

DARLINGTON & DISTRICT TALKING NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION
Reg. Charity No. 1188452

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held by Zoom on 10 May 2021 at 18:00 hrs

PRESENT: Trustees: David Green, June Goodrick, Kate Grogan, Richie Hawkins, Paul Knight, David Smith, Pat Walker, **Volunteers:** Fran Bradley, Ged Callaghan, Maureen Gorman, Alison Mannion, David Roberts, Michaela Smith,

APOLOGIES: Trustees: Michael Taylor, Margaret Harrison, **Volunteers:** John Dunn, Lynne Goodes, Elaine Hurry, Kay & Roly Lang, Stan Renwick,

Pat and David S **welcomed** everyone to the first AGM of the Darlington & District Talking Newspaper under the Chartered Incorporated Organisation status and our new charity number. Voting this year is by a show of hands if present at this meeting or by prior return of the proxy voting form. The Trustees Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts were sent to all members with the invitation to the AGM. Copies attached.

The **Trustees Annual Report** was read out by Pat and David S. Thanks were given for this report. Members voted on the resolution to accept this report. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

The **Statement of Accounts** was read out by David Green. Thanks were given for this report. Members voted on the resolution to accept this report. There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Members voted on the resolution to **accept the Appointment of Taxation Advisory Services as 2021 auditors.** There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Members voted on the resolution to **accept increase the number of trustees allowed in the DDTN Constitution under revised Section 12.3.**

Section 12 (3) of our constitution currently reads

“(3) Number of charity trustees.....

(b) The maximum number of charity trustees is 10, to include a maximum of 3 co-opted members with full voting rights.”

It is proposed to replace this clause with

“(3) Number of charity trustees.....

(b) The maximum number of charity trustees is **12**, to include a maximum of **4** co-opted members with full voting rights.

There were no votes against or abstentions. Agreed.

Election of Charity Trustees

All the current trustees were re-elected by vote; namely June Goodrick, David Green, Kate Grogan, Margaret Harrison, Richie Hawkins, Paul Knight, David Smith, Michael Taylor and Pat Walker. Ged Callaghan was also elected as a trustee. All trustees received a minimum of 23 votes.

Election of Officers

Officers were elected by vote as follows: David Smith as Chair, Pat Walker as Deputy Chair, David Green as Treasurer and Kate Grogan as Secretary. All officers received a minimum of 27 votes. DavidS and Pat both said that this time they could only commit to their newly elected roles for 1 year rather than the normal 3 years.

Any Other Business

It was asked how much Taxation Advisory Services charge - £220 per year.

Fran expressed the thanks of volunteers to the Committee for their work over the last year.

Thanks were also given to all volunteers and those who have left over the last year.

The meeting then closed with Pat and David thanking everyone for attending and supporting our Talking Newspaper.