



Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Friday 27th March 2024
At 6.00pm

Committee Attendees: John Dupree, Stella Stothart, & Gail Mosley

Guests:

Nicky & Johnny Mousdale, Helen Woodman, Paul & Sally Vincent, Lesley & John Wells, John Stothart, Ian A'Court, Inka Gabriel, Pete Coxon

1 Welcome & Apologies for absence: Jill & Tony Hulatt

2. Minutes of previous AGM – Approval + Matters Arising : Question from the floor regarding lack of Minutes. JD advised a copy of the minutes had been circulated to all Friends and Supporters.
The Minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's Report: See separate report.

4. Treasurers Report: See separate report.

Question from the floor regarding the payment of rental by the Ditsum Players. Questioning why payment of rental is made including cost of VAT for use of the Village Hall, rather than agreeing a donation to avoid paying VAT. GM advised that the Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee advised that paying a donation in place of rental is not acceptable.

5. Election of the Committee / Facilitation Team:

After much discussion it was agreed that as there was confusion about how the Ditsum Players would proceed managed by the proposed Facilitation Team, that there is a need to review and amend the current Constitution to reflect the proposed way forward as outlined by the Chairman.

Johnny Mousdale [JM] proposed that, in the interim as the 3 x current Committee Members would be willing to stand, on a temporary basis that they should be elected. Paul Vincent seconded the proposal.

John Wells [JW] confirmed that he is supportive of the proposal of a Facilitation Team, subject to an update of the current Constitution. JM supported the amendment of the Constitution which would satisfy the requirement of the Ditsum Player's Bank.

The general opinion of the floor was to give the proposed Ditsum Players Facilitation Team Operational Framework a try.

6. Q & A :

Paul Vincent [PV] advised that the Players are not just about acting but the development of new talent, particularly children who would benefit from workshops. He would anticipate the rental of the use of the Village Hall being paid for by Ditsum Players.

Pete Coxon [PC] was grateful for the solution to progress the Players and relieve the current committee of duties, other than the agreed roles and responsibilities.

Chairman advised a Committee / Facilitation Team is necessary to provide the back office services, finance, promotion etc. It is not their responsibility to put on a production.

PV acknowledged that people are not coming forward to volunteer to get involved in any aspect of the Players.

Stella Stothart reminded the meeting that we are a year on since an appeal for new people to get involved was made at the 2023 AGM, and no one has come forward.

PC supported the proposal to accept the Facilitation Team Operational Framework subject to compliance in an amended Constitution.

JW proposed that another meeting should be held to enable a clear understanding of the proposal of a Facilitation Team. That was not supported but It was agreed that the Chairman would arrange a meeting with JW to review the Constitution.

The Chairman asked the meeting to support the suggestion that the Committee meets and agrees updating the Constitution with JW, Agreed.

Helen Woodman gave thanks to the Committee and the support of the people at the meeting.

HW requested that any laminated posters are made rain proof by reducing the size of the poster within the lamination and secondly that the print on posters/logo etc are enlarged for easy reading. GM commented that posters are emailed to the Ditsum Players data base of Friends and Supporters.

Chairman advised the meeting that the Ditsum Players now has the benefit of a large data base. However, very few actually pay a subscription and he asked for support for the proposal that we no longer require subscriptions.

Agreed

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting which closed at 7pm