

Chandler's Ford & Hiltingbury Liberal Democrats Branch

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Friday, 9th December 2022 at 7pm at The Fryern Community Centre

MINUTES

Present:

Peter Child (Chair), James Duguid (Vice-Chair), Grahame Smith (Treasurer), Brian Selby (Membership Secretary), Pam Holden-Brown (Fundraising & Social Events Secretary), Marianne Selby, Janet Evans, Tony Evans, Hattie Duguid, Beverley Rose, Denise Smith, Mike Lambert, Jane Lambert, Gareth Davies, Martin Jones, Martin Kyrle, Wayne Irish, Tony Scott, Alan Broadhurst, Dave Pragnell, Stuart Rudd.

1	A warm welcome was extended by the Chair to all present, especially for turning out on such a very cold evening.
	Apologies: Tim Groves, Maud and Karl Attrill, George Baker, Haulwen Broadhurst, Margaret Wood, Margaret Rudd, Liz Child.
3	Minutes: The Minutes of the last AGM held on 9th November, 2021 were approved: proposed by Hattie Duguid and seconded by Brian Selby. There were no matters arising.
4	Chair's Report: This had been circulated in advance and was proposed by Peter Child and seconded by Brian Selby. This was Peter's last report as Chair and he thanked everyone for their support. Beverley and Pam proposed a vote of thanks to Peter for all his dedicated work during his time as Chair, which all present supported.
5	Treasurer's Report: This had been circulated in advance and was proposed by Alan Broadhurst and seconded by David Pragnell. There were questions regarding the effect of inflation, and on contributions by councillors. There was a reminder to people going to the Panto in January to pay for their tickets.
6	Membership Secretary's Report: This had been circulated in advance and was proposed by Martin Kyrle and seconded by Gareth Edwards. The newsletter was helping to keep members updated but new, younger members were needed.
7	Election of Officers: Chair: Vacant after 31st December 2022. Vice-Chair: Vacant after 31st December 2022. Treasurer: Grahame Smith. Nominated by Peter Child, seconded by Liz Child. Secretary: Vacant after 31st December 2022. Membership Secretary: Brian Selby. Nominated by Peter Child, seconded by Liz Child. Social Events/Fundraising: Team to be discussed at the next Branch meeting. Winchester City Executive Representative and Eastleigh Borough Executive Representative: Brian Selby. Nominated by Peter Child, seconded by Liz Child.

8	<p>Constitution The new Constitution had been adopted by Eastleigh with a small amendment. Eastleigh had put it in writing that the CF&H Branch is to continue to look after its own finances with its own Treasurer.</p>
9	<p>Parish Councillors' Report: This had been circulated in advance. Proposed by Martin Kyrle and seconded by Pam Holden-Brown.</p>
10	<p>Borough Councillors' Report: This had been circulated in advance. Proposed by Alan Broadhurst and seconded by Brian Selby.</p>
11	<p>County Councillors' Report: This had been circulated in advance. Proposed by Wayne Irish and seconded by Janet Evans.</p>
	<p>Comments on Reports: It had been a good year and the Reports were good. It will be a big year ahead. Brian suggested that Eastleigh might be a target seat. David recognised the impact of literature but emphasised the importance of the use of social media for promoting good stories and to engage young people. It was agreed that addressing this should be a priority at the next Branch meeting. A 'champion' was needed, and someone with appropriate experience to step forward to help. Beverley asked why we cannot share the expertise of Winchester's social media team. Peter Child advised that face-to-face campaigning would be crucial to elect the parliamentary candidate in the next GE. Peter thought that, instead of constantly criticising the opposition, specific policies were needed. James advised us that the 'warm hubs' were now up and running. There is a vacancy to help run these for 20 hours per week at £10/hr, starting 1st January 2023. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please contact James. There would be an appropriate recruitment process.</p>
	<p>The 'business' side of the meeting ended at 7.50pm. There followed wine and nibbles, kindly provided by Hattie and James Duguid, and an opportunity for Branch members to mingle. Peter had also put together some slides of our successes over the year to look at, and the photographs from the 50th Anniversary Dinner.</p>

Minutes taken and produced by Beverley Rose.