

Draft Minutes of Farnham Humanists AGM. Daniel Hall. 18th February 2019

Present: 38 people (excluding guests)

1. Approval of the minutes of the last AGM

Minutes 2018: Agreed unanimously.

2. Chair's Report

The Chair reported on the many and varied activities of the group during the year, which are well documented on the website. Members had also participated in events and courses held by Humanists UK, as well as supporting SCEHN (South Central England Humanist Network) and forming a link with Defence Humanists. The group had undertaken a considerable amount of community service and outreach. He also reported on progress against the development plan.

3. Treasurer's report compared with £179 in 2017 and approval of accounts

A copy of the annual accounts had been provided for all attendees. At year end, the balance in the bank stood at £959, which represented a loss of £209 on the year's activities (2017 -£179). Paid-up membership had risen to 51 by the end of the year.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Mary Williams, seconded by Di Huddleston, and carried unanimously.

4. Set subscription rate for the year

The Treasurer proposed that the subscription rate remain at £12.50. This was agreed unanimously. Subscriptions were now due for the new financial year which started on 1st February. A member asked if subs could be collected by direct debit. The Treasurer explained that the type of account held by the branch did not provide for the setting up of direct debits. However members were welcome to set up their own standing order from their bank account. Payment details were made available for members who wished to make bank payments direct to the group.

5. Election of officers and committee

Chair, Alan Montgomery; **Vice-chair**, John Cregan, and **Treasurer**, Linda Montgomery were all elected last year and had agreed to stand again. **Secretary** role was shared: Alan as membership secretary, Linda minutes Secretary, John Cregan events/social secretary.

Committee: Jennie Johnson, David Savage, Ailsa Davies, Hannah Green, Keith Hayward were happy to continue.

During the year Belinda Schwehr and David Hepper were co-opted to the committee and both had agreed to continue.

The officers and committee were elected unanimously.

6. Appointment of auditor

Simon Johnson had stepped down as auditor after many years' service. John Creggan had agreed to act as auditor. John explained that technically, under charity law that applied to the group, he was required to provide a financial review rather than an audit.

John's appointment was approved unanimously, and Simon was thanked for his long service.

7. Approval of subscriptions to Humanists UK and NSS

Approved unanimously.

8. AOB

None.