

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROTTINGDEAN
WHITEWAY CENTRE HELD ON THURSDAY 20th MARCH 2025 at 7.30 pm in the
Whiteway Centre

Present:

Management Committee: Bill McNaught (Chair), Colin Alexander, Angelina Chan, Lynn Hutchinson (Acting Secretary), Stewart Hutchinson, Jo Newman, Andy Wilson.

Others: Rowland Myers (RWC volunteer), Ewan Wilkie (Independent Examiner) Colin Campbell (Rottingdean Bridge Club) Jennifer Marshall (Kipling Bridge Club)

The Chair opened the AGM by welcoming everyone.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from the following members of the Management Committee: Claire Johnson, Virginia Fung, Angela Hoole, Caroline Ellis, Lindsay Winter, Wendy Swift.

Special Events Volunteer: Peter Hewetson-Brown. User Groups: Christa Cook (Saturday Quilters)

2. Minutes of the full AGM, incorporating the User Group AGM, held on 21st March 2024

The approval of the full AGM minutes proposed by Stewart Hutchinson, and seconded by Andy Wilson. The minutes were approved.

3. Election of User Group Representatives

Under the constitution, up to 5 User Group representatives may be elected to the Management Committee of the Rottingdean Whiteway Centre.

Jo Newman (Rottingdean Drama Society) Andy Wilson (The Possible Chicken String Band) Lindsay Winter (Rottingdean Bridge Club) proposed for re-election. Jennifer Marshall (Rottingdean Bridge Club) is proposed for election, by Colin Cambell and seconded by Stewart Hutchinson. All those in attendance were in agreement, so they were duly elected.

4. Messages from the User Groups

Andy Wilson said that his group felt the centre was well organised, and offered

5. Report from the Chair

Bill McNaught presented his report (see separate annual report) adding that there are vacancies on the committee that he hopes will be filled. He recognised that

many organisations have issues finding volunteers but if anyone wants to do their bit, they should get in touch.

6. Receive and adopt the annual accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

As Claire Johnson, the Treasurer, was absent from the meeting, Lynn Hutchinson read out Claire's financial report (see separate report) after first drawing attention to the accounts for the year ended 2024, and the Independent Examiner's report included within the printed meeting papers.

Ewan Wilkie, the independent examiner, said that he didn't find any issues with the accounts. He was happy to sign them off.

The 2024 accounts were proposed for adoption by Jo Newman, and seconded by Andy Wilson. All those in attendance were in agreement.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Bill thanked Ewan Wilkie for examining and Reporting on the 2024 accounts. Ewan had already confirmed that he is happy to continue in the role for 2025 accounts. Confirmation of his appointment was proposed by Jo Newman, seconded by Colin Campbell and approved.

8. Reports from Committee Officers

The following reports (attached) were presented:

Lettings report – Jo Newman

Education report – Angela Hoole/Caroline Ellis (Read by Bill

McNaught) Publicity – Wendy Swift (read by Lynn Hutchinson)

Building report – Colin Alexander. Colin added that a 5-year plan for the building was being put together.

Bursar – Stewart Hutchinson

Web Administration – Virginia Fung (read by Angelina Chan)

Special Events report – Peter-Hewetson Brown (Read by Lynn Hutchinson) Why I became a volunteer, a personal view by Lindsay Winter (Read by Andy Wilson)

9. Election of the Management Committee for 2023/24 The following stood for election or re-election to the Management Committee: 1) Bill McNaught

2) Andy Wilson

3) Angelina Chan

4) Caroline Ellis

- 5) Claire Johnson
- 6) Colin Alexander
- 7) Jo Newman
- 8) Lindsay Winter
- 9) Lynn Hutchinson
- 10) Virginia Fung
- 11) Wendy Swift

The election of the officers en-bloc was proposed by Colin Campbell and seconded by Rowland Myers. It was agreed unanimously by the audience.

Not standing for re-election:-

Angela Hoole

Stewart Hutchinson

10. Any other business

Jo Newman said the Village News had lost volunteers and maybe closing. Additionally, most organisations have signs saying that they will not tolerate abuse. Should we have such a notice? It was recognised RWC has a Complaints procedure. This could be discussed further at the Management Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm.