

# The Lanchester Partnership

**Meeting:** 2020 Annual General Meeting via ZOOM

**Date** 26th September 2020

**Virtual Attendance:** Michelle Atkinson, (Trustee/Chair), Lesley Anderson, Steve Bailey (Orchard Group), Laura Bell (Volunteering), Judith Brown, Ann Cook, Kate Edwards (Trustee/Secretary), (23) Henry Edwards (Trustee/Membership Secretary), Terri-Edwards Okazaki (for Friends of Longovicium), David Friesner (Loneliness group), Jill Gladstone, Mick Gladstone (Trustee), Sarah Grady (Trustee), Jennifer Guy, Jay Halls, Michael Horsley, Paul Jackson, Kath Marshall-Ivens (Trustee), Marian Morrison, Babs Maskery (Trustee), Sonny Shepherd (Environment Group), David Smith (Treasurer), Sue Smith

**Apologies:** Brian Masterman (Trustee)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion/Decision</b>
1 Welcome	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present and ran through the arrangement for the Zoom meeting. She expressed sorrow that the actual meeting had to be cancelled. The partnership had done its very best to contact everyone and was very aware that some members would be disenfranchised by the need for a Zoom meeting. COVID circumstances made this inevitable.
2 To approve the minutes for the AGM 2019	<b>Minutes approved unanimously</b>
3 To receive the Trustees' Report and Financial Statement for year ending March 31 2020	The Chair invited the meeting to receive the Trustees' report and Financial statement for year ending March 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2020 <b>Trustees' report and financial statement approved unanimously</b>  MB commented that although fund raising and income from the bus was severely reduced a grant cheque for £4,900 had been received this morning, so the financial position of the bus was now relatively unaffected by the COVID restrictions.
4 To note the resignation by rote as Trustee of Henry Edwards and Brian Masterman and to consider the re-election as Trustees of Henry Edwards and Brian Masterman	<b>Resignations by rote of Henry Edwards and Brian Masterman noted. The meeting voted unanimously to reappoint them for a further term of three years.</b>
5 To consider the election as Trustee of Lesley Anderson	<b>Lesley Anderson elected unanimously as a new Trustee (term = three years).</b>

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| 7  | To accept the resignation of Michelle Atkinson as Chair  | <b>The meeting voted unanimously to accept Michelle’s resignation as chair</b>  |
| 8  | To confirm the appointment as chair of Henry Edwards   | <b>Henry Edwards elected unanimously as Chair</b>   |
| 9  | To review and endorse the progress report for 2019-20 and action plan 2020-21  | <b>Report endorsed unanimously following a video presentation (instead of the usual report by the group leaders)</b>  |
| 10 | To reduce the quorum for the AGM to 5% of the total membership   | <b>Subject to approval by the Charities Commission this was approved by 21 votes to 2 (new Chair to check with Charities Commission)</b>  |
| 11 | Proposed amendment to the Partnerships’ Objects regarding support for residents experiencing hardship and responses to community emergency or crisis | <p>The meeting was asked to approve the addition of the following sub-clause to the end of Clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association:</p> <p>“(6) Providing food, goods and/or services which some residents could not otherwise afford, and responding in an appropriate manner to any community emergency or extraordinary crisis or situation.”</p> <p><b>Subject to approval by Charity Commission this was approved unanimously (new Chair to check with Charities Commission)</b></p> |
| 12 | AOB  | Members thanked Michelle warmly for her contribution to the partnership as Chair over the past two years  |
| 13 | Close of meeting   | <b>3pm</b>  |
| 14 | Additional note  | Prior to the meeting a couple of members had pointed out the need to ensure that members who could not attend for whatever reason, were kept up to date with the activities of the Partnership including information circulated at the AGM. Therefore the Trustees will circulate these minutes by email to all those who were contacted by email. In addition we will circulate all other members by post in order that they have clear and on going contact.                              |