

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRAWLEY AND DISTRICT GROUP OF THE CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONERS ALLIANCE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2020

PRESENT: Faruq Ahmed, Martin Allwright, Brian Barton, Mike Card, Evelyn Kerr, James Smith, Graham Starr, Sylvia Sturtevant, Alf Tidey, Bob and Margaret Weddell, Derek and Marilyn Williams.

IN THE CHAIR: Brian Sturtevant

INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES: Brian welcomed everyone especially our Guest Speaker Ralph Groves. There were no apologies.

MINUTES: The minutes of the AGM held on 13th March 2019 were agreed.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE: The following were proposed, seconded and agreed without dissent by the meeting.

Chairman.....Brian Sturtevant. Vice Chairman.....Martin Allwright.

Secretary.....Sylvia Sturtevant. Treasurer.....James Smith.

Membership Secretary.....Dick Kempshall. Editor.....Dick Kempshall

Social Secretary.....Brian Barton. Campaign Secretary.....**post abolished**

Scrutineer.....Moir Mulqueen.

Committee Members.....Lesley Henderson, Derek Williams, Margaret Weddell.

The President for Life or until he retires is Mike Card.

REPORTS: The reports from the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Scrutineer, Membership Secretary, Campaign Secretary, Editor and Social Secretary were all noted with pleasure. The Accounts were approved. Special thanks went to Dick Kempshall for his excellent Newsletters, Brian Barton for organising our interesting speakers, Sylvia Sturtevant for taking the minutes and typing them and Derek Williams for keeping us up to date with Health Matters.

It was noted that during the year Dick Kempshall had proposed and the committee agreed that we abolish the post of Campaign Secretary as there was no longer a need for him to draft letters for Committee members to send to their MP's as HQ were supplying drafts via Group Circulars already. He would however assist Committee members with letters if they did not have the necessary equipment. **AGREED**

MOTION FOR GROUP: This AGM agrees that with effect from 1 January 2021 the Annual Group Subscription in line with Rule 8 of the Group Constitution shall be £10 per household.

The motion was moved by James Smith and seconded by Mike Card. There was considerable debate with Brian Barton questioning the need for an increase, but on going to the vote the Motion was **CARRIED**.

MOTION FOR NATIONAL AGM: The desperate state of Social Care needs sorting out. This meeting therefore instructs the Executive Council with the strongest determination to urge the Government to produce a robust properly funded system as soon as possible.

The motion was moved by Mike Card and seconded by Lesley Henderson. There was unanimous support from the meeting and the motion was **CARRIED**.

AOB: None.

GUEST SPEAKER: Ralph Groves in his final year as Deputy General Secretary of the Alliance gave a detailed and interesting presentation on the current issues facing the Alliance. He explained that he would be staying on for one more year as Editor of the Pensioner magazine. He then answered a number of detailed questions and the Group thanked him for his presentation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Group 8th April 2020, AGM 10th March 2021.

THE RAFFLE: The Raffle was held and the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

The meeting adjourned to Goffs Park Hotel for lunch with Ralph Groves as our Guest.

