

Ainsdale Lunch and Leisure

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on

30th November 2021 at 1.00 p.m.



There were 18 people present of whom 12 were Stakeholders and therefore eligible to vote. Taking proxy votes in to account there were 13 votes available.

1. Welcome.

The Chair (Lesley Paterson) welcomed everyone to the twelfth AGM of the charity.

2. Apologies Ann Howard, Rhian Boardman, Cath McLoughlin, Gill Hemmings, Rob Hemmings, Justine Shenton, Brenda Pomfret, Colin Pomfret, Jennifer Thornber, David Radcliffe, Doreen Gillow, Sue Hughes.

3. Minutes of AGM held on 1st December 2020.

Ken Lowe proposed, seconded by Terry Durrance, that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and this was passed unanimously.

4. Report by ALL manager Rebecca Gomersall.

Rebecca read out her report and there were no questions. The report is attached under separate cover.

5. Reports and Accounts

Tony Deegan from CVS commented on the accounts saying that the result was positive and the charity had fared very well in the circumstances of the last year and had come out very strong. An improved grant funding had given a surplus of £17000 of which most would go into the general fund which is good. The General Fund has increased to £55,000.

Afterwards Lesley commented that the way forward is through grants rather than activities.

The acceptance of the Trustees Report and accounts was proposed by Mike Thornber, seconded by Ted Taylor and passed unanimously.

6. Special Resolution

Rev Patrick Evans presented the case for the change in Appendix B. He stated that at present not less than 51% of trustees should come from the

Church and indeed the Church and ALL are symbiotic. What he was proposing was to "futureproof" ALL by saying that not less than 51% of trustees should come from the Church and Southport Methodist Circuit as if anything happened with the church then the Circuit would still be there to back up ALL. A question was asked that if the Church folded wouldn't the property be sold on? Patrick said that AMC premises was the most used in the whole of the Circuit so the risk of that was very small.

A vote was taken on the proposal to amend the Governing documents as detailed in Appendix B and required a 75% majority to pass. There were 12 votes For, None against and no abstentions so the Resolution was passed.

7. Appointment of Trustees

Rev Patrick Evans and Ken Revill had been co-opted on to the board during the year and were prepared to stand for election. Also Ken Lowe and Lesley Paterson are standing down by rotation but only Ken Lowe is standing for re-election. We also have a nomination for a trustee in Justine Shenton.

We therefore have 4 trustees up for election. It was agreed to take a vote enbloc for all 4. All 4 were elected unanimously.

Therefore Ken Lowe, Ken Revill, Rev Patrick Evans and Justine Shenton are voted on as Trustees.

8. A.O.B.

It was only for Patrick Evans to thank Lesley Paterson for all her work over the past years to ALL. He presented her with a bouquet and gift.

The meeting was closed by Ted Taylor (Minute Secretary)

APPENDIX B

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

In our Governing Documents Ainsdale Methodist Church (AMC) currently has the responsibility of nominating or approving for nomination 51% of our Trustees. This link is (and has been) important in maintaining a positive relationship between ALL & AMC. We have now received a request from AMC to make a small alteration to the Governing Documents.

The reason for the proposed change is to future proof the relationship between ALL and the church, particularly if the structure of the church and the Southport Methodist Circuit changes in the future. The proposal has already been put to and agreed by both AMC and the Southport Methodist Circuit. The main reasons that were given to those bodies to explain the proposal for change are given below:

- “1. It can be difficult to attract Trustees from purely our own local contacts, and by raising the profile of ALL across the Circuit we may benefit from a wider pool of interested people to be Trustees.
2. We do not know what the future may hold. We know that reviews across the Methodist Circuit will continue as they always have, and there is a general call from the Methodist Connexion to reduce the number of Trustee bodies (e.g. Church Councils). In years to come, we may find that Church Councils merge, or we may even worship in another location or other churches may worship with us. There is a feeling therefore that action should be taken now to future proof the relationship of the Methodist Church with ALL and broaden it out to the wider Circuit.”

The proposed change is shown below with the new text shown in bold italics:

21 The first Directors shall be those persons notified to Companies House as the first directors of the charity but from and after the first annual general meeting following the adoption of these articles the board of Directors shall consist of individuals appointed as follows:

- (1) not less than fifty-one percent (51%) who are nominated by or approved for nomination by the Ainsdale Methodist Church as founder and a member of the charity ***and by the Southport Methodist Circuit*** to be elected as by the members of the charity at the annual general meeting ***(if either the Ainsdale Methodist Church or the Southport Methodist Circuit has ceased to exist then the surviving one will have sole right to nominate or approve)***; and
- (2) a lesser proportion of individuals to be elected by members of the charity at the annual general meeting.