

# BECKLEY & AREA COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY LTD

## Minutes of Annual Members' Meeting

**On:** Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7:30pm

**At:** Beckley Village Hall, Beckley

**Present:** 37 Members holding voting rights  
2 Non-Members

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### 1. Chairman's welcome

Mike Hobbs (Chairman) welcomed all attendees to the Annual Members' Meeting of the Beckley & Area Community Benefit Society Ltd (BACBS).

### 2. Committee Reports

#### 2.1. Annual Report, including "More than a Pub" update

Mike Hobbs presented a summary of the Annual Report of the Society, including an update of the *More than a Pub* initiative. A copy of the report is attached.

#### 2.2. Treasurer's Report

Gabriel Brodetsky (Treasurer) presented a summary of the Financial Accounts. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached.

Two formal resolutions were put to the meeting, as follows:

Resolution	
<b>To receive the Financial Accounts for year to 30th September 2018</b>	
<i>Proposed</i>	Lise Traynor
<i>Seconded</i>	Nin Kelay
<i>Result</i>	Carried unanimously
<b>To authorise the Management Committee to substitute an accountant's report in place of a full audit of the accounts for the year to 30th September 2019, as permitted by the Rules and applicable legislation</b>	
<i>Proposed</i>	John Stradling
<i>Seconded</i>	Sam Francis
<i>Result</i>	Carried unanimously

#### 2.3. Membership Report

Adrian Hampshire (Secretary) reviewed formal policies put in place by the Management Committee during the year – Safeguarding Policy; Equality, Diversity & Anti-Discrimination Policy; Data Privacy Notice. He reiterated the Society's Membership Strategy which is unchanged from the previous year. He reviewed the current membership by geographical distribution and spread of investment. This analysis can be found in copy of the presentation slides, copy attached. The presentation slides will also be available from the BACBS website ([www.bacbs.org](http://www.bacbs.org)).

## 2.4. The Accessibility Project

Gabriel Brodetsky, as client Project Manager for the Accessibility Project, reviewed work completed to-date towards the provision of better accessibility to The Abingdon Arms in the form of 1) new accessible toilets, and 2) widening of the front door for better wheelchair access.

He also outlined the next steps in the project starting with signature of contracts with Classic Builders and start of work in January 2019.

Finally, he reviewed the finances of the project including the overall costs and the grants and loans that have been successfully achieved in order to meet the costs.

## 2.5. Results of elections to the Management Committee

Mike Hobbs presented the outcome of the Election to the Management Committee of the BACBS. He noted that the term of office of two members of the existing Committee had expired but that both had stood for re-election. He also noted that the Committee had decided to expand the size of the committee from 8 to 10 due to the significant current workload.

As a result of the election, the following have been elected to serve on the Management Committee for a 3-year term.

Elected Member
Francis, Sam
Jeffrey, Adam
Kelay, Nin
Traynor, Lise

Mike thanked the two unsuccessful candidates for standing in this close-fought election.

## 3. **Open Forum**

### 3.1. “Good Neighbour” scheme

Mike Hobbs presented a proposal for the development of a Five Parishes Good Neighbour Scheme (5PGNS). The aim of the Good Neighbour Scheme is to make it possible for all members of our wider community to attend ‘More than a Pub’ and other social activities at The Abingdon Arms, regardless of infirmity, disability or lack of their own transport. He reported that the very successful Three Parishes GNS which serves Noke, Woodeaton and Islip will now make lifts available to our community pub. The proposed 5PGNS will liaise with existing provision in Beckley and Horton cum Studley and extend the availability of lifts to residents of Elsfield, Stanton St John and Forest Hill.

The meeting discussed the scope and extent of the proposed service. Mike Hobbs reported that there is no intention at this time to extend the 5PGNS remit to provide lifts to GP and hospital appointments and for shopping as does the 3PGNS.

The meeting approved the development of a trial 5PGNS scheme and further information about this community initiative will follow.

### 3.2. Toilet twinning

Lise Traynor presented a proposal for the Society to donate to a charity which offers hygiene education and installs sanitation in developing countries, thereby “twinning” the new toilets at The Abingdon Arms with those in needy developing countries. After discussion, the meeting supported the proposal to “twin” three of the new toilets and the BACBS committee will now explore the options available.

### 3.3. Any other topics

Geoff Mills spoke in recognition of the work done by the Management Committee. All present at the meeting confirmed their similar recognition in a show of thanks.

There being no further business, the meeting closed.

### **Attachments**

- Chairman's Annual Report 2018
- Treasurer's Annual Report 2018
- Secretary's Annual Report 2018
- Annual Members' Meeting presentation slides