



MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12TH JULY 2010
COUNCIL CHAMBER, PROSPECT HOUSE, HEXHAM

PRESENT

Roy Dallison (Chair), Stan Batey, Ingrid Whale, Rosemary Theobalds, Neil Morrison, Rad Hare, Philip Clark, Madelaine Rourke, Colin Earnshaw, Keda Norma, Graham Usher, Roz Waller, Julia Carr, Madeleine Rourke, Senga Bond, Cllr M Donnelly, Hilary Carter, Christina Auld, Joanna Jackson, Richard Powell, Bill Tebay, George Aitchison, Malcolm Eglin, Tim Tatman & Gillian Orrell

IN ATTENDANCE

Tamsin Beevor (Company Secretary), Andrew Sanders (Speaker)
Lorraine Reay (Minute Taker)

1) APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mabel McCoy, Terry Robson, J B Jonas, Ross Menzies, Annie Sanders, Bob Hull, Sandy Duncan, Sarah & Jason Robinson-Gay, Georgie Cruddas, Liz Prudhoe & Susie Troup

There were no declarations of interest.

2) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Copies of the minutes were distributed to attendees.

3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

4) STOPGAP – 4/5 DEAN STREET

Andrew Sanders from the above project gave a report on the scheme. Leaflets were available for anyone who wanted one.

5) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Roy Dallison gave his Chairman's Report of the year and of his three years of chairmanship as he stands down as Chairman. He both welcomed and thanked members for their continued support. He reported an interesting and but challenging year and years. The Chairman ended his report by thanking the partnership staff for their efforts and wished the new chairman and partnership well in the future.

6) PARTNERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

Members were given a full copy of the report of which Tamsin gave a brief overview, highlighting the main areas.

7) FINANCIAL REPORT

i) Adoption of Annual Accounts

Members had a copy of the draft accounts. George Aitchison ran through these briefly and highlighted the main points and stated that he was happy for these accounts to be adopted.

ii) Appointment of Accountants and Auditors

It was proposed that Seahouses Accountancy Services be appointed as accountants and this was agreed.

8) MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

i) Presentation of revised Memorandum and Articles of Association

Everyone had copies of the proposed changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Tamsin asked that these be read and considered and went on to explain both the necessary legal changes and those changes required by the partnership and directors. Questions arose regarding the quorum for directors meetings and numbers of directors and this was addressed and answered by the partnership officer.

ii) Adoption of revised Memorandum and Articles of Association – Special Resolution

A vote took place and a show of 20 hands agreed the acceptance of the changes. There were no votes against the changes. 5 members abstained.

9) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Directors)

i) Approval of Membership List

The list of members was approved.

ii) Election of Members

There are currently two vacancies on the board of directors. It was proposed by Malcolm Eglin that **Bob Hull** be formally elected and this was seconded by Ingrid Whale. Philip Clark proposed that **Penny Grennan** be formally elected and this was seconded by Tim Tatman.

10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Christina Auld asked on the role of task groups within the partnership and Tamsin explained how these groups have now been superseded by enabling and task groups, with groups such the transport group now only meeting when needed.

Ingrid Whale thanked Roy Dallison on behalf of the partnership for his great efforts throughout his chairmanship.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm