



RENAISSANCE KNARESBOROUGH AGM

Minutes 6 June 2019

The Chair, Cllr Samantha Mearns, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present:

Cllr Mearns (Chair), Cllr Darling (Secretary), Bill Rigby (Treasurer), Shan Oakes, Liz Baxandall, Tim Sutherland, Cllr Christine Willoughby, Cllr Andrew Willoughby, Mark Flood, Kathy Allday and Phil Cable

1. Apologies

Cllr Richard Cooper

2. Members of the Executive 2019/20

The list as presented was approved. It was noted to ask King James's if they were able to send a staff or student representative.

3. Minutes of AGM 2018

Minutes were approved as an accurate record of the AGM meeting held on 26 June 2018.

It was agreed that:

- A list of Executive members would be circulated.
- Meeting agendas and minutes would be published on the website.
- Publicise the AGM minutes and encourage groups to send a representative.

4. Financial report

Bill presented the accounts which are added to the end of these minutes.

It was noted that the account balance was much healthier than the previous year. It was suggested on future accounts that we list 'donations in kind'.

5. Chair's report

Samantha spoke about the achievements and progress of projects over the previous year. Full remarks are added at the end of these minutes.

6. Election of officers

It was agreed that all three officers should remain in post. The positions are:

Chair – Cllr Samantha Mearns

Secretary – Cllr Ed Darling

Treasurer – Bill Rigby

7. AOB

It was noted that the Treasurer was not a signatory on the account and that the Secretary had not yet been added to the mandate, although the form had been completed. BR agreed to conduct a full review of signatories and report recommendations to the next Executive meeting.

Signatories

Chair: _____

Date: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____

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Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2019

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Approval Statement

Year ended 31 March 2019

I approve the accounts which comprise the income and expenditure account and related notes. I acknowledge my responsibility for the accounts, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework and for providing Class Accounting with all the information and explanations necessary for its compilation.



Mr B Rigby

Date: 20/5/2019

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Accountant's Report

Year ended 31 March 2019

REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF RENAISSANCE KNARESBOROUGH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled the accounts on the following pages from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to me.

I have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently I do not, therefore, express any opinion on the accounts.



Class Accounting

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Date:20-5-19.....

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Income and Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 March 2019

	2018 £	2019 £
Income		
Donations/grants	1,590	3,550
Lions community fund	-	500
Topo Survey	-	105
Local Lotto	-	88
	<u>1,590</u>	<u>4,243</u>
Expenditure		
Topo survey	1,020	260
Geotechnical study	-	1,740
Payment to volunteer	-	12
Printing	-	398
Design	-	310
HBC licence	350	-
Insurance	<u>353</u>	<u>353</u>
	<u>1,723</u>	<u>3,073</u>
Surplus/ -Deficit	<u>- 133</u>	<u>1,170</u>

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Balance Sheet

Year ended 31 March 2019

	2018 £	2019 £
Current assets		
HSBC Bank	641	1,811
Cash	-	-
Total	<u>641</u>	<u>1,811</u>
Represented by accumulated fund		
Opening balance	774	641
Surplus/ -Deficit	- 133	1,170
Total	<u>641</u>	<u>1,811</u>

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Chair's Report

I think it is fair to say this has been a renaissance of a year for us.

When I sat down to write this, I struggled to know where to start but from the back of the recent engagement event I think that is the obvious place.

A huge thank you and congratulations to Liz, for leading and Tim and Kathy for their massive contributions to the engagement event – and of course Phil for the use of Claro Chambers. For those of us who were able to attend, it was a fabulous day and proof that sun does in fact shine on the righteous.

We raised a princely £68.31 from rattling the bucket – and Kathy has marked herself out as chief fundraiser and runner of market stalls! We had some very positive feedback and some real interest in the Cliff Lift project – not only amongst residents but from stakeholders. In particular Keith Emerick from Historic England was with us for over an hour and there is a chance of a further meeting later this month.

Strategically we have moved the Cliff Lift project forward this year – representing the idea to Harrogate – within the tourism team, within planning and the estates team. We have acquired funding from Harrogate for an economic feasibility study which is currently underway. We have run accessibility surveys – both online and in working groups – and thanks to Tim, Phil and Kathy for focussing on this.

Significantly and one of my introductory comments as Chair last year was that RK could not be a one trick pony by which I meant focussing on the cliff lift alone. I think we have really pushed on with this idea this year – embracing new projects such as the town museum, raising the cannon, Knaresborough forest and Knaresborough Festival.

One of my other concerns for Knaresborough generally was that there was such a wonderful wealth of volunteers almost tripping over themselves to improve the town. What I think we have managed to achieve this year is to raise our profile generally via social media and other channels, and to offer our assistance to other groups. We have also built our back story and now show the community just what this group has achieved in its lifetime.

There can be no better representation of RK pulling the community groups together within Knaresborough than the work that Bill and Shan are leading on with the Knaresborough Festival. Every time I look at the number of activities taking place over the 28/29 I am amazed and I look forward to an update on the Festival in our main meeting later.

If I could, I would just like to remind those present who are not members that RK is not funded as the rest of us are painfully aware. RK obtains all its money (such as it is) from donations, from the Local lotto, and from grant applications for specific purposes. It is useful that both Kathy and our treasurer Bill keep themselves up to date with grant

opportunities. I would just like to recognise all the time given by those round the table is given free, for the benefit of our town.

Finally, I would like to thank Bill for his work as treasurer and Ed for keeping me right and reminding me of agendas/minutes and the like as secretary. I have enjoyed my year as Chair and am happy to continue for another year with your support.