

Friends of the Bridgewater Canal (Sale)

Annual General Meeting 2018

Annual General Meeting: AGM '18

Date: Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7.30

Location: The Volunteer, Cross Street, Sale M33

Present: Ian Stuart* (Chairman), Tom Everett* (Vice Chairman), Cllr Barry Brotherton* (Secretary), Mark Eaton (Treasurer), Helen Bayliss*, Jim Smart*, Marion Ball* Carol Everett, June Mabon (Ramblers Trafford Group), Ken Ball, Mike O'Neill

* Committee Members

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence:

Peter Parkinson* (Manager: B C Co), Cllr Jane Baugh, Jane Eaton, Harry Kretchmer

2. Minutes of meeting AGM 2017 - 7 November 2017

Proposed: Barry Brotherton *Seconded:* Mark Eaton *Approved*

3. Matters arising (not appearing elsewhere on the agenda)

There were none.

4. Chairman's Report on the past year's activities

The Chairman presented his report and a copy of this is attached to the file.

Acceptance Proposed: Helen Bayliss *Seconded:* Tom Everett *Approved*

A copy of the report is attached to the file.

5. Financial Report for year end 30.09.18

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts which had been checked by the scrutineer (Geoff Thompson).

The account balance at year end was £738.45, this included some grant money received but not yet spent.

Acceptance Proposed: Tom Everett *Seconded:* Mike O'Neill *Approved*

A copy of the accounts is attached to the file.

6. Secretary's Report on membership

The Secretary advised that the membership database had been adjusted from 133 to 131 during the year.

Interest in the Group had been encouraging though number had declined slightly on 2017.

Activity on our Twitter account had increased by almost 10%

A copy of the report is attached to the file.

Acceptance Proposed: Jim Smart *Seconded:* Helen Bayliss *Approved*

There was a 15 minute break for refreshments from the bar.

Tom Everett had been able to obtain a copy of a film made in 1961 at the bi-centenary of the Bridgewater Canal which was shown. Lasting about 24 minutes, it was impressive to see the numbers attending the event at Worsley and the number of craft taking part in the celebrations. The Chairman thanked Tom Everett for his resourcefulness.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2018

a) Members willing to stand as Officers:

The Chairman advised that incumbent Officers had all agreed to stand for re-election.

b) Election of members to Office:

Ian Stuart	was willing to continue as Chairman.			
<i>Proposed:</i>	<i>Mike O'Neill;</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Tom Everett</i>	<i>and duly elected</i>
Barry Brotherton	was willing to continue as Membership Secretary.			
<i>Proposed:</i>	<i>Mark Eaton;</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Helen Bayliss</i>	<i>and duly elected.</i>
Mark Eaton	was willing to continue as Treasurer			
<i>Proposed:</i>	<i>June Mabon;</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Jim Smart</i>	<i>and duly elected.</i>
Tom Everett	was willing to continue as Vice Chairman			
<i>Proposed:</i>	<i>Helen Bayliss;</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>Jim Smart</i>	<i>and duly elected.</i>

The Chairman asked if somebody would be willing to take on the role of Minutes Secretary. No offer to fill this role was forthcoming so the Chairman accepted that he would continue to do the minutes for meetings.

c) Members willing to stand as Committee Members for 2018:

Current members willing to continue:

Helen Bayliss
Jim Smart
Marion Ball

The Chairman invited from the floor any offers to serve – there were none forthcoming.

d) Election of above to Committee

All the above taken en bloc

<i>Proposed:</i>	<i>Mark Eaton</i>	<i>Seconded:</i>	<i>June Mabon</i>	<i>and duly elected</i>
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It was agreed that a representative from the Bridgewater Canal Company be co-opted onto the Committee.

8. Illustrated Review of 2018

Helen Bayliss had again gone to great efforts to record the Group's activities and presented an illustrated review of what the Group had been doing and achieved during 2018.

The Chairman gave his sincere thanks to Helen for all the effort that she had put into compiling the review which was a valuable record of our activities.

9. Planned Events for 2017

The Chairman outlined the plans for the next 12 months – these will follow the pattern of previous years. There will be three litterpicks, and 2 cruises on the canal (yet to be confirmed) which are planned to take place during Sale Festival. There will be an Open Meeting at the beginning of May: an invitation was extended to those present to make suggestions for a speaker for this meeting. A copy of the Chairman's full report is attached to the file.

10. Any Other Business

The Chairman had been requested to raise the proposals by Trafford Borough Council in respect of the Urmston to Sale Water Park Cycle Route Improvement Scheme certain sections of which were close to the Bridgewater Way though just north of the M60 bridge.

The main point of contention is that the route is currently designated to be a 'Cycle Route' as opposed to a 'Shared Use Pathway'. With this designation it will become another in the series of Greater Manchester Cycleways, the first six of which are currently open and operating and several more are proposed. The Bridgewater Canal Company had been successful in having the Bridgewater Way so called rather than the Bridgewater Cycleway as had been proposed by TfGM. The main concern is that in light of the experience on the Bridgewater Way, the wider pathways (3metres in general) were sufficiently wide to allow them to be marked with segregated lanes for cyclists/pedestrians in order to minimise the incidents of conflict between different user groups. There was an extensive display of relative documents displayed and the Chairman asked all present to respond to the consultation, which closed on Friday 9th November, making the above point.

11. Future Meetings

Date of next Annual General Meeting	Tuesday	5.11.19	7.30 pm	
Date of Spring General Meeting	Tuesday	7.05.19	7.30 pm	
Date of the Spring litterpick	Saturday	2.03.19	10 am – noon	
Date of the Summer litterpick	Wednesday	29.05.19	7 pm – 9 pm	
Dates of the Summer cruises		6.6.19	2.30)	T B C
		26.6.19	6.30)	

In thanking everybody for their attendance, the Chairman also thanked the Management of The Volunteer for allowing the group the use of their facilities.

Attachments: Chairman's report for 2018
Group's accounts for y/e 30.9.18
Secretary's report for 2018
Chairman's outlook for 2019

Circulation: All those present and the Group's Website