

Minutes of the AGM of the Community of Interbeing 2024

The meeting was held online using Zoom, on 5th October 2024, starting at 12:30pm.

1. Attendance

Jonathan opened the AGM by stressing the significance of the annual report, which typically summarised activities until 31st December the preceding year. He was pleased to confirm a quorum, noting the presence of more than ten Col members. In attendance were six Trustees: Philip Croton, Miles Dunmore, Jonathan Edwards, Jan Hemsall, Bill Robinson and Angie Searle.

Other members also present: Julie, Harry, Simon S, Natalie Leaf, Nick Kenrick, Mike Lowe, Jonny Rae, Gary Rolfe, Sibling Yonten, Jeannine Williams.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Rehena Harilall, Marcus Lindner, Thor Rain, Isabelle Wen and Teri West.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous AGM held on 23rd September 2023

We approved these [minutes](#) and thank our friend Kev Place for producing them.

4. What we did in 2023

Documents were circulated in advance of the meeting, including the [annual report and accounts](#). Some highlights from these:

- Events have blossomed – there is now an event nearly every day!
- We are very grateful to:
 - Ian Parker who has run our bookshop for six years
 - Philip for looking after our tech systems over four years
 - Jonathan for being treasurer for eight years – now stepping down – staying on as a Trustee.
- Our new treasurer will be Jan Hemsall, Jonathan will assist
- A financial report was presented as a slide show, available [here](#).
- Overall our financial income and expenditure for 2023 was similar to 2022
- At the end of 2023 the Being Peace project had £600,000. It has since risen a lot!
- The interest pays for one employee and several contractors working on the project

5. Appointment of, and fixing payment of, the Independent Examiner of the Accounts

Jonathan, as Chair of Trustees, addressed two important legal matters. The first was the reappointment of Alex Chandler from Sygma Chartered Accountants as the independent examiner of the accounts. Jonathan confirmed that the fee for Alex's services would remain at £480, a figure unchanged for several years. The community expressed unanimous support for continuing with Alex in this role. We appoint Alex Chandler ACA, Sygma Chartered Accountants to be the examiner of the accounts and authorise payment to him of £480

6. Election of Trustees

The second legal matter was the election of trustees. As per the charity's constitution, two trustees were required to stand down by rotation this year – Liz Beth and Angie Searle – both were re-elected. Liz will continue till the end of the year, Angie for another year. Kevin Place resigned as a Trustee on 26 April 2024 .

Six new Trustees have been appointed during 2024: – Miles Dunmore – Rehena Harilall – Jan Hemsall – Phuong Quach – William Robinson – Esteban Ruseler. These Trustees were duly elected at this AGM.

For information, the following persons will continue to serve as elected Trustees
– Philip Croton and Jonathan Edwards.

We appoint Jan Hemsall as our new Treasurer.

7. AoB

Gary Rolfe asked if there was information available about the Being Peace Trustees, a sub committee of the Trustees. William Robinson pointed towards the Being Peace [website](#) . We could perhaps elaborate the biographical details on there.

We closed the meeting at 1:30pm.

Minutes prepared by: Philip Croton

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