

## GLOUCESTER ENVIRONMENT GROUP

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 2022 at 6pm at Gloucester Uniting Church hall, 5 Cowper Street Gloucester**

**Present:** John Watts, Sue Watts, Janine Phillips, Neil Thorne, Dianne Montague, Chris Russell, Terry Hardwick, Tibor Kovats, Megan Dewsnap, Candice Skelton, Pippa Robinson, Steve Robinson, Peta Tynan, Kate Fry, Carol Bennett, Jo Davidson

**Acknowledgement of traditional owners:** John Watts

**Apologies:** David Kirkwood, Penny Drake-Brockman, Hilary Kite, Jeff Kite, Pat Burrows, Peter Moon, Deborah Ferguson, Elizabeth Bartlett

**Minutes of Previous AGM:** Janine Phillips

Minutes of the previous AGM held on 21 July 2021 have been circulated and read and unanimously accepted.

(moved: Tibor Kovats; seconded: Neil Thorne)

**President's welcome and Report:** John Watts

See attached report

\*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: Tibor Kovats; seconded: Carol Bennett)

**Treasurer's Report:** Terry Hardwick

See attached report

\*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: Dianne Montague; seconded: Sue Watts)

**Walks Co-ordinator Report:** Tibor Kovats

See attached report

\*Report unanimously accepted

(moved Dianne Montague; seconded: Megan Dewsnap)

**RiverCare Co-ordinator Report:** Penny Drake-Brockman

(read by John Watts in Penny's absence)

\*Did achieve planting of the remaining area in District Park that abuts onto Caravan Park and checking weeding and replanting on other sites in District and King George V parks. Rain is assisting trees to grow well but also assists weeds.

Final weeding planting behind hardware cancelled due to rain as so often happened in the last 12 months.

\*Report unanimously accepted.

(moved: John Watts; seconded Peta Tynan)

**KoalaWays Co-ordinator Report:** Dianne Montague

See attached report

\*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: Sue Watts; seconded: Megan Dewsnap)

**Feasts Report and Social Media Report:** Sue Watts

**\*SEASONAL FEASTS:**

These are back in full swing after a couple of very tough Covid years. In the main they are well attended. Dusty's Sky Watching had been earmarked to attend for the last 5 feasts, but due to Covid, the weather and other reasons sky watching has not happened. After a brief verbal survey with members we have decided to leave stargazing until next Winter.

Members prefer a lunch time feast.

A donation of \$5 per member will continue on next year. The money raised goes into the GEG bank account, to be used where needed.

**\*SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Posts are done every week, engagement is growing. We have 700 'Friends'.

The members page is proving a great way to keep up to date with everything that is happening.

\*Both reports unanimously accepted

(moved: Dianne Montague; seconded: Peta Tynan)

**Determination of the number of ordinary committee members for the next year:** John

\*The rules of the Model Constitution provide 4 Office Bearers and at least 3 others.

-This term there were 6 committee members

- There are 7 nominations for this AGM

\*John Watts moved that all 7 members be accepted as ordinary committee members for this term's GEG committee. (seconded: Chris Russell)

\*Motion unanimously accepted

**Election of Office Bearers:**

As Neil Thorne was not standing for election, he acted as Returning Officer. Elections were held for 4 executive positions and 7 ordinary committee members. All positions were declared vacant. There being no additional nominations the following Office Bearers were elected unopposed.

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Nominated:</b>	<b>Proposed:</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>John Watts</b>	Janine Phillips	Dianne Montague
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Dianne Montague</b>	Sue Watts	Neil Thorne
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Terry Hardwick</b>	Chris Russell	Sue Watts
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Janine Phillips</b>	Dianne Montague	Chris Russell

**Committee Members:**

<b>Penny Drake-Brockman</b>	Janine Phillips	Neil Thorne
<b>Tibor Kovats</b>	Megan Dewsnap	Janine Phillips
<b>Sue Watts</b>	Chris Russell	Neil Thorne
<b>Candice Skelton</b>	John Watts	Sue Watts
<b>Steve Robinson</b>	Tibor Kovats	Peter Moon
<b>Pippa Robinson</b>	Tibor Kovats	Peter Moon
<b>Megan Benson</b>	John Watts	Dianne Montague

(Note: The committee will be appointing the following: RiverCare Co-ordinator, Walks Co-ordinator, KoalaWays Co-ordinator, Publicity Co-ordinator, Social Co-ordinators and Public Officer and any others)

Neil congratulated the Office Bearers on their election.

**The AGM closed at 7.15pm**