

HUMANIST & SECULARIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting held in the Malin Room, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow

Tuesday 17th September at 1100 hours.

Present: 15 Members

1 **Apologies for Absence:** Arnie Gibbons. Mike Quinton. Richard Church. Sara Green. Vera Head. John White. Jennie Shorten. Kathryn Ball.

2 **Minutes of the 2012 AGM**

These were approved as a true record.

3 **Reports from the Executive committee**

a) **Chair**

Toby Keynes reported on key events during the year including Same Sex Marriage, caste discrimination, Humanist weddings, FGM, free local authority parking for churchgoers only, Sharia Courts, Catholic Adoption Agencies, prayers at council meetings, Scouts' oaths and Guides' promise, British Social Attitudes Survey, religious question on the 2011 Census. He thanked the members of the outgoing committee.

b) **Vice-chair**

The vice-chair had sent apologies

c) **Secretary**

The group had functioned without a secretary for this year.

d) **Treasurer**

The treasurer submitted a written report showing a surplus of £210 in 2012 compared with a surplus of £396 for 2011. Income from members increased from £1990 to £2150.

e) **Membership**

Membership stood at 109 with 7 standing orders due in September. This included 25 new/rejoiners and 21 losses. Most recruitment is done at Conference.

4 **Consideration of Annual Accounts**

The accounts for the year ending December 2012 were accepted

5 **Determination of Annual Subscription for 2013-14**

This was agreed at £10 (no change) and with no concessionary rate but the matter was referred to the Executive for further consideration.

6 **Nominations and elections for Executive committee**

The following were nominated and elected by a simple majority

Chair	Toby Keynes
Vice-chair	Vera Head
Secretary	Kay Kirkham
Treasurer	Arnie Gibbons
Membership	Richard Church

7 **Election of ordinary members**

Sue Vincent. John White. Sarah Green. Zoe O'Connell. , all elected by simple

majority. Sean Meiszner offered to be co-opted.

8 Appointment of examiner of the accounts for 2013

Peter Dunphy was appointed

9 Discussion of group activities

Points raised were referred to the Executive Committee

10 Honorary president/co-presidents

Dr Evan Harris, Paul Holmes, Dr Julian Huppert MP and Mike Quinton were proposed and elected by the required 2/3rd majority of those present.