

TLT AGM 7pm 14.1.25 at the Metropole Hotel

Present were:

Geoff, Sian, Alan Whittaker, Sarenta, Penny, Alan Faye (by Zoom), Sally, David, Hilary

Apologies:

Angela, Catherine, Dorianne, Lisa, Blue, Heulyn

1. Minutes of AGM 2024 – these were agreed as a true record by those who attended last year.
2. Treasurer's Report – this was circulated by Geoff who summarised the main points. The Repair Café had a healthy balance of £584.08. When Dorianne transferred the funds for Incredible Edible from the Red Kite Credit Union (now Smartmoney Cymru) account which had been opened, £10 was left in there, perhaps in case the account could be used in the future. The Orchard Account had transferred £667.10 into TLT in keeping with a previous decision to do so.

A question was raised as to whether this would be ring-fenced – no it would not. If the Pomarium (orchard) needed funds for a particular reason, they would be paid from central TLT funds.

Sian had given a talk about Morsbags to the WI which attracted a donation.

Funds are not currently in an interest-generating account. The balance in the Co-op business account is £3246.25. It is not easy to use a savings account for interest because we have to use a business account.

It was proposed by Sian, seconded by Penny and unanimously accepted that the accounts were a true record.

3. Election of Officers (Treasurer, Secretarial Team, Social Meeting Coordinator, Press and Publicity)

Geoff was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer – Proposed by David, seconded by Sally. Unanimous.

The Secretary post was re-elected to be shared by a team, as previously, of Penny, Sian, Sally, David and Hilary – proposed by Geoff and seconded by Hilary, unanimous

Social Meetings Co-ordinator (to which all should contribute ideas and follow up leads) was proposed by Geoff and seconded by Hilary to continue to be Penny, unanimous

Press and Publicity was shared by Sally, Hilary and David (including Facebook) – proposed by Penny and seconded by Sian, unanimous.

4. Amendments to the Constitution (see draft)

A draft with tracked proposed changes had been circulated. Penny had worked on this with Rob Thomas and it had been discussed at a previous Steering Group meeting. Voting at AGM was required to ratify any amendments.

Reference to Peak Oil were removed, as this was considered out-dated. Sally raised that there should remain some mention of reduction of fossil fuels specifically, as neither climate change, 'low carbon' nor sustainability refer to oil in particular, which should remain a focus. This was agreed. Amendments made to paragraphs 3c and 3d.

Under paras. 6 and 14, reference to 'organisations' was removed, as it was agreed that those attending meetings and voting did so on their own behalf, even if they were liaison person for a group, such as the Town Council or RWT.

Under para. 24, the Steering Group was described as the officers elected at AGM, plus any member who wishes to attend any particular meeting. Reference to 'at least six members' was removed.

Every project under the TLT structural umbrella should, according to a new para 27 (numbers will be re-jigged as some in the draft are duplicated), provide a representative each for secretarial and financial matters. These should provide information about the projects to the main TLT Steering Group upon request. It was noted that the TLT secretary does not hold email lists for volunteers for the various projects/sub-groups. Occasionally it is appropriate to forward a TLT message, e.g. invitations to general meetings, when necessary.

It was agreed that the Social Meetings Co-ordinator would facilitate the social meetings (monthly talks) or delegate that task to another.

Under Records, para.33 was a problem as we are not the sort of organisation that holds records of dates of members joining and leaving, because of the loose nature of our membership (a common interest and agreeing for contact details to be used). On account of the TLT secretary not holding the email lists for the project volunteers, then reference to contact being made with each member at least once a year, to ascertain if they wish to remain a member, needs to include the secretarial representatives too. The term 'email' should be replaced with 'contact' in case of someone not using email (not currently an issue, but may become one).

The wording of para. 39 concerning rules, bylaws etc., was tweaked to make better sense. Alan Fay highlighted that 75% of those present to vote needed to include those attending online.

He also commented by email after the meeting that TLT should have conversations with similar groups on ways to stimulate more local interest in our objectives.

The amendments as re-amended were unanimously accepted and Penny agreed to send out a new draft, so that attendees at this meeting could double-check there were no further comments, before the new document could be instated and put on the website.

The meeting ended at 20.30