trustees appointed by Members in June 2019 were : Kent Barker, Tom Dawlings, David Harmsworth, Barrie Jones, Sally Ann Marks, Jonathan Strong and Richard Stubbings.
- The number nearest to one-third is 2, and Barrie Jones resigned during the course of the year and David Harmsworth is standing down as a Trustee.
- In July 2020 Trustees unanimously agreed to co-opt Olivia Collier, Athena Cripps and Martin Dickson and Members are now invited to vote to appoint them as Trustees. Their Skills Audit Forms are attached.

The new elected Board from October 2020 : Kent Barker, Olivia Collier, Athena Cripps, Tom Dawlings, Martin Dickson, Sally Ann Marks, Jonathan Strong and Richard Stubbings.

Chairman..... Date.....

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