

Draft Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of PCN Britain held by post and electronic communication on 1st June 2020.

Background to the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic it was not possible to convene a conventional AGM. The Trustees looked at alternatives and decided that an AGM held by post and electronic communication would satisfy the requirements for each member to have the opportunity to cast their vote. The timetable of the AGM was as follows:

Relevant documents comprising the 2019 Annual Report, Draft minutes of the 2019 AGM and details of the nominees were sent to members on the **11th May**.

Questions regarding any part of the AGM documents were sent to PCN's registered address, either by email or post, the deadline for questions was **Friday 22nd May**.

Questions received a written response which was distributed to members by post, email and also placed on the PCN Britain website. The deadline for responses was **Sunday 31st May**.

On **Monday 1st June** voting opened either by post to the office, via an online survey, and in three cases via email when the other alternatives were not possible. The voting remained open until **Sunday 7th June**.

The PCN Britain constitution requires that the next AGM take place no later than one calendar year unless circumstances dictate otherwise, the recorded date of the 2020 AGM is the 1st June 2020, the day on which voting began.

Members Present (counted as those members who cast a vote): Adrian Alker, Jeyan Anketell, Gill Atkinson, Chris Avis, Pat Bailey, Keith Baker, Robert Baldwin, Elizabeth Bassant, Martin Bassant, Nigel Bastin, Peter Bellenes, Jonathan Berry, Kate Berry, Philip Bodey, Peter Brearley, Peter Brophy, Jean Brown, Adrian Bulley, Anne Burge, Arthur Burgess, Michael Burn, Janet Carpenter, Tessa Carrick, Geoff Cashmore, David Coaker, Madeleine Cheadle, Diana Churcher, John Churcher, Ruth Clarke, Gillian Collins, Terry Cooke-Davies, Mavis Cracknell, Simon Cross, Pamela Cundall, Chris Dawson, Paul Dawson, Jenny Dennis, Mike Dennis, Jan Dicks, Gerald Drewett, Richard Eddleston, Gwyn Edwards, MoragAnne Elder, Gill Elliott, Mimi Fagan, Richard Firth, Pat Fuller, Peter Gamston, Gwyneth Garner, Ian Geere, Bryony Gilbert, John Gilbert, Janet Goodyer, Valerie Graham, Roger Green, Steve Greenhill, Sandra Griffiths, John Hack, Michael Hancox, Peter Harding, Sue Harrington, Gillian Harrison, John Haydon, Michael Hell, Tim Hern, Margaret Hill, Peter Hill, Susan Hobleby, Jill Hollyman, Jim Hollyman, Harry Houldsworth, Geoffrey Howell, David Ireson, Paul James, Judith Jessop, Judith Jewell, Eric Johnson, Heather Jones, David Kemp, Mary Kenchington, James Kerr, Jill and Paul King, Adrian Lambourne, Mo Lawson-Wills, Gerald Leake, Barry Lee, Jess Lee, Norman Lester, David Lindsay, John Logan, Andy Long, Fran Lovett, Ian Lovett, Don MacGregor, Cliff Marshall, Pauline Marshall, Alison Morley, Iain McDonald, Hugh McMichael, John McNeil Scott, Marianne Mead, Phil Miller, Deirdre Munro, Ros Murphy, Bob O'Dell, Sue Oldfield, Jane Padget, Tim Parker, Elizabeth Parkinson, Brian Pearce, Nicola

Phelan, Fred Pink, Thomas Pitkeathly, Alan Powell, John Ramsbottom, Alastair Reid, Robert Reiss, Philip Reynolds, Lyn Rhodes, Barbara Robinson, Brian Rostill, Tony Rutherford, Tony Sanchez, Gordon Sharp, John Sharp, John York Skinner, David Simcock, Brian Slater, June Slater, John A Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Patricia Smith, Alastair Smurthwaite, Roy Squires, Josephine Stein, Robin Story, Joy Stribblehill, Peter Stribblehill, Philip Sudworth, Janet Tanner, Malcolm Tanner, Liz Temple, Richard Tetlow, Ruth Tetlow, Mark Thompson, Pat Thorpe, David Tidy, Martin Tilley, Dave Treweeke, Brian Tucknott, Peter Varney, Chris Vermeulen, Ray Vincent, Andy Vivian, Liz Vizard, David Warrington, Andrew Webb, Meryl White, Guy Whitehouse, Christine Whitworth, Jackie Wiegman, Roger Wikeley, Robert Williams, Des Williamson, Gwen Wills, Sylvia Wilson, David Wood, Michael Wright, Carole Wynn, Robert T Yeager, Bob Young

1. Minutes of the 16th AGM held on 6th April 2019.

The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting. The votes cast were as follows:

Yes: 102 No: 2 Abstain: 67

Decision: The members accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

2. Adoption of the Chair's Report, 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019.

One question was received in respect of the Chair's report:

Do we currently assume that the Marcus Borg memorial lecture will be taking place as planned? The website makes no reference to how the current crisis might affect this; similarly for the Free to Believe event.

From PCN Chair Adrian Alker:

Marcus Borg Memorial Conference – Postponement to 2021

PCN members and friends will know that we had planned our fifth conference in honour of Marcus Borg to be held in Birmingham in October in association with the Church at Carrs Lane. We had invited Revd Deshna Shine to lead our day and plans were well in hand. Deshna is the Executive Director of the Progressive Christian movement in the USA. It is now clear that it will be some considerable time before we all feel safe to attend conferences and Deshna has agreed to lead the conference in the autumn of 2021, when we do hope a vaccine will have been discovered and be universally available.

From PCN Administrator Sarah Guilfoyle:

People who have booked to attend the Free to Believe event will be being contacted by the organisers very shortly. Unfortunately, we do not have any further information about the Free to Believe event at this time; as soon as we receive confirmation of what is happening our website will be updated.

Members were asked 'Do you accept the Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting as a true record of that meeting?' The votes cast were as follows:

Yes: 166 No: 0 Abstain: 5

Decision: The members accept the Chair's Report.

3. Adoption of the Financial Statements of PCN Britain, 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019.

One question was received in respect of the Treasurer's Report:

The accounts mention the costs of PayPal, so is it necessary to offer payment that way? Can we advise everyone that it is less expensive for PCN to use card etc.?

From PCN Treasurer Peter Stribblehill:

The accounts show the amount we pay to PayPal so that members are aware that using the service comes at a cost. It is a convenient way for them to pay for membership, conferences, publications etc and so serves a useful purpose.

From PCN Administrator Sarah Guilfoyle:

We use PayPal, and formerly Stripe, to process card payments online, as well as accepting payments via a PayPal account and these services incur a fee. In terms of the various payment methods that PCN accepts the three main methods that do not have an additional cost are Standing Orders, cheque payments and direct transfer (BACS) as the Co-operative Bank does not levy charges on charity accounts.

The fees referred to in the 2019 accounts include PayPal, Stripe, the PCN Credit Card used for office purchases, and Go Cardless (Direct Debit provider).

Members were asked 'Do you accept the Treasurer's report as sent to you on or around the 11th May 2020?' The votes cast were as follows:

Yes: 161 No: 0 Abstain: 10

Decision: The members accept the Treasurer's Report

4. Appointment of new Trustees.

Those seeking appointment were;

Adrian Alker – Proposer Paul Onslow, Seconder Simon Cross

Ian Geere – Proposer Dave Coaker, Seconder Peter Stribblehill

Sandra Griffiths – Proposer Elizabeth Bassant, Seconder Margaret Webb

Susan Hobley – Proposer Michael Burn, Seconder Bob Young

Paul Onslow – Proposer Adrian Alker, Seconder Simon Cross

As the number of applicants is equal to the spaces available the vote was confirmatory and individuals were not voted upon.

Members were asked 'Please indicate whether you accept the following nominees to be Trustees: Adrian Alker, Ian Geere, Sandra Griffiths, Susan Hobley, Paul Onslow.' The votes cast were as follows:

Yes: 171 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Decision: The members accept the nominees.

This concluded the business of the AGM.