

HUMANIST AND SECULARIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Annual General Meeting Sunday 16th September 2018, 1pm – 2pm,

Churchill Room Hilton Brighton Metropole

MINUTES

Apologies for absence. 16 members had sent their apologies

1 Present

39 members were present.

2 Minutes of the 2017 AGM

These were agreed as a true record.

3 Reports from executive committee

The outgoing chair reported that he was standing down after three years as required by the constitution. He outlined the campaigns which had been undertaken during 2018 including conference fringe meetings on unregistered schools and home schooling and the debate on faith schools. He also referred to the unsuccessful amendment on Animal Welfare and the successful drafting amendments . He had also taken over as acting membership secretary during the year; as a result, the annual renewals and recruitment emailing had been very late; many members and supporters had also not received it due to technical problems.” The email function is now being operated by the secretary using Mailchimp.

The outgoing secretary reported that the committee had met at both conferences and on four other occasions.

4 Consideration of Annual Accounts for 2017

The accounts were accepted and thanks were recorded to Peter Dunphy for acting as examiner over several years.

5 Consideration of budget for 2019

The treasurer introduced the budget for 2019 noting that income for 2018 was down and expenditure up which created a deficit over the year but there was still cash in hand.

6 Determination of the annual subscription for 2018/19

The annual subscription for 2019 was set at £10. Members suggested a possible increase and this was referred to the Executive for the next AGM.

7 Election of Executive Committee officers and members to non-contested positions

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| a) Chair - Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett | d) Treasurer – Richard Flowers |
| b) Vice-Chair - Vera Head | e) Membership Secretary – Toby Keynes |
| c) Secretary - Kay Kirkham | f) Four Ordinary Members –
Adam Bambrough Gary McLelland
Eimear O’Casey Sue Vincent |

A vote of thanks to Toby Keynes was proposed by Baroness Lorely Burt and approved by

the meeting.

8 Nomination & approval of Honorary Co-Presidents

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| a) Dr Evan Harris | c) Lord Dick Taverne |
| b) Dr Julian Huppert | d) Baroness Lorely Burt |

9 Appointment of examiner of the accounts for 2018.

Arnie Gibbons was appointed

**10 Guest Speaker – Andrew Copson – Chief Executive of Humanists UK.
The Global War on the Non-religious**