

Minutes of the AGM of the Berwick Slow Food Convivium held on the 27th January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Present:- Richard Clay (Acting Chair, Treasurer) Kathy Orchard (Secretary), Sophie Hamilton, Kate Gill, Terry Gill, Laura McGinlay (Festival Director), Jane Hall, Ruth McNeely, Maurice McNeely, Linda Pepper, Kevan Wylie, Ken Hardy, Jackie Kaines-Lang, Joe Lang, Zoe Long, Millie Stanford, Michael Gallico, Maggie Jary

1. Welcome: - Richard Clay, Acting Chair and Treasurer welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Sophie Hamilton for setting it up.
2. Apologies:- Chris Orchard
3. Minutes of the 2020 AGM – The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.
4. Reports for 2021
 - a. Chairpersons Report: - (see copy) Kathy Orchard summarised the report with particular emphasis on the events undertaken in the absence of a festival last year.
 - b. Treasurers Report: - (see copy) Richard Clay said the accounts had been audited and were summarised in his report. There is approximately £36,000 in both accounts. Spreadsheets are available if anyone wants to see them. Due to good management from the Festival Directors the cancelled 2020 Festival only cost £2024 (approx.) once costs had been credited.
5. Election of Committee & Officers:
 - a) Convivium Leader/Chair – Kate Gill (proposed Ruth McNeely; seconded by Richard Clay) There were no other nominations so Kate was duly elected. Kate accepted the post and confirmed the first meeting of the committee would be 3.2.21 at 7.00pm. This would be an opportunity for committee members to get to know a bit about each other and to discuss governance terms of reference and committee procedures.
 - b) Vice-Chair – Kevan Wylie (proposed by Sophie Hamilton; seconded by Maurice McNeely) There were no other nominations so Kevan was duly elected.

- c) Secretary –Sophie Hamilton (proposed by Ruth McNeely seconded by Chris Orchard. There were no other nominations so Sophie was duly elected.
- d) Treasurer –Ken Hardy (proposed by Sophie Hamilton, seconded by Maurice McNeely) There were no other nominations so Ken was duly elected.
- e) New Committee member/s – Millie Stanford (proposed by Ruth McNeely; seconded by Sophie Hamilton) Zoe Long (proposed by Ruth McNeely, seconded Richard Clay.
- f) Committee members remaining in post – Jane Hall, Laura McGinlay, Maurice McNeely, Linda Pepper
- g) Ruth McNeely and Kathy Orchard are stepping down from the committee

6. AOB

Michael Gallico (Chair of Berwick Literacy Festival) stressed the importance of the Berwick festivals working together in terms of promotion and joint ventures. As the situation is stronger when working together. It was agreed that this would be borne in mind, however it will be dependant on the current situation.

Jackie Kaines-Lang asked what the intention of the festival was for this year, 2021. Laura said this would be a food only festival. However, this was dependant on many factors, including the pandemic and securing a venue.

J C-L suggested considering an on-line event including the producers. LMcG said this was part of the discussion with on-line tasting events as an example.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35pm