

**Present:** Geoffrey Beatson, Nia Charpentier, Karen Cromwell, Anna Harlow, Sabine Heiliger, Tracey-Anne Holloway, David Kippax, Richard Lewis, Emlyn Murr, Loraine Newbold, Jasmine Richards, Alison Sorrell, Hilary Stock, Satyo Sullivan, Neville Tomlinson, Allan Walter, Linda Widdows

### **1. Welcome**

Linda (standing in for Alison, who wasn't feeling well enough to chair the meeting) welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending and introduced the other Events team members

**2. Apologies** received from Jenny Jones and Louise Lee

**3. Minutes of last AGM** held on 17th April 2024

All present confirmed they'd read them

### **4. Acceptance of 2024 minutes**

There was a unanimous vote to accept the minutes, via anonymous voting form launched by Anna

### **5. Report from the Chair**

Emlyn read out Alison's report (attached) outlining some of the events of the past year and those to come, and appreciating her 4 years in the role of chair

### **6. Report from the Treasurer**

Emlyn spoke about the accounts (summary of income and expenditure attached) and said that he is still waiting to be billed by some service providers

### **7. Report from the Membership Secretary**

Anna read out her report (attached) indicating that overall membership had remained steady, there had been a rise in the number of student members, and reminding everyone to encourage colleagues and friends to join Forum

### **8. Report from the Secretary**

Linda read out her report (attached) reflecting the events of the year and the changes in the Events team, and reiterating her own intention to step back from the team after this coming year in the role of chair - and hence the need to find a successor soon who can 'shadow' her in this role

### **9. Election of officers and team members**

There were no additional nominations for any of the roles. Anna launched the anonymous online voting form, and all nominations were carried unanimously:

Chair - Linda Widdows	proposer Emlyn Murr, seconder Alison Sorrell
Treasurer - Emlyn Murr	proposer Anna Harlow, seconder Geoffrey Beatson
Secretary - Hilary Stock	proposer Linda Widdows, seconder Nia Charpentier
Membership Secretary - Anna Harlow	proposer Neville Tomlinson, seconder Emlyn Murr
Website Coordinator - Nia Charpentier	proposer Alison Sorrell, seconder Neville Tomlinson
Team Member - Geoffrey Beatson	proposer Linda Widdows, seconder Nia Charpentier
Team Member - Alison Sorrell	proposer Geoffrey Beatson, seconder Linda Widdows
New Team Member - Jasmine Richards	proposer Anna Harlow, seconder Emlyn Murr
New Team Member - Tracey-Anne Holloway	proposer Anna Harlow, seconder Geoffrey Beatson

#### 10. Any other business

- Emlyn and Neville agreed to arrange a date for Neville to hand over some paperwork from when he was Treasurer
- Linda reported that she'd been going through the paper archives and found the official date that Forum was established was 10th March 1994. She said the Constitution needed to be amended to include this, and also to include the introduction after the 2020 AGM of a different level of membership for retired members and students - all present indicated their approval

#### 11. Date of next AGM

This will be decided by the Events team and communicated to members with at least 3 weeks' notice

#### 12. Closing

- Linda thanked Alison for being Chair for 4 years, and for being present tonight despite not feeling well
- Linda thanked all present for attending, and invited those who wished to stay for a Kitchen Table discussion led by Anna
- Linda declared the meeting closed