

Bridgnorth and District Rights of Way Association

Annual General Meeting – DRAFT Minutes

Thursday 2nd December 2021

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bridgnorth and District Rights of Way Association, held at Bridgnorth Library commencing at 7pm.

Present: Darren Billingsley, Keith Chandler - Treasurer, Clive Dyson - Chairman, Kate Dyson - Secretary, Keith Fradgley, Ray Gill

Apologies Tammy Ratoff, Ina Roberts

1. Minutes of the 2020 AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as correct. All actions had been completed.

2. Chairman's report *(Circulated with the agenda, prior to the meeting)*

Due to COVID, we have not run working or clearance groups for most of the year. Instead, we divided the parish into areas, most of which have been adopted by a member. They have cleared paths in the adopted areas at their discretion.

We did not claim a grant for the year from Shropshire Council.

We ran a single working group in September, adding ballast to level the steps that we constructed in 2018. Thanks to all who participated.

For a number of reasons, I have had to recommend to the committee and membership that we dissolve the Association, assuming that no proposals are made for how to take the organisation forward. Any proposals will be considered at the AGM.

Thanks to everyone for your work over the last few years. You have made a difference.

Clive Dyson - Chairman

3. Treasurer's report *(Circulated with the agenda, prior to the meeting)*

The following shows transactions since the last AGM:

Date			Debit	Credit	Balance
31/08/2021	Fuel for brush cutter	TFM Farm and Country	19.95		326.24
	HSBC account closed	Funds transferred - £326.24			
22/11/2021	Meeting room for AGM	Bridgnorth Library	33.60		292.64

The committee agreed to close our HSBC account as the bank announced it intended to make a £5 per month charge, which would have been an unacceptable proportion of our income. The committee agreed that the balance should be held by the Chairman.

I confirm these transactions and propose that the balance is approved by the AGM.

If the Association is dissolved as proposed, then the distribution of funds would be:

	Donations	Distribution
Bridgnorth Walking Club	150.00	175.58
Bridgnorth Running Club	50.00	58.53
Bridgnorth Cycling Club	50.00	58.53
	250.00	292.64

Keith Chandler – Treasurer

The meeting approved the financial statements.

4. A resolution to dissolve the association

The following **resolution** was proposed by the Chairman for consideration by the AGM:

Members of Bridgnorth and District Rights of Way Association agree that the Association should be dissolved, subject to the following:

1. That the Association's funds, currently standing at £292.64, less any winding up costs, should be returned to the clubs that have funded the work of the Association, in proportion to the donations they have made to date. All the clubs are not for profit organisations (not necessarily registered charities). This will allow them to use the funds as they see fit. The proposal is in line with the Association's constitution, which states:

11 Dissolution of the Association

11.1 If it becomes necessary for the Association to be dissolved this must be resolved by a majority of the members at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting.

11.2 Any remaining monies in any Association Bank accounts, once all expenses have been paid, are to be donated to an appropriate charity, or otherwise, as resolved by a majority of the members.

2. That any remaining small items of path clearing equipment (such as bush saws, gloves and eye protection) be distributed to active members of the Association, to allow them to continue clearing paths as individuals.
3. That the Chairman should either return the brush cutter, given to the Association by Shropshire Council, to the Council, or find a way for it to be held for community use, at his discretion.
4. That the Chairman and Treasurer are authorised to take the necessary steps to dissolve the Association and distribute its funds, less any expenses.

No alternatives were put forward and no other resolutions were proposed.

5. Vote on the resolution

The resolution was seconded by Keith Fradgley.

The members present at the meeting voted unanimously in favour of the resolution. The distribution of funds presented by the Treasurer was accepted.

Members expressed a preference for a way to be found for the brush cutter to be made available for community use.

6. Any Other Business

Clive expressed his thanks to Helen Beresford of Shropshire Council for all her support over the years and to Shropshire Council for its financial and material support.

Keith Chandler asked members to thank the Chairman for his work.

The Association will now be dissolved and there will be no further committee meetings.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.