



EFFINGHAM VILLAGE RECREATION TRUST

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for EVRT

Online by Zoom, Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 19:30

Present: *EVRT Managing Trustees:* Christopher Hogger, Hon. Chairman (CJH), Charles Thorne, Hon. Treasurer (CT), Paula Moss, Hon. Secretary (PM)
EVRT Staff: Phillipa Chisnell, KGV Manager (PC)
Public: 6 members of the public

The Zoom Waiting Room was opened by PM at 19:30 and the meeting formally began at 19:32.

1. **Chairman's Welcome**

CJH thanked those present for attending and welcomed them to this AGM for the 2020-21 financial year. He noted that the relevant papers for the meeting had been previously made available on the EVRT website.

2. **Introductions to Trustees and Staff**

CJH introduced the current Trustees and confirmed their honorary positions, and also introduced the KGV Manager.

3. **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

An apology for absence had been received from Ian Symes.

Trustees CT and PM declared that they were Councillors on Effingham Parish Council.

4. **Minutes of the previous AGM for the 2019-20 financial year**

CJH invited comments or corrections to the draft Minutes for the preceding delayed AGM held on 16 March 2021 for the financial year 2019-20. There being no comments or corrections expressed, CJH signed the Minutes as a true record of that meeting and displayed the signature on-screen for verification.

5. **Chairman's Report**

CJH explained that he had been formally required to sign the Report of the Trustees even though it had been prepared by the former Trustees. Their original text had not been altered, but one sentence had been added about reviewing governance options. CJH singled out selected points from the Report, noting that the year in question had been a difficult one in the face of Covid restrictions and a Traveller incursion. He expressed his own view that the former Trustees had dealt with these challenging matters as well as anyone could have done. He confirmed that the current Trustees were evaluating governance options with a view to reducing individual liabilities. He concluded by thanking his fellow Trustees, the KGV staff and Effingham Parish Council for all their many contributions to the Charity.



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6. **Treasurer's Report**

CT introduced the background to the Financial Statements, which had been almost finalised with the accountants at the time the current Trustees took office in November 2021. He expressed his gratitude to the former Trustees for having progressed the preparations to that point. He explained that the structure of the statements was dictated by the SORP requirements for charity reporting and that because charities had aspects distinct from ordinary businesses their financial statements could be confusing. He then invited CJH to present some slides summarising the finances for that year; they had already been presented to the Custodian Trustee as a courtesy. The summary was that the 2020-21 year had ended with a small deficit (negative movement of total funds), largely owed to depreciation of capital assets; the cash-only position of the Charity had been very healthy during the year, despite the problems brought about by Covid.

7. **Responses to Questions Received**

CT thanked CJH for making the presentation. He noted that no questions had been received in advance and then invited questions or comments about the finances now from the attendees present. There were none.

8. **Any Other Business**

CJH offered a further opportunity to put questions or raise any other business. There were none and he therefore declared the meeting closed.

The meeting formally closed at 19:57.