

GLOUCESTER ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at 6pm at Gloucester Uniting Church hall, 5 Cowper Street Gloucester 2422

Present: John Watts, Sue Watts, Janine Phillips, Megan Benson, Dianne Montague, Chris Russell, Megan Dewsnap, Tibor Kovats, Neil Thorne, Penny Drake-Brockman, Pat Burrows

Acknowledgement of traditional owners: John Watts

Apologies: Terry Hardwick, Candice Skelton, Pippa Robinson, Steve Robinson

Minutes of Previous AGM: Janine Phillips

*Minutes of the previous AGM held on 20 September 2022 have been circulated and read and unanimously accepted.

(moved: Tibor Kovats; seconded: Sue Watts)

President's welcome and Report: John Watts

See attached report

*John thanked Di for all she has done as Vice-President

*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: John Watts; seconded: Dianne Montague)

Treasurer's Report: Terry Hardwick (read by John Watts in Terry's absence)

See attached report

*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: John Watts; seconded: Tibor Kovats)

Walks Co-ordinator Report: Tibor Kovats

See attached report

*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: Tibor Kovats; seconded: Penny Drake-Brockman)

*Tibor talked about the possibility of an extra GEG activity for GEG volunteers being the removal of Scotch Broom on the Barrington Tops

RiverCare Co-ordinator Report: Penny Drake-Brockman

See attached report

*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: Penny Drake-Brockman; seconded: Megan Dewsnap)

*Suggestion from the floor that Penny's report be adapted as an article for the Advocate

KoalaWays Co-ordinator Report: Dianne Montague

See attached report

*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: Dianne Montague; seconded: Sue Watts)

Feasts, Workshops and Social Media Report: Sue Watts

See attached report

*Report unanimously accepted

(moved: Sue Watts; seconded: Megan Dewsnap)

*Sue thanked Megan Benson for holding our successful GEG Garage Sale at her home

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 we had 7 committee members

-There are 8 nominations for this AGM

*John Watts moved that all 8 members be accepted as ordinary committee members for this term's GEG committee. (seconded: Dianne Montague)

*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 8 ordinary committee members. All positions were declared vacant. There being no additional nominations the following Office Bearers were elected unopposed.

<u>Position:</u>	<u>Nominated:</u>	<u>Proposed:</u>	<u>Seconded:</u>
President	John Watts	Dianne Montague	Chris Russell
Vice-President	Tibor Kovats	Janine Phillips	John Watts
Treasurer	Terry Hardwick	John Watts	Sue Watts
Secretary	Janine Phillips	John Watts	Penny Drake-Brockman

Committee Members:

Penny Drake-Brockman	John Watts	Janine Phillips
Dianne Montague	Sue Watts	Janine Phillips
Sue Watts	Neil Thorne	John Watts
Megan Benson	Janine Phillips	Neil Thorne
Tim Clark	John Watts	Sue Watts
Candice Skelton	John Watts	Sue Watts
Pippa Robinson	Steve Robinson	Janine Phillips
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(Note: The committee will be appointing the following: RiverCare Co-ordinator, Walks Co-ordinator, KoalaWays Co-ordinator, Publicity Co-ordinator, Social Co-ordinator and Public Officer and any others)

*Neil congratulated the Office Bearers on their election

The AGM closed at 6.45pm