

**HUMANIST AND SECULARIST LIBERAL DEMOCRATS**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**On Line Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7pm.**  
**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** 25 people logged in.

- 1 Apologies for absence** Adrian Hyyrylainen-Trett
- 2 Minutes of the 2019 AGM** These were agreed as a true record
- 3 Reports from executive committee:** The chair, secretary, treasurer and membership secretary reported to the AGM.
- 4 Consideration of Annual Accounts for 2019** It was noted that the 2019 accounts had not been signed off because the Examiner had picked up a couple of small problems which needed adjustment. To be re-issued after they have been corrected and re-examined.
- 5 Consideration of budget for 2021** because our major expense was currently at this conference, expenditure was uncertain but had been planned on an average of the previous five years. This was agreed.
- 6 Determination of the annual subscription for 2020/21** It was agreed that this would remain at £10.
- 7 Close of nominations for election of Executive Committee** after that close of nominations the following were elected unopposed,
  - a) Chair Toby Keynes
  - b) Vice-Chair Vera Head
  - c) Secretary Kay Kirkham
  - d) Treasurer Alastair Lichten
  - e) Membership Secretary Sharon Hartley
  - f) Four Ordinary Members Sue Vincent, Richard Flowers, Richard Derricutt and Jennie Rigg
- 8 The following were nominated and approved by the required 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority as Honorary Co-Presidents**
  - a) Dr Evan Harris
  - b) Dr Julian Huppert
  - c) Baroness Lorely Burt
- 9 Appointment of examiner of the accounts for 2020.** Arnie Gibbons was appointed
- 10 A vote of thanks** to the chair, Toby Keynes for his work over the year, was moved and agreed

**Debate on policy and campaigns:** The following was discussed:

- a) We should brief MPs on our policies where it was relevant to their portfolios
- b) Hospital and prison pastoral carers and counsellors, how they are funded and the lack of Humanist options
- c) Invite Kirsty Williams as a speaker about her time as education portfolio holder in the Welsh Assembly and the reforms she had introduced.
- d) Humanist UK had been trying to get a Humanist Councillors Group off the ground.
- e) Supporting support parliamentary activity on humanist marriage and assisted dying.

- f) Pursuing disestablishment of the Church of England, and the Coronation Oath.
- g) Pursuing illegal schools and home schooling
- h) Continuing problems of discrimination by state-funded faith schools are being pursued by Lorely Burt