

Minutes of AGM Congleton Constituency Liberal Democrats held 26th November 2021

Location: Market Tavern, Sandbach and by Zoom

Attendees (in person)

Peter Hirst	Phil Williams	Michelle Hough
Suzy Firkin	Peter Hughes	Brenda Hughes
Robert Douglas	Rod Fletcher	Callum Chalmers
Diane Tams		

Attendees (Zoom)

None

Apologies

Glynn Robinson	Sally Ball	Pauline Hubbard
June Buckley	Erin Williams	Derek Hough
James Smith	Paul Duffy	Margaret Gartside
Denis Murphy	Peter Mathot	Pamela Mathot

Minutes of AGM 27th November 2020

Approval proposed by Suzy Firkin seconded by Peter Hughes. Minutes approved by all present.

Matters arising

None

Verbal reports

Chair: Constituency has campaigned in 3 by-elections during 2021. Peter Hirst was successfully elected in Middlewich. Support provided for campaigns in Sandbach and Alsager.

The main challenge for the constituency is recruitment as membership numbers are falling and there are a limited number of active members.

Treasurer: Accounts were submitted in February rather than April. The Electoral Commission do not require the 2020 Accounts to be independently examined. While H.Q. require the Accounts to be independently examined, the set of Accounts sent to H.Q. by the deadline of mid-April do not require to be independently examined.

Post meeting note: Treasurer confirmed on 1st December that the Constituency Financial Statements were examined and signed by the Independent Examiner. Jonathan Smith.

Data Officer: No report

Councillor Representatives: Councillors across Congleton, Alsager, Middlewich and on CE are all active. Particular wins against parking charges in the area, and raising issues with loss of Congleton recycling facility. Ongoing support for White Ribbon and Green Agenda.

Election of Honorary President:

Peter Hirst to contact Baroness Joan Walmsley to ask if she would continue in the role.

Post meeting note: Peter confirmed contact had been made and that she has kindly agreed to continue in the role

Election of Officers & Executive Committee Members:

	<u>Elected</u>	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Phil Williams	Suzy Firkin	Brenda Hughes
Deputy Chair	Suzy Firkin	Robert Douglas	Diane Tams
Secretary	Diane Tams	Michelle Hough	Peter Hughes
Treasurer	Robert Douglas	Suzy Firkin	Brenda Hughes
Data Officer	Callum Chalmers	Michelle Hough	Phil Williams
Membership	Michelle Hough	Suzy Firkin	Robert Douglas
Committee	Peter Hughes	Suzy Firkin	Robert Douglas

Note: A deputy treasurer will be sought to provide a future replacement for Robert. Michelle and Robert will continue as Lighthouse superusers whilst Callum is trained as Data Officer. Branch representatives will be nominated at branch AGM's.

Note 2019 CCLD Accounts:

Accounts noted

Report from Congleton Liberal Trust:

Huge progress has been made to establish a firm foundation for the trust for the future. Accountants (Hammond McNulty) , Legal Advisors (SAS Daniels) and Financial Advisors (Franklyn Financial Management) have been appointed.

The constituency offered a vote of thanks to Suzy and the other trustees for their hard work establishing the framework.

Report from 100 Club:

Report will be made to a future meeting.

Appointment of Examiner for the 2021 CCLD Accounts:

Agreed that Jonathan Smith would be approached to examine the accounts.

Post meeting note: Treasurer advised on 8th December that Jonathan Smith had agreed to act as the Independent Examiner of the 2021 Constituency Financial Statements.