

Experience Guildford Annual Members Meeting
Tuesday 12 November 2024
17:30 The Mandolay Hotel, London Road, Guildford

Present:

Abi Bowden – Chair, Metro Bank
Andy Wood – HSBC
David Goddard – Biddles
Sally Ann Lowe – Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
Megan Maro – Bots For That
Daniel Lawrence – Bots For That
Nick Aristodemou – The Harbour Hotel
Chris Roberts – Banham Security
Mark Stamp – Zero Carbon Guildford
Nick Carter – Turtle Bay Guildford
Tom Hunt – Guildford Borough Council

Jane Lyons – Vice Chair, The Keep/PubWatch
Steven Meredith – Alliotts
Mike Wilson – Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
Francesca Mannale – Sanrizz Guildford
Callum Nurse – The Vape Store
Phil Daniels – Bots For That
Alan Martin – Food for Thought
Alan Margetts – The Kitchen Store
Joseph Teed – Clarke Gammon
Wiktorina Plazinska – Turtle Bay Guildford
Amanda Masters – Experience Guildford CEO

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

AB welcomed everybody to the 2024 Annual Members Meeting.

Apologies were received from Steve Cotney (Tunsgate Quarter), Nick Wyschna (The Fallen Angel), Ian Blyth (The Mandolay) and Dorothy Tsang (Savills).

2. Minutes of last AGM

The minutes of the AGM on 10 October 2023 were taken as correct and signed.

Proposer: JL

Secunder: NA

3. Election of the Board

The following members stood down and are standing for re-election:

Abi Bowden – Metro Bank – Chair
Andy Wood – HSBC
Nick Wyschna – The Fallen Angel
Tom Hunt – Guildford Borough Council
Alan Margetts – The Kitchen Store
Steve Cotney – Tunsgate Quarter
Gary Jeffrey - McDonalds

Jane Lyons – Pub Watch/The Keep – Vice Chair
Ian Blyth – The Mandolay Hotel
Abigail Bowden – Metro Bank
David Goddard – Biddles
Dorothy Tsang – Savills
Nick Aristodemou – The Harbour Hotel

Proposed: SAL

Seconded: MS

AB thanked the board and commented that the directors are all volunteers and claim no expenses from the BID company for their time.

4. Financial accounts overview

Steven Meredith from Alliotts presented the accounts for the year to 31 January 2024 noted that there was a deficit for the year of £153k. Some years have more expenditure than income which is as expected. Reserves as at 31 January 2024 were £42k. Current year expenditure is in line with the budget so the deficit for the current year will not be as big. SM added that the accounts are prepared on a going concern basis, and there was no reason to be concerned about the financial viability of EG.

Daniel Lawrence asked what would happen if the loss in the current year is at the same level as the previous year. AM advised that expenditure in the current year is at a lower level.

AB expressed her thanks to Steven Meredith and the team at Alliotts.

5. Questions and Any Other Business

AM reminded attendees that the Autumn Social was taking place after the AMM which provided an opportunity for everyone to meet the directors, members and stakeholders, to talk about current year projects, projects for the next year, and anything else on a wish list.

There were no questions tabled.

6. Close

AB thanked AM, the team and the Rangers for their great work during the year.