

To be presented at 2021 AGM but already approved in postal /email vote.

Approved minutes for the Ninth Annual General Meeting for the shareholders of Spaxton Community Shop Society Ltd held on Wednesday 7th October 2020.

Thirty two shareholders were present, sitting in twenty four different household groups. We needed 31 people for a quorum. In fact three shareholders were politely asked not to stay as I judged that we were at capacity for social distancing with the chairs arranged as they were.

Josh Schwieso , chairman was at the front, as was Alison Goldie, secretary.

Beginning of the meeting

Correction of two mistakes/oversights in recent communication to shareholders.

(i)post office opening hours. These had been sent out without the mention that the post office closes for 30min between 12:30 and 1pm.on weekdays.

(ii)In the agenda for this meeting the wrong year date had been given for the accounts. The date should have been 2019 and not 2018.

Apologies.-were not discussed in the meeting. For the record I received a number of verbal or written apologies.

2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and

3. Matters arising from the above. There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

In response to the chairman's request, the above mentioned minutes were approved by the great majority of shareholders raising their hands.

4. Chairman's Report to Shareholders. There were no questions from the floor about this report which had already been sent to shareholders. An update on the pending building repairs on the pillar at the front of the shop was given. This has just been completed.

5. Presentation and approval of Accounts.

In fact 38 shareholders voted in June 2020 by email or post to accept the accounts and there have been no dissenters prior to the meeting. Questions on the accounts were invited but not forthcoming.

Motion "This meeting of Shareholders accepts the 2019 Annual Accounts." Proposed by Phil Ham and seconded by Anne Stoye. The motion was accepted . **Proxy votes 27 for, 1 abstain,**

6. Disapplication for the requirement of Audit .This had also been voted to occur by 38 shareholders in June 2020 by email or letter. For the sake of transparency , however, the following motion was raised " In the absence of any concerns about the health or propriety of the Society's financial affairs, the members vote to dis apply the requirement for a formal audit."

Proposed by Richard Lee and seconded by Trish Edwards. This motion was also accepted nem. con.

7. Up to date trading report. Josh Schwieso read out the report in the absence of our treasurer. (This report is printed below the record of the minutes) He praised the extra hard work of the stock committee and our manager in succeeding to maintain such good supplies and such a good service throughout lockdown. No questions arose from this.

8. Membership report. Our membership has changed little over the last few years but we have plenty of shareholders.

The membership is 309 shareholders as of today. At the yearend of 31st Dec 2019 our membership was 310 and for the previous year end of 2018 was 308.

9. Election of General Management Committee Members

Josh Schwieso proposed that we vote "en bloc" for the committee members.

Sarah Upfield seconded this. The show of hands showed agreement nem. con.

Karen Perkins and Martin Brown were voted in as new members of the Management Committee. Karen Perkins had in fact become a member by proxy at the most recent Management Committee meeting and was, therefore strictly speaking, standing down to be re-elected.

Simon Haswell, Trish Edwards and Alison Goldie were re-elected to the same committee.

Other shareholders were encouraged to consider putting themselves forward as two places remain vacant. New people and new ideas are always welcomed.

10. Other motions. There were no other motions so we moved into A.O.B.

11. A.O.B.

Thanks. Gilly Lee wished to register thanks to all members of the management committee and to our manager for keeping the shop open and running throughout these especially difficult times of lockdown and the period thereafter.

Thanks. Alison Goldie wished to register thanks to the three people stepping down from the General Management Committee: Josh Schwieso has chaired the committee since its inception in 2010, Cath Macadam has been on the committee since 2012 and Szilvia Hardwick since 2017. All three have made very significant and much appreciated contributions to the development and smooth running of our community shop.

Opening Hours. Vernon Hughes posed the question as to whether the committee has plans to return the shop's opening hours to those that existed prior to lockdown. The answer came from Sally Foxhall, chair of the Personnel sub-committee. The matter of opening hours is being kept under frequent review. We would like to extend the afternoon hours on Friday and re-open on Sunday initially but are waiting to see what happens with Covid 19 prevalence now that the schools have re-opened. The number of available volunteers is relevant to the decision, as suggested by Vernon, as some of our older volunteers have not returned to dealing with the public and may or may not decide to do so.

The meeting ended just before 6:30pm

Appendix

Spaxton Community Stores

2020 AGM – Hon. Treasurer's Trading Update

Further to the June trading update distributed with the annual accounts, the third quarter has seen sales return to the levels of recent years. Given the constraints of reduced hours and Covid19 protective measures, this is a positive result showing how much local people value the service we provide.

Operating costs have continued at an increased level, but these have been relieved by ongoing rural Post Office support payments which began in April. These payments now mean that the efforts of Post Office volunteers bring in a small income to the business as well as the valuable service they provide for customers. The net result is that the shop continues to generate a modest surplus similar to previous years.

Overall, with the government's Covid19 small business support grant, the Society remains in a good position to meet anticipated future costs, and also to face the uncertainties of the developing Covid19 pandemic and Brexit.

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