

Minutes of the Marlborough Brandt Group Annual General Meeting

Friends' Meeting House, The Parade, Marlborough, 11th April 2018

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alex Davies (AD) welcomes the members and guests of the Marlborough Brandt Group who are present. He also expresses thanks to Lilli Loveday (in absence) for her excellent work both during her time as a Trustee and past involvement. Lilli is stepping down as a Trustee because of work-commitments.

Apologies were received from the following members: Lesley Andrews, Alan Davies, Rachel Rosedale, Barney Rosedale, Sarah Giles, Robert Hiscox, Nick Hunt, Ray Jones, Lord Judd, Trevor Kearley, Ian Marks, Nigel Monson, Susan Monson, Susan Suchopar, Jane Nicholson, Patick Titman, Peter Webber, Sue Webber, Joyce White, Alexander Kirk-Wilson, Caroline Loveday, Lilli Loveday, Mike Polack

2. Agreement of Agenda

Proposed: Gordon Hutt, Seconded Anna Quarendon

3. Approval of last AGM minutes

Proposed: Theresa Ardley, Seconded Anna Quarendon
Minutes are signed.

4. Chairman's Report

MBG has been through a difficult year, after the decision to close the office at last year's AGM. AD expresses a vote of thanks to those who have supported the process of closing the office and restructuring MBG. He mentions particularly Theresa Ardley who with the support of others has played an invaluable role in this process.

The focus of this year has been to streamline the organisation in its new form: website, communications, members, and other practicalities of a transition of this sort.

We have maintained the fundraising projects. A vote of thanks to Nick Maurice for continuing the Harvest Lecture, which was very successful with Mark Goldring from Oxfam. Also we have delivered the Annual Quiz and we are supporting 80 people travelling to Gunjur this coming year, including the St John's Science Trip and our 16th Summer Group.

We have felt that our supporting work has been very positive, both in terms of giving grants and support, which has given us a sense of purpose. AD also invited members and guests to nominate charities who may be considered for support.

Difficulties have been accessing our bank accounts and preparing the Heritage Lottery report, which was submitted in November. We record our thanks to Caroline Harmer for the excellent work on this report.

We have also recruited two new Trustees (see agenda item 7), and we are looking at an exciting year ahead.

Christopher Loveday comments on the high quality of the Annual Report

5. Treasurer's Report

Janneke Blokland (JB) gives a brief commentary on the end-of-year accounts as found in the Annual Report. The accounts are unusual this year, because of the closure of the office, and the costs incurred in this process.

Proposer for approval of the accounts: Nick Maurice; seconded by Geoffrey Finlay

Appointment of reporting accountant: Christopher Lovely proposed Munro Audit Limited, seconded by Jan Polack.

6. GDPR

Alex explains the consequences of the new data protection regulations for MBG. MBG will retain information for five years. There are forms available at the meeting and on the website to sign up and opt in to continue to receive information from MBG.

7. Election of Trustees

Lilli Loveday is stepping down as Trustee.

Robert Hiscox is stepping down as Patron, and we record our thanks for his support.

James Busby: Proposed Alex, Seconded Gordon Hutt, 20 (all) in favour, none against, no abstentions

David Johnson: Proposed Janneke, Seconded Anita, 20 (all) in favour, none against, no abstentions

There is an open invitation both for new Trustees and Patrons

8. Reflection on the impact of Joel Joffe

Nick Maurice gives a reflection on the impact of Joel Joffe. The text is available on request.

9. Funding of future projects

Suggestion from Geoffrey Findlay: Charity shop in Hughden Yard

10. Future events: Harvest Lecture 2018

We have decided to move the Lent Lecture in the spring to a Harvest Lecture in the autumn to spread activities out throughout the year.

Funds raised at the Harvest Lecture this year will go to Thriving Through Venture, to honour Nick Maurice's work on this project.

The date and speaker are still to be confirmed.



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11. Questions and AOB

No further questions nor Any Other Business.

The meeting ends at 7.35pm.

Proxy Votes were received from:

Lesley Andrews, Alan Davies, Nick Hunt, Ian Marks, Jane Nicholson, Peter Webber, Sue Webber.

All Trustees signed the Trustee Eligibility Declaration, from The Charity Commission, after the meeting.