

MEETING NOTES

HENRA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: 27 DECEMBER 2023
Meeting start time: 7.00pm
Meeting finish time: 8.15pm
Location: ST NICHOLAS HALL, HENGISTBURY HEAD
Chaired by: Eddie Coope
Attended by: 69 local residents of Hengistbury Head and Wick

Meeting Notes taken by: Abigail McMullen
Meeting notes verified by: Councillor Bernadette Nanovo

These notes are not verbatim but are an accurate and fair record of the meeting.

1. Meeting Chairperson:

Eddie Coope asked the floor to propose and second in agreement to him chairing this meeting as temporary and neutral Chairperson for the purpose of chairing this evenings SGM.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands - passed.

Motion carried.

2. Introduction and objectives of the meeting:

Eddie Coope explained the purpose of the meeting and asked that each point be discussed and agreed by way of a show of hands.

a) Halting the dissolution of HENRA and dispersal of its assets.

Stuart Dickie said that there hadn't been a meeting to agree to HENRA being dissolved because in June (2023) at a HENRA social event Malcolm Davies had agreed to take over the running of HENRA, however this didn't progress and by October 4 new volunteers had come forward. The purpose of this SGM is to stop any further activity to shut down HENRA.

Show of hands in agreement: Majority

Motion carried.

b) Confirmation that the previous committee has resigned their positions.

Stuart Dickie said that it was not possible to confirm that all the previous committee has resigned their roles. Pat Butler confirmed that she hadn't formally resigned and another member said that Avril Ogden had sent an email confirming that she had resigned her position. It was noted that at the AGM all committee positions are vacated in readiness for the re-election of the next committee.

There was discussion about the lack of visibility of a HENRA constitution, Roger Screed shared that there was a draft constitution which could be shared with a new committee. Abigail McMullen welcomed the sharing of a draft constitution with a view to creating a new constitution to be circulated and adopted by agreement.

Eddie Coope confirmed that the purpose of this agenda item is to formalise the resignation of the last committee.

Show of hands in agreement: Majority

Motion carried.

c) Election of a transitional committee to serve until the next AGM.

Eddie Coope explained that the purpose was to elect a committee who will take over the immediate running of HENRA until at least the scheduled AGM in April 2024. At the AGM, committee members will either resign their positions or put themselves up for re-election for another 12 months. At this AGM, other members may wish to volunteer themselves as Committee Members and run for election to the committee.

Show of hands in agreement: Majority

Motion carried.

d) Temporary voting easements.

Abigail McMullen explained that for the purposes of voting in a new committee at this SGM, a motion for a voting easement, whereby those in attendance at the SGM and who have indicated on the signing in sheets that they intend to become HENRA members, are given the right to vote in a new committee this evening. Those who have not indicated that they intend to become members will refrain from voting.

Show of hands in agreement: Majority

Motion carried.

3. **Data Protection:**

Stuart Dickie who was the author of the email to members, provided assurances that there have been no breaches of the Data Protection Act in any of the recent communications by the prospective new committee or the SGM Chairperson.

He confirmed that all communications to members were sent to the Henramembers17@henra.uk mailing list, for which members have given their consent on the membership application form to be contacted on matters relating to HENRA.

No personal data has been disclosed, used or shared. He and another HENRA member had contacted Avril (Ogden) and asked her to engage with the members to advise them that there were volunteers

willing to take over the running of HENRA, therefore removing the need for closure. Unfortunately owing to difficulties in advising members of this development, David Freed who was a moderator of emails to the Members distribution list, made the decision to authorise the ‘member to member’ communication owing to the importance of the communication.

4. Voting Item:

Explanation of the voting arrangements for electing a new HENRA Committee to serve until the next HENRA AGM in 2024. Abigail McMullen went through the 11 volunteers who have come forward to form a new committee. She also requested any additional volunteers to come forward, in which case a contested election could take place. No additional volunteers came forward. Eddie Coope confirmed that as the election was not contested, the vote would be ‘en bloc’.

5. Nominations: Nominations for Executive and Non-Executive Committee roles as follows:

Abigail McMullen, Stuart Dickie, Nick Clarke and Colin Baker gave an overview of each of their backgrounds and experience outlining their suitability to hold an executive committee role.

Executive Positions	Nominations
Chairperson	Abigail McMullen
Vice Chairperson	Stuart Dickie
Treasurer	Nick Clarke
Secretary	Colin Baker
Non-Executive Positions	
General Committee	Max Buttinger, Sean McMullen, Ray Hatchard, Deborah Bergson, Pat Butler, Hilary Baker, David Freed

6. Election of Committee:

As this is an ‘unchallenged’ vote Eddie Coope asked the floor to vote on block to vote in the Executive Committee Members.

Show of hands in agreement to appoint those into the 4 Executive Committee Member roles.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands - passed.

Motion carried.

Eddie Coope asked the floor to vote on block to vote in the non-Executive Committee Members.

Show of hands in agreement to appoint those into the 7 Non-Executive Committee Member roles.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands - passed.

Motion carried.

A question was asked about the period for which this committee is being appointed and it was confirmed that this motion takes immediate effect and will remain so until the AGM in April.

7. **Announcement of Results:** The results of the vote are announced and recorded.

Eddie Coope confirmed that by an 'en bloc' majority vote both the 4 Executive Committee roles and the 7 non-executive committee members have been voted in with immediate effect.

8. **Handover of records and control to newly elected committee:**

Abigail McMullen went through the proposed actions necessary for the handover of HENRA's assets.

A motion is proposed for the previous HENRA Chairperson to:

a. handover all membership records and other HENRA data to the newly elected committee.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands - passed.

Motion carried.

b. assign the ownership of the henra.uk domain name, web hosting and mailing list to the newly elected committee

Proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands - passed.

Motion carried.

c. pass over control of the HENRA bank account to the named newly elected committee; and a new bank mandate will be completed in accordance with the bank's requirements, without delay.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands - passed.

Motion carried.

d. the former Chairperson and/or Officers to 1. Pass over all member data to the newly elected committee and 2. Ensure they are, as former Data Controller and Data Processor compliant with the appropriate Data Protection legislation.

Proposed, seconded and agreed by a show of hands - passed.

Motion carried.

9. Date of next meeting:

The new committee confirmed that the next HENRA meeting will be on Wednesday 7th February, 7pm in St Nicholas Church Hall.

10. AOB

A member advised the new committee to familiarise themselves with the terms of the Coastal Lottery as this is a major source of income, but this income should be used for specific purposes.

A member asked what would happen with the current funds. Abigail McMullen explained that as yet we don't have sight of the current funds as 2023 financial information has not been posted to the HENRA website and until we understand what money is in the bank account we cannot comment on what we might do.

A member asked if we intended to ask members for more 'subs' for the remainder of the 2023/24 year. Abigail McMullen confirmed that no further money will be sought.

Eddie Coope expressed his thanks for Avril Ogden on her work and dedication to HENRA.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.