

What Next? Annual General Meeting

Charity Registration Number: 1196404

1st Annual General Meeting of What Next?

Date of Meeting: 21st February 2023, 7:30pm

Invitees

Board of Trustees: Mark Bray-Parry, Treasurer (MBP)

Jacqueline Drijver-Ludlam (JDL)

Rieks Drijver (TD)

David Faraday, Chair (DF)

Claire Matthes (CM)

Rob Oulton (RO)

Members: Shirley Faraday (SF), Godalming Centre Manager

Richard Ashworth

Suzanne Everest

Tim Moxon

Angela Shaw

Juliet Woolf

Nicola Avery

Ian Coult

Volunteers: What Next Volunteers are invited to attend and contribute, however they are not permitted to vote. Only members (which includes trustees) can vote.

Minutes

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1. Welcome (DF)

DF welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of General Meeting 1st August 2022

Minutes of this meeting were approved.

3. Updates on Actions from Previous Meeting

a. Other Policy Documents: GDPR

It was reported that the GDPR documentation had been processed but not yet added to the website.

ACTION: DF to add Privacy Notice and GDPR documentation to the website.

b. Financial Update

See Item 5, below.

c. *Media, Communications and Promotion Group*

It was reported that this group has not met in the interim period.

d. *TerraCycle Project*

It was reported that this project was under review as we longer operated in a permanent venue.

e. *Partnership Project: Godalming Climate Forum & Climate Hub for Godalming*

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f. *The Mayor's Quiz*

It was reported that the Mayor's Quiz did take place on 4th November. DF ran the Quiz and SF organised the Raffle. The evening raised ~£800.

g. *Other Events*

It was reported that DF had organised a programme of on-line Climate Action Workshops in conjunction with Climate Articulate.

4. Annual Report from the Trustees

Notes for information: the Trustees Annual Report has been circulated with this agenda.

DF reported that the Annual Report had been prepared, it had been circulated for comment and posted on the website: <https://whatnext.earth/annual-report/>.

5. Annual Report from the Treasurer

Notes for information: the Treasurer's Report and a statement of accounts has been circulated with this agenda.

MBP reported that the Annual Report had been prepared, it had been circulated for comment and posted on the website: <https://whatnext.earth/annual-report/>.

In summary, MBP reported that: in our first year of operation, we have had turnover £7,675. We have received £5,207 in donations, £1,570 in revenue and £898 in grant income; outgoings have totalled £4,436. We have £3,739 in our bank account, £85 of outstanding deposits and £586 of outstanding payments. Currently, our assets total £3,239.

6. Appointment of Trustees

Notes for information: under clause 13, sub-clause 1 of our constitution all trustees initially appointed for the charity must stand-down; all of these trustees are eligible for re-appointment. Under clause 12, sub-clause 3a of our constitution we must appoint a minimum of three trustees and under clause 12, sub-clause 3b of our constitution we cannot appoint more than twelve trustees.

a. Identification of Individuals who wish to act as Trustee

Notes for information: under our constitution there is no necessity for a nomination process to act as a Trustee.

DF, as Chair, formally thanked the current Board of Trustees and, as required by the Charity Commission at the first AGM, all current Trustees stood down from their role. DF outlined the requirements for Trustees of What Next stating that we needed to appoint a minimum of 3 Trustees but no more than 12.

DF asked for individuals to identify themselves as willing to stand as Trustees. The following individuals stated that they would: David Faraday, Rob Oulton, Mark Bray-Parry, Rieks Drijver and Jacqueline Drijver-Ludlam.

b. Appointment of Individuals who wish to act as Trustee

Notes for information: for each individual who wishes to act as a Trustee a resolution must be passed by the members appointing that Trustee (Clause 13, sub-clause). A resolution can be determined by a show of hands at the meeting (Clause 10, sub-clause 2) unless a poll is requested (Clause 11, sub-clause 6b).

Each of the nominees was voted in as a Trustee by a unanimous vote. It was noted that Claire Matthes (a previous Trustee) was not present, there was a unanimous vote for Claire to be re-appointed if she wished to continue as a Trustee.

7. Appointment of Officers

Notes for information: the appointment of each officer should be ratified by a resolution appointing that Trustee to that post. A resolution can be determined by a show of hands at the meeting (Clause 10, sub-clause 2) unless a poll is requested (Clause 11, sub-clause 6b).

a. Chair

Appointment of Chair:

DF volunteered for the role of Chair and was appointed by a unanimous vote.

b. Treasurer

Appointment of Treasurer:

MBP volunteered for the role of Treasurer and was appointed by a unanimous vote.

c. Secretary

Appointment of Secretary:

There were no volunteers for the role of Secretary at the meeting.

DF highlighted that, although the appointments are nominally for three years, at a subsequent AGM one-third of the Trustees will be required to stand down based on time-served. As all current trustees were appointed together, and assuming that all will be in post at the next AGM, then those required to step down will be decided by drawing lots. Any Trustees stepping down can be re-appointed.

ACTION: DF to submit relevant documentation and updates to the Charities Commission.

8. Forthcoming / New Projects

DF highlighted that all of the activities covered in the annual report were still continuing, albeit in a modified form, since we left Dakota Venue.

a. What Next Wednesdays (DF)

Notes for information: we have secured a regular space in Godalming Library every Wednesday to provide Eco-support for citizens of Godalming.

Question: how might we make the most of this opportunity?

DF reported that this activity was now taking place in the Godalming Library, 2:00pm to 5:00pm every Wednesday. It is a continuation of the what used to happen in Dakota Venue, with What Next Volunteers making themselves available to provide advice, guidance or information to interested parties. The Library has provided space for our display boards and for us to set-up activities. DF reported that six people had volunteered to help with this activity.

b. Library of Things (DF/SF)

Notes for information: we have an agreement in principle with Godalming Library, Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council. We are awaiting the formal text of a Memorandum of Agreement from the library and details of insurance costs from Naturesave.

SF reported that a Memorandum of Understanding was being prepared by Georgina Myring at Godalming Library between What Next and Surrey Library Services. She also reported that we intend to source and install a display cabinet in the Library for smaller items and promote the LoT, with larger items being stored in Waverley Borough Council Offices. SF reported that DF would be identifying and setting up the reservations system for the LoT and also highlighted that we may be able to secure funds from Godalming Town Council's Carbon Reduction and Biodiversity Fund for the LoT. DF highlighted that we were still awaiting confirmation from our insurers as to any change in premium. DF also highlighted the likely disproportionately positive impact a LoT might have and its role in fund raising.

ACTION: SF to complete the MoU with the library.

ACTION: SF to investigate securing funds from Godalming Town Council.

ACTION: DF to identify and set-up the reservations system.

ACTION: DF to chase up insurers.

c. Ambitions for What Next in 2023 (DF)

Question: what are our ambitions for What Next in 2023?

RD highlighted the importance of the forthcoming outreach meetings to be held at our Climate Club on 10th March and in Farnham on 17th March. These have been organised jointly with WAB XR, partly in support of the The Big One in April.

RO observed that the Climate Club was building steadily and was providing an important core to What Next activity. He suggested the possibility of holding more formal events / talks at the Climate Club or elsewhere.

JW also emphasised the importance of linking up with other groups and the possibility of establishing new initiatives.

MBP also emphasised the importance of local collaborations, following the model of Zero Carbon Guildford, linking with schools, local businesses, etc. MBP highlighted the issue of Air Quality around schools being of particular interest to him.

AW also emphasised that there are things to we could do more with Zero to collaborate. He also reported that his son (James) was contributing a script for the Eco-theatre Group's Puppet Show.

JD observed that it was important of consolidate what we have as well as consider new options.

AS report that she hoped to see further collaboration and reciprocity, as well as specific action on water monitoring and quality.

9. Update: What Next as the Mayor's Charity (SF)

Notes for information: as of 19th May 2022, What Next became the official charity of the Mayor of Godalming. As presented in the Trustees Report, we have run a number of events and activities as the Mayor's charity.

a. What Next Art Exhibition (SF)

SF reported that the Mayor's Office had booked the Godalming Museum for a What Next Art Exhibition for three weeks in May (3rd May to 21st May) along with a private reception to be held on 13th May. The exhibition is based on the Our Other Mother project. SF reported that she was seeking contributions for the exhibition and that ArtVenture (in Guildford) would be contributing. SF also highlighted that, as an exhibitor, we also get the window display on the High Street for the period of the exhibition.

ACTION: SF to continue to secure exhibits.

b. Possibility of a Final Fundraiser (SF)

Question: what might we organise?

SF reported that there was probably not enough time for this.

10. Update: Partnership Project - Repair Café Godalming (DF/IC)

Notes for information: this is an initiative from Godalming Rotary. DF and SF have been volunteering for the Repair Café on behalf of What Next.

DF reported that What Next are directly supporting Repair Cafe Godalming. IC reports (in absentia) that: across 7 sessions to date, 180 items were brought to the café, half were electrical and ~60% of the items have been fully or partially repaired. The represents 219 kg of material which has not gone into landfill saving an estimated 1 tonne of carbon emissions.

11. Other Project Proposals

Notes for information: proposals can be initiated at any time and then formally adopted at a subsequent GM. The proposer should simply confirm that they fall within our stated charitable purpose, if there is any doubt the proposer should consult a trustee.

Question: are there any other proposals that anyone wishes to initiate and lead at this point?

DF highlighted that other projects can be initiated by members under the What Next banner.

12. Recruiting Members, Volunteers and Supporters

Notes for information: all members of the founding group accepted invitations to become members. On-line forms have been set up on the website for each category and for donations, you can review these here: <https://whatnext.earth/get-involved/>

Question: how will we recruit additional members, volunteers and supporters?

DF highlighted that we now have >150 people on the mailing list.

13.Any Other Business

14.Provisional Date of Next General meeting Monday 12th June 2023