

MINUTES OF AGM CARRS LANE FAIR TRADE - MONDAY 25 MARCH 2019 at 10:30 am

PRESENT: 15 Including officers, volunteers and members of The Church at Carrs Lane and John Craig and his wife, who were invited by Joan Ds.
The meeting opened with a reading and prayers

1.0 **APOLOGIES:** Mary Scott, Geoff Jones, Janet Searle

2.0 **MINUTES**

2.1 Minutes of the AGM 2018 were agreed and signed by Joan Davies

3.0 **MATTERS ARISING:**

3.1 The door entry phone that went through to the CLFT shop has been disabled

4.0 **PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS**

4.1 Treasurer Joan Duffield presented the accounts for 2018.

4.2 CLFT made a loss this year for the first time. This was after making the two donations below.

4.2.1 One donation to Traidcraft Exchange of £1,000.

4.2.2 Second donation to Joan Davies of £500 for her Meet the People Tour.

4.3 Bank balance is high but decision to keep it as it is, as the future is uncertain.

4.4 Thanks were expressed to Joan Duffield for her work as Treasurer.

4.5 Andrew Wood audited these accounts; MHA McIntyre, Hudson will be doing the tax returns.

4.6 The accounts proposed by Christine Rowntree and seconded by Pat Davies.

5.0 **THE CLFT SHOP IN 2018**

5.1 Joan Ds presented the report for 2018 (see attached).

5.2 Questions were asked about the future of the CLFT shop following the problems at Traidcraft

5.2.1 Joan Ds doesn't see a real problem, although the hours of opening have been cut by 1 day and the number of volunteers is down.

5.3 Traidcraft has asked some Fairtraders to take larger stocks and then distribute to others.

5.4 Employees at Traidcraft have reduced from 70 to 12, creating a bigger demand on those staff.

5.5 Craft product range has been drastically cut so this will affect sales.

5.6 Traidcraft has set itself an enormous task with an uncertain future.

5.7 Traidcraft is buying from BAFT shops in UK including Namaste.

5.8 If Traidcraft does fold it will have left a good legacy bringing Fairtrade to high street.

5.9 Church Centre Users are not being made sufficiently aware of the shop.

5.10 Aston Business School Project on how to promote local businesses may still be worth trying, though John Craig had tried in the past and didn't succeed.

5.11 Next generation needs to be involved.

5.12 Presentation was made to John Craig for all his work as secretary in the past.

5.13 Thanks were expressed to Joan Ds for all her work in the past difficult year.

5.14 Joan Davies thanked Joan Duffield for all her work and Anne Veitch as minute taker

6.0 **ELECTIONS**

6.1 Chair - Joan Davies

Treasurer - Joan Duffield

Secretary – still to be filled

Minute taker – Anne Veitch

All the above were willing to stand. Proposed by Malcolm Veitch and seconded by Pat Davies. All were elected.

6.2 Committee - Jenny Fisher, Janet Searle, Mary Trumper, Diana Cullum-Hall (Co-opted) were all willing to stand and were elected.

6.3 Joan Davies asked for a replacement for the post of Secretary. An advertisement had gone into the Methodist Newsletter and was suggested for Journey. Posters to be done.

6.3.1 Job Description needs to be drawn up to distinguish between the 'official' secretary post and all the admin work John did on a Tuesday.

7.0 **AOB**

There was none.

8.0 **DATE OF NEXT AGM MEETING**

Monday 23 March 2020 at 10.30 am

Signed

Date