

Consideration and adoption of the accounts for the period 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2008

Alan Long gave a short explanation of the accounts to the members.

ME invited questions from the floor. There was a question from Wendy Proudman about the two page summary which was not accurate. It was found that it had not been copied correctly from the actual accounts which, it was confirmed, had been independently examined by our accountants The Long Partnership.

L M-B spoke as treasurer also indicating his intention to retire.

ME asked if the accounts could be officially approved by members.
Dave Fernley proposed and Malcolm Addison seconded.
There being no counter-proposal, the accounts were adopted.

Appointment/re-appointment of the Accountants

ME thanked Alan Long Partnership for the efficient signing off of our accounts.

ME asked members if they could agree to the Board re-appointing the Long Partnership, Chartered Accountants as our independent examiners of the accounts for a further year.

Brian Crowe proposed that the members could agree to this

Leonora Keogh seconded the proposal

There being no counter-proposal the motion was carried.

Amendments to SDT Memorandum and Articles of Association

Julia Crocker gave some background of the intended changes

Resolution 1 is in relation to the latest changes in Company Law which now says that the notice period for General meetings has been reduced from 21 to 14 days – we can now change our document to be in line with Company Law.

Resolution 2 is to allow us to become even more inclusive of all community groups and to co-opt more board members, for example from the Community Association, Community Council and other groups. We currently have space for 3 co-opted directors and wish to increase this to 5.

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Resolution 3. Allows us to hold a meeting if there are 6 directors present – rather than 7 as now.

The current board asked for this amendment because clearly there might be times when people are busy/away or unwell so this gives us slightly more flexibility to hold meetings when fewer directors are able to attend.

The Board recommended members to adopt these changes to our M&As.

Questions were invited from the floor and there was one concern from Denis Proudman about the change to a quorum of 6 because with 5 co-opted directors it could prove difficult to have a majority of elected directors at a board meeting in accordance with the M&As. The Chair and Secretary acknowledged this could be a problem and this would be managed appropriately should the situation arise.

Resolution 1 – the meeting voted unanimously in favour

Resolution 2 – 21 voted for and 1 abstained.

Resolution 3 – 18 voted for, 1 against, 3 abstained

More than 75% voted for each resolution hence the amendments to the M&As were approved.

Appointment of Directors

The Chair thanked retiring directors for their long service to the Trust

ME explained that there were 5 vacancies and there were 4 nominations for elected directors.

Nominees were: Leonora Keogh and David Fernley

The following director was appointed by the board after the last AGM and now needed to be elected : Heather Johnstone

In addition, one director is standing for re-election: Mike Erdman

After a 15 minute break when votes were counted, it was confirmed by the chair that all the above named had been elected to the board.

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Guest speaker: Tom Muir – Orkney Museum

The Chair introduced Tom who entertained the meeting very well with his remarkable story telling talent and some thought provoking tales of Orkney and Stronsay folk. There were several questions from the members and the occasion was greatly appreciated.

Meeting closed at 21.15

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