



Minutes of the third Annual General Meeting of Frack Free Isle of Wight held at the Unity Hall, St Thomas' Square, Newport IW

13th November 2018 at 6pm

1. Present:-

Cllr. Jean Bartrum, Cllr Roger Bartrum, Linda Bate, Fran Beattie, John Beattie, John Brownscombe, Fliss Criddle, Steve Davis, Mary Foster, Vix Lowthion, Nathaniel Lowthion, Fraser May, Sylvia May, Cllr John Medland, Maggie Nelmes, Jan Upfold, Kay Smith, Anthony Wheeler.

2. Apologies:-

Jenni Agricola, Malcolm Foster, John Redman, Ruth Redman.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

John Medland proposed the acceptance of the minutes of the 2017 AGM as a true record and they were approved.

4. Constitutional Change

Sylvia May introduced the amendment to the constitution to deal with technical financial management of payments. The amendment was accepted and the constitution is now on the website

5. Annual Report

Sylvia May read the Annual Report to the AGM.

See attachment #1

John Brownscombe proposed a vote of thanks to Sylvia May for the work involved over the year which was agreed.

5. The Financial Report

In the absence of the Treasurer Sylvia May presented the annual accounts showing a current positive balance of £1,463.45.

See attachment #2

6. Membership Report

Membership Secretary Mary Foster reported that there are currently 22 paid up members with 283 website subscribers and 2,040 Facebook followers.

7. Elections to the Executive Committee

The following nominations to the Executive Committee were formally elected:-

Principle Outreach Co-ordinator – Sylvia May

Support Outreach Co-ordinators – Linda Bate, Maggie Nelmes, John Redman and Kay Smith.

Secretary – Cllr John Medland.

Treasurer – John Redman.

Finance Signatories – Linda Bate, Sylvia May

Membership Secretary – Mary Foster

Event Catering Officers – Ruth Redman and Linda Bate

8. Any Other Business

Other members were asked to note their particular skills:-

John Brownscombe noted his experience in presenting to planning enquiries acting in his personal capacity and his personal/professional links with the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

John Beattie noted his experience in presenting cases to planning enquiries and the High Court on related environmental issues in Gloucestershire.

Cllrs Jean and Roger Bartrum noted their willingness to support in campaigning and also engage in passive civil disobedience to obstruct any forced planning permission. Kay Smith reminded members that there were a large number of people in addition to our direct membership committed to passive civil resistance should a planning application attempt to be enforced.

It was noted that over the last three years FFIOW has established a wide network of potential support both on the island and on the mainland.

However there remains a need for continued community education and information work locally, through further public meetings and events particularly in the north and east Wight; mainly to raise awareness of potential oil and gas extraction proposals across the south of the island but bringing issues of transport, environmental, tourism and economic impacts for the whole island.

9. Dates and Location of Future Meetings.

The next meeting of the FFIOW Executive Committee, open to all members, will be held on Tuesday January 15th 2019 and plans to meet every subsequent second Tuesday of the month at 6pm through 2019. This is subject to confirmation and will be published once determined

John Brownscombe and Kay Smith to advise Sylvia May on potential relocation to the Riverside Centre with its full disabled access for future meetings.

Thanks were given to everyone who attended the meeting.

Meeting closed 7.50pm