

**Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting of Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust
held on Wednesday 24th April 2024 at 7:30pm in Milton Abbas Reading Room**

Present:

Stuart Driver, Paula Driver, Ellie Payne, Trevor Payne, Brian Isherwood, Ann Fookes, Richard Saunders, Sara Saunders, Freddy Robinson, David Robinson, Mark Castle-Smith, Baz Towers, Dawn Wyatt, Steve Gorson, Chris Thomas, Debbie Drammis, John Widdowson, David French.

Apologies:

Jill Cocking, David Cocking, Jacqui Cooper, Nigel Hodder, Jennifer Harrison, Sue Widdowson.

Welcome:

David French opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 8th AGM of the Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust.

Apologies were noted as above.

Confirmation of the Appointment of David French as Chair and John Widdowson Secretary for a term of 2 years:

The proposal was proposed by Freddy Robinson and seconded by David Robinson. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Minutes of 2023 AGM held on 11th May 2023:

The Minutes were agreed to be a true record of the 7th AGM held on the 11th May 2023. The motion was proposed by Baz Towers and seconded by Steve Gorson, and carried unanimously.

Matters Arising:

There were none.

Appointment of Trustees:

Two Trustees, Nigel Holder and Stephanie Kogels have retired as required by the Constitution. Neither Nigel nor Stephanie are seeking reappointment.

Dawn Wyatt, Ann Fookes and Stuart Driver had put their names forward to be Trustees prior to the meeting.

Brian Isherwood stated that Steve Gould also wished to be considered as a Trustee.

The motion to appoint all four Trustees was proposed by Debbie Drammis and seconded by Paula Driver. The motion was passed unanimously.

David French informed the meeting that Mark Castle-Smith had been appointed by the Trustees as Chair of the Organising Committee.

Trustees' Conflicts of Interest:

There were no conflicts of interest reported by the Trustees in relation to the Agenda of this meeting.

David French explained that Conflicts of Interest tend to arise when considering Beneficiary bids. In such cases the conflicted Trustee does not participate in the bid assessment.

Trustees' Annual Report 2023 -2024:

John Widdowson presented the report which had previously been circulated to members. He reported that The 50th Anniversary Fair held in 2023 had been very successful. The Fair raised c£48,000 and a total of £20,700 was allocated in two tranches to local organisations. John then invited Freddy Robinson, the retiring Chair of the Organising Committee, to say a few words.

Freddy stated that the Fair had gone well and that around 5000 people attended. There had been extra attractions which were greatly appreciated. She thanked her colleagues on the Organising Committee for all their hard work.

David French echoed Freddy's words and personally thanked Freddy and the team for running a very successful Fair.

Approval of Accounts for FY ended February 2024:

Debbie Drammis provided the financial report for the year.

- The 2023-24 Annual Trust Accounts opened with a total balance of £17,967 and closed with £24,262.
- Income from the Fair was c£48,000, with expenses of £22,900. As a result of the additional costs the budget for the 2025 Street Fair has been set at £23,000.
- Beneficiary organisations have been provided with funding in two tranches of £12,200 and £8,500 respectively.
- The chosen charity MOSAIC was given £1000.
- Start up Fund set at £9000.
- The "Rainy Day" fund remains at £5000.

Brian Isherwood proposed and Ellie Payne seconded the approval of the accounts as presented and the motion was carried unanimously.

Financial Reserves Policy:

Debbie Drammis said that the Financial Reserves Policy had been reviewed by the Trustees. It was determined that the reserve should be increased to £14,000. The policy had been circulated to members.

Steve Gorson proposed and Freddy Robinson seconded the approval of the Reserves Policy. Carried unanimously.

Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2025:

Debbie Drammis advised that the current Independent Examiner was unable to continue. A new Examiner has yet to be found. Debbie asked the members if they could help identify a new Examiner.

Approval to hold a Street Fair in 2025:

Baz Towers proposed and Paula Driver seconded a motion to approve holding a 2025 Street Fair. The motion was carried unanimously.

Privacy Policy:

John Widdowson advised the meeting that it was necessary to review the Privacy Policy annually. The policy had been circulated to members prior to the AGM. He stated that the Trustees had reviewed the policy and no necessary changes had been identified.

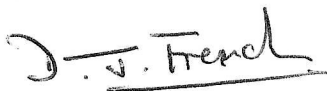

Stuart Driver proposed and Dawn Wyatt seconded a motion to agree the renewal of the Policy which was carried unanimously.

Any Other Business:

Freddie Robinson advised the meeting that she had instigated some amendments to the "Welcome Pack" and to the Street Fair website to bring them up to date.

Brian Isherwood advised if any attendees were not Street Fair Trust members he had membership forms with him and attendees could sign up, which some did.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8pm.



30 April 2025