



Purfleet-on-Thames Community Forum

Annual General Meeting Minutes 31st January 2023

1. Minutes of the AGM on 25th January 2022 were agreed.
2. Matters arising
None.
3. Statement from the Chair and Financial Report
Achievements during the past year include:
 - Painting 28 metres of Victorian railings along the river front
 - Putting on the borough's biggest public celebration for the Platinum Jubilee culminating in the lighting of the beacon and a firework display
 - Resurrecting the community hall charity in case the council hands back the hall to the community
 - Weeding, cleaning, and planting up the boat on Stonehouse roundabout
 - Raising funds for Christmas streetlights
 - Putting up additional festive lighting around the Children's Centre
 - A Christmas light switch on event with carol singing led by the choir from the Thames Opera CompanyJohn is also supporting the local hub with their community pantry initiative and both John and Trevor attend local meetings that might be of interest to the community.
In summary there is £3,432.82 available for community projects with remaining monies ringfenced. Copies of the accounts were made available.
4. Adoption of the Constitution was agreed, and the existing officers and general committee stood down.
5. Voting in of the new officers and committee was facilitated by Cllr Lee Watson. Retiring officers and committee members had all confirmed their willingness to re-stand for the positions indicated below, and no other expressions of interest were received.

Officers:

Chair - John Rowles
Vice-Chair - Trevor Batchelor
Treasurer - Hilary Mason
Secretary - Claire Asplin

General Committee:

Christine Rowles
Gail Lawson-Phillips
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Moira Pollington
Adrian Hilsum



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Adrian was unable to stand as he had not attended the required number of meetings.

Block voting took place with Jim Smith proposing and Alan Dod seconding the above persons and positions, bar Adrian. All those eligible to vote voted in favour, and there were no abstentions.

The newly elected committee all voted in favour of Adrian Hilsum attending committee meetings as a non-voting member.