

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE BEVENDEAN COMMUNITY PUB

6TH OCTOBER 2019

1. Attendees, Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Amanda Grimshaw
Amanda Nichol
Ashley Godson
Barrington
Bob Thurst
Charlie Pymment
Chris Llewellyn
Christina Tatum
Curtis James
David F Thomas
David Taylor
Gavin Meany
Hannah Armstrong
Heike Feldpausch
Helen Jones
Howard John Swain
Iain Chambers
Ian Turnbull
Jenni Cresswell
Jenny Hawke
John Jaap
John Morrison
Karen Finley

Cllr Kaz Knight
Kenneth Valder
Laurie McMillan
Lee Osborne
Lloyd Russell-Moyle
Marco Borgatti
Marina Avis
Mary Funnell
Michele Lefton
Michelle Guyatt
Morgan Trown
Neil Hilton
Nic Blair
Pearl Brown
Rhiannon Daniel
Rosie Williams
Shane Speed
Silvina De Vita
Steve Knight
Tchansia Kone
Terry Blake
Walter Sargison
Warren Carter

Apologies:

Adrian Towler
Ian Barnett
Ray Gibbard
Shirley Knight

2. To agree last year's Minutes

2.1. Minutes of last year's AGM 7/11/18 were accepted as a fair record and signed.

3. Chair's Report

3.1. Warren gave his report (See full report).

3.2. It was emphasised that hiring the Bevy for events is the most financially helpful way of supporting the pub, for example birthday parties, wakes, baby showers

3.3. A relaunch is planned for January 2020; need some ideas, anyone with ideas on events or how to promote the Bevy are invited to come along to one of the weekly marketing meetings on Mondays, 12.30pm or chat to a member of the committee.

4. Finance Report & Accounts

4.1. See full report

4.2. An overall loss was reported again this year. There are a number of reasons for this as set out in the report: costs increasing, low profit margins, paying Brighton living wage, investment in future.

4.3. However, the Bevy uses volunteer and community skills effectively allowing work to be done low cost or for free, thereby saving money. This unique approach is the key to success at the Bevy.

4.4. Helen suggested that could use figures for volunteer hours represented financially. (A couple of years ago it was about £50K /year; the latest figure is being assessed.)

4.5. Amanda suggested setting up an Instagram background for use by local young people. This tags the location and could bring in a younger demographic.

4.6. The proposal was made:

Under Rule 6.2 of the society's rules, the society would not require the next year's accounts to be audited and did not appoint an auditor, subject to the requirements of the Act.

4.7. The proposal was AGREED.

5. Friends of the Bevy Update

5.1. Chris presented report in Ian Barnett's absence (See full report), giving highlights.

5.2. Organisers of the wide range of groups using the Bevy were thanked for undertaking their incredible work.

5.3. A request was made for more minibus drivers for the Bevy minibus. Training is given free. Please get in touch with Chris, Ian or a member of the committee if you are interested.

5.4. Iain Chambers gave a brief update on his work in developing networks and opportunities across the city.

5.5. Brighton & Hove City Council are commissioning groups to deliver services and the Bevy part of a partnership who will make a bid. If successful, this would be 3 years funding.

5.6. Iain was thanked for his work with Coombe Road group.

6. Management Committee Membership

6.1. Jenny Hawke – was confirmed as Vice Chair

6.2. Silvina de Vita & Carly North have stepped down during 2019 due to busy schedules.

6.3. All committee have to step down after 3 years on committee and Jenny Hawke and Bob Thurst have served 3 years.

6.4. Helen Jones was co-opted during the year.

6.5. Jenny Hawke, Bob Thurst and Helen Jones were all proposed for the committee.

6.6. The resolution was made:

We propose that all the management committee members standing for election are voted onto the management committee.

6.7. The proposal was APPROVED

7. Membership and Shareholding Update

- 7.1. Still moving towards a new system whereby to be a member of the Bevy, people either have to volunteer their time each year or pay a levy of £10. The intention is to launch this online system in early 2020.
- 7.2. Any money generated from membership will go to Friends of group and will be ringfenced to spend as appropriate by that group.

8. General Updates from the Management Committee

- 8.1. None made.

9. Bevy Ambassador Announcement

- 9.1. Marina Avis is to become the Bevy ambassador. She will be able to help give a pub user's point of view to visitors.
- 9.2. Marina Avis was proposed as the new Bevy Ambassador. This proposal was APPROVED
- 9.3. Marina accepted with thanks.

10. Questions & Answers from the floor

- 10.1. It was noted that the building is looking a bit shabby inside and outside.
 - 10.1.1. The committee agreed with this comment and stated that the plan is to put aside a couple of days to undertake some work in time for the relaunch in January 2020.
 - 10.1.2. If anyone would like to help out, let Ian Barnett know.
- 10.2. A suggestion was made to use handy fold up carriers to help staff be more efficient when collecting glasses.
- 10.3. A suggestion was made for Bevy to hold a one day conference to share their good practice.
 - 10.3.1. More generally, Bevy are already working on hosting conferences for other networks as a source of income and to visit other pubs to advise on the Bevy model for a consultancy fee.
- 10.4. Rhiannon Daniel offered to take on the role of circulating information on Facebook page and Twitter to a wider city audience. This would be in addition to events currently being covered effectively by Michelle.
- 10.5. Early morning breakfasts for workers was suggested.
 - 10.5.1. This had been the aim for the Bevy, but food difficult to make profitable. If not able to predict numbers, it can lead to large losses. This is additionally difficult for breakfasts as the ingredients need to be specially ordered and can't be used for other meals.
 - 10.5.2. Bevy has done some catering externally and this is another income source being pursued. New leaflets are being printed currently.
 - 10.5.3. Bevy also provides catering to groups hiring the space.