

THE GARDENERS REST COMMUNITY SOCIETY LTD



AGM RATIFICATION MEETING
8 October 2022
At the Gardeners Rest

PRESENT

Andrew Dawson
Andy Chaplin
Andy Crowther
Andy Parsons
Eleanor Stillman
Gary Calverley

James Crowe
Janet Chaplin
Janet Ridler
John Stannard
Mark Beckles Willson
Maureen McCredie

Paul Truin
Richard Brown
Richard Emery
Tim Stillman

APOLOGIES

Barry Calder
David Eyre
Diane Parker

Dominic Ridler
John Ashworth
Lawrence Whyte

Michael Parker
Mick Nott
Mike Evans

PRE MEETING NOTE

The Chair explained that, under the Plunkett Foundations Model Rules for Community Ownership which are effectively the constitution of the Gardeners Rest, a quorum of 10% of the membership, ie 41 members, had to be present for the AGM to proceed in its usual form. The AGM held on 26 March 2022 was not quorate so this second meeting was required to ratify any decisions taken. The Model Rules state that the quorum for the second meeting is 'the number of Members present'.

1 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 26 MARCH 2022

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 26 March 2022 were agreed as a true record.

2 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The meeting ratified the decision to adopt the annual accounts *nem con*.

3 ELECTIONS TO THE BOARD

The meeting ratified Janet Ridler's re-appointment to the Board *nem con*.

The meeting approved Dominic Ridler's appointment to the Board *nem con*.

4 APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

The meeting ratified the decision to appoint CJ Woodhead as the Independent Examiner for the current financial year *nem con*.

5 SHARE INTEREST RATE FOR 2020-2021

The meeting ratified the decision to pay interest to members for the fifth year of the Society's operation at a rate of 0.75% for all investments *nem con*.

6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Current situation

That all relates to the financial year which ended a year ago. The position at the end of the 2021-22 financial year is rather different:-

Turnover about	£340,000	profit	£25,000
2020-21	£242,000		£22,000
2019-20	£272,000		£14,000
2018-19	£383,000		£40,000
2017-18	£247,000		£3,900

The impact of Covid has still been significant in the last year but we are maintaining a sustainable position.

A busy summer has helped significantly and we are still able to fund our training and work experience programme in partnership with Freeman College programme from the pub's income.

The range of beers we can offer has also changed over the last few years. Sheffield Brewery is no more and many other small brewers have disappeared.

Prices have increased significantly, particularly for keg and mainstream products, and are continuing to do so. We monitor carefully – our prices have to reflect these increases.

Energy costs are a concern for all of us but we have done what we can to mitigate rising costs:-

- Fixed rate energy contract to mid 2024
- Roof insulated
- New boiler a couple of years ago serviced regularly
- Cooling for cellar, beer lines and soft drinks upgraded and serviced regularly

We have a challenging winter ahead but I think we are well placed to weather it.

Mark Beckles Willson
25 February 2023