

Minutes of the AGM of the Warkworth Show held on 16th October 2018 at Warkworth Memorial Hall

Present: Simon B, Janet B, Kate B, Tony C, Chris D, Margaret D, Bren D, John H, Ian M, Carole M, John P, Graeme P, Catherine P, Anne P, Phil P, Sheila P, Sally S

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sally B, Roger B, Derek C, James C, Rachel P

2. Minutes of AGM February 2018

Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting was proposed by Margaret D and seconded by Graeme P.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Secretaries' Reports

Executive Committee Report was given by Chris D. A copy of the report has been filed with the minutes. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Phil P and seconded by Simon B.

Events Management Committee Report was given by Bren D. A copy of the report has been filed with the minutes. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Chris D and seconded by Phil P.

Horticultural Committee Report was given by John H. A copy of the report has been filed with the minutes. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Simon B and seconded by Chris D.

Industrial Committee Report was given by Catherine P. A copy of the report has been filed with the minutes. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Margaret D and seconded by Phil P.

5. Treasurers Report

The report was given by Margaret D and a copy of the accounts was circulated to attendees. The show made a surplus of £719.45 this year, however, this figure is based on various assumptions (as listed) being met. There has been an overspend this year due to increased insurance premiums, poor monitoring of the support budget and over-printing of advertising material which will need to be addressed for next year. It was also noted that the marquee costs are likely to increase next year as they are currently artificially low. It has been suggested that the financial year be changed to fall in line with the AGM. This will require further discussion and agreement.

A copy of the report and accounts has been filed with the minutes. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Graeme P and seconded by Simon B.

6. Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Changes to the Constitution could not be made at the February 2018 AGM as there were insufficient numbers of attendees to vote. The following amendments were carried forward, proposed and agreed at the October 2018 AGM:-

- i. The President and Honorary Officer appointments were to have a maximum tenure of 3 years. An officer willing to serve for an extended period shall be permitted to do so if endorsed by a majority of Members at the AGM. Change proposed by Simon B, seconded by Chris D. All attendees voted in favour of the change.
- ii. Sub-committees are to be made responsible for electing one representative to the Executive Committee. Change proposed by Simon B, seconded by Ian M. All attendees voted in favour of the change.
- iii. The specific timing of when the AGM was to be held was to be deleted, and instead the Constitution was simply to state: "There shall be an annual general meeting (AGM) each year". Change proposed by Simon B, seconded by Chris D. All but one attendee voted in favour of the change.

7. Election of Honorary Officers

The following Honorary Officers were elected:-

President	John Park	proposed by Simon B, seconded Chris D
Chairman	Simon Buist	proposed by John P, seconded by John H
Vice-Chairman	Vacant	
Secretary	Chris Doe	proposed by Margaret D, seconded by Graeme P
Treasurer	Margaret Douglas	proposed by Simon B, seconded by Phil P

8. Chairman's Statement

The Chairman had received many very favourable comments following this year's Show. Particularly pleasing was the praise received from local residents who thought the entertainment programme, food court concept and the bar were welcome initiatives.

Special thanks were given to Graeme P for organising the entertainments. Many visitors commented on what good value the Show was, and in particular that all activities were included in the entrance ticket price. The best indicator of the Show's success was whether visitors left the Show content, happy and smiling. The idea of changing/adding different types of entertainment from year to year and not charging visitors for participation in the activities after entry proved to be very popular. It was stressed that the best advert for the show is the show itself.

The Chairman believed that the greatest risk to the long-term viability of the Show was the lack of volunteers willing to take on the more onerous roles on the committees. He stated that we should keep things as simple as possible and not lose sight of the core purpose of the Show. Staging the exhibition must remain the focus but putting on a fun and action-packed day to attract the numbers to fund the exhibition is what it is all about.

It was agreed that David Manion will perform financial 'health checks' for the show in the coming year. Proposed by Simon B, seconded by Phil P.

9. AOB

The proposed date for the market stall (subject to confirmation) is Saturday 25th May 2019.

The Industrial and Horticultural committees were thanked for getting exhibition class results for publication on the show website to Ian & Carol Moyes so quickly and in a usable format.

John H on behalf of the Horticultural Committee proposed a 'Gardeners Question Time' be held at Warkworth URC hall on Friday 1st March 2019.

John H thanked all the Honorary Officers for their work towards the show.

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