

MINUTES OF THE CLOUD 2021 AGM

Wednesday 20th October on Zoom

Attendance (22)

Committee: Tony Blendall, Mary Breakell, Tony Breakell, Rosemary Hindley, Tom Wilkinson, Mark Salisbury, Sally Salisbury, Barbara Walker

Members: Jill Bundy, Roy Clark, Helene Cooper, Roger Frankland, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Adina Lew, Erica Lewis, Malcolm Martin, Averil McClelland, Abi Mills, Andrew Paton, Mark Robinson, Heather Willes

Apologies: Stephen Constantine, Gina Dowding, Robert Fildes, John Mosey

Introduction and welcome

Thanks were expressed to Stephen Constantine who was standing down for personal reasons after many years of incredible work as Chair. Tom Wilkinson took over as Acting Chair.

1) Minutes of 2020 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 22nd October 2020, had been circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting and were also available on the CLOUD website. They were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2) Report by the Chairperson

The Chair's report had been circulated with the agenda and was also posted on the website.

Key activities over the last year were summarised, including the City Council's public consultation on the Local Plan review for its Climate Emergency Declaration (November 2020), the County Council's public consultation on 'Transforming Lancaster's Travel' (November 2020), master-planning by JTP Consultants for Bailrigg Garden Village (January 2021) and the City Council's acceptance of the government's Housing Infrastructure Fund to support the costs of building a link road from the M6 to the Garden Village (August 2021).

Thanks were expressed to Tony Breakell for writing the Chair's report, which was accepted.

3) Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer's report had been circulated with the agenda and was also available on the website. Tony Breakell reported zero spending last year. Due to the pandemic all meetings had been held online. £0.13 interest had been deposited leaving a closing balance of £488.04 which will be carried forward into next year and used for whatever purposes are determined (e.g. flyers and room hire).

Thanks were expressed to Tony Breakell for the Treasurer's report, which was accepted.

4) Election of the new Management Committee for the Year to October 2022

One nomination had been received for each post except the Chair, which was vacant. All of the other Management Committee members were willing to stand again.

Nominations in full; Chair - vacant, Secretary - Rosemary Hindley, Treasurer - Tony Breakell, Communications - Mary Breakell, and other Committee Members – Tony Blendall, Mark Salisbury, Sally Salisbury, Barbara Walker and Tom Wilkinson.

Heather Willes was welcomed as a new member of the Management Committee.

Tom Wilkinson agreed to remain as Acting Chair until another one is elected.

The election of these committee members was approved for the year to October 2022.

5) Next Steps and Key Objectives

It was noted that members of the Management Committee had worked very hard over the last year and will not be able to continue at that level for another year, although they will be available in an advisory capacity. It was agreed that the knowledge gained on planning issues must be kept. A call for new committee members had been circulated as fresh ideas are needed. A few expressions of interest had been received from well-informed people but others were disheartened by the City Council's vote on HIF and did not want to increase their involvement in CLOUD. If any members would like to contribute in any way they are invited to email the CLOUD address (cloudbgv2017@gmail.com).

The following three main issues will form the focus for action this year:

- The long-awaited South Lancaster Area Action Plan (no date yet for a draft version).
- The Housing Infrastructure Fund Collaboration Agreement (road costs, etc.).
- Further JTP consultations over the master planning process for Bailrigg Garden Village (due to emerge over the next few weeks).

Further discussion was curtailed due to technical problems so the meeting ended early. Communications will continue by email and an in-person General Meeting for all members will be arranged at a suitable venue soon.

6) Date of Next AGM

October 2022