

**Derby and South Derbyshire Liberal Democrat Executive Committee**  
Minutes Annual General Meeting; Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 7:30pm.  
Great Northern Court Offices. Derby.

**1a. Attendance:** A clipboard was circulated to collect names of those attending which showed 30 members attending

**1b Apologies** received from

Lorraine Johnson	David Parton-Ginno
Martin Jones	Carmine Branco
David Weston	Sarah Tillet
Hilary Jones	Patricia Armitage
Bob Knight	Ajit Atwal
Anne & John Morgan	

**2. Notes re. Minutes (Glenda Howcroft)**

- The Minutes were available before the meeting and, with the correction of two spelling errors, Eric Ashburner proposed that they be accepted, Maggie Hird seconded it and the meeting agreed.

- The Secretary informed the meeting that Greg Webb and Joe Naitta candidates for Derby North and Derby South respectively in the event of a Snap General Election would speak to us at the end of the formal meeting.

**3. Chair's Report for 2019 (Lucy Care)**

2019 had held both highs and lows for the Liberal Democrats; Brexit being a low and the outstanding performance in local elections - 700 new councillors (2 locally) and 16 MEPS, including Bill Newton-Dunn, 17% more than Labour. The new party leader had further raised the Liberal Democrat profile and with MPs joining from other parties we now have 17. At a local level street stalls, surveys, fundraising events, Focuses had maintained a positive profile locally.

There was one question from the floor. John-Paul Keane asked about Lucy's vision for next year and the reply was "More Councillors"

**4. Treasurer's Report (Simon King)**

- i. Accounts for previous financial year were considered and approved
- ii Simon produced a letter from John Arguile who had examined the accounts and passed them as a "true and accurate financial record of the activities for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
- iii. Report for 2018 – following a break in at the Office an appeal raised £2,800. Purchases included a new safe. The bulk of the spending in office costs. Build to win contributions had increased on last year and Councillors' fund up due to two new ones. A printer appeal raised £600. Account at the end of 2018 showed £3000 more than 2017. Party nationally contributes, but local joiners' fees come to us as opposed to central pot. Lower campaigning but office costs going up (including very modest increase to staff) Projected income; increase from councillors, PDF & build to win but donations unpredictable. Increase in Build to Win & one-off donations vital. Campaigning £2,000, unless there's an election. PDF £2000. Spend £19,000, income £17,000. £2,000/2,500 down on where we need to be. PDF set up 20 years ago to fight elections

**Questions:** 1) re office bills (gas etc) - paid by GNC.

- 2) re contributions from BN-D – indeterminate advertising income – to BLM because they put out the leaflets.
  - 3) How do we advertise Build to Win more widely – interested persons speak to Simon King - advertising needs to go out regularly to members and supporters
- 2018 accounts approved. John Argyle as examiner approved for 2019. Exec to be allowed to appoint replacement.**
- Fundraising events need to be considered. Elections will add to income.

**5 Report from Lib Dem Council Group Leader on Derby City Council (Ruth Skelton)**

**Included :** progress Sinfin Waste Park. Cycleway through Millennium Wood open with money from Heatherton developers. Committee system under consideration. Officers concerned but full report in January, should approve. Taxi strategy – sound idea but for costs. Internal audit – awaiting Auditors’ Report. Special Education Needs – in crisis. Requires written “Statement of Action” Planning being undertaken. Neighbourhood Working £5,000 per ward to be spent as locals see fit. Two new councillors very useful members of the team. Free brown bin service has been recalled. Blue bins to be reintroduced in Arboretum, Mackworth. Little progress on Assembly Rooms due to overspends elsewhere. Six months delay. Inspected & new contractors appointed. **Questions:** penalties not built in on overspends, etc. LC spoke of possibility. Quality of companies questioned eg. on A52 J-PK question re. Fire Service HQ in Littleover- New bidder to be found. Fire Service will have joint HQ with police in Ripley. Open day to host “National Rescue Teams Challenge” RS gave details of visit to Whaley Bridge/ Toddbrook Dam where one third of town evacuated. Questions re. re Multi-storey building for Becketwell. Will rooms have sprinklers. Planning not yet granted.

**6. Motions previously submitted by members (Glenda Howcroft)**

No motions had been received from members.

**7. Nominations for elected posts. Close of Nominations**

Lucy introduced Phil Smith, our Returning Officer, who asked for any more nominations and in the absence of any, announced the close of nominations.

The meeting then adjourned for a fifteen minute break.

**8. Elections**

Phil announced the nominations as follows

- Chair: Maggie Hird Tom Bull
- Vice Chair Tom Bull Maggie Hird
- Secretary Glenda Howcroft
- Treasurer. Simon King
- Data Officer Lucy Care
- Membership Development Danielle Lind
- Council Group Leader Ruth Skelton
- Ordinary members Les Allen Tim Holyoake  
Ajit Atwal Ruth Skelton  
Ian Care Emily Lonsdale  
John-Paul Keane Joe Naitta  
Greg Webb David Parton-Ginno

Any member may attend Exec meetings as observer on the second Monday of month  
30<sup>th</sup> ALDC meeting open to any member

**9. Derby's two Proposed Parliamentary Candidates, Joe Naitta (Derby South) and Greg Webb (Derby North) spoke and answered questions from the floor.**

For the full details of this session please email [glendaahowcroft@gmail.com](mailto:glendaahowcroft@gmail.com) and I will send you one.

Meeting closed at 9.11