



Promoting, developing and supporting tourism in the Wye Valley and Forest of Dean

## Minutes for the Annual General Meeting - Thursday 23 March 2017

The AGM was held at the Chase Hotel, Ross-on-Wye, with 91 members present.

1. **Apologies** – were received from 9 members.
2. **Treasurer's Report.** This was delivered by The Chairman on behalf of Hari Fell who had sent her apologies. [The accounts for 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017 can be downloaded.](#)
3. **Chairman's Report.** Ian Officer, delivered his report [which can be downloaded.](#)
4. **Motion from the Board.** Proposal to change Memorandum and Articles so that Directors can stand for maximum of 3 years.

Proposed: Ian Officer

Seconded: Nick Penny

Clause 25.2 shall be changed from:

Following the resignations of any Directors appointed pursuant to Article 24.1.2 in accordance with Article 24.3, at each annual general meeting all but three of the directors shall retire and will be eligible to stand for election at that annual general meeting providing that no director shall be appointed for more than three consecutive years without retiring. Directors shall retire in the order in which they were appointed and the question of who is to retire between directors as appointed or reappointed on the same date shall be decided by agreement between those directors or, in the absence of such agreement, by lot.

to:

Following the resignations of any Directors appointed pursuant to Article 24.1.2 in accordance with Article 24.3, at each annual general meeting the three longest serving directors shall retire and will be eligible to stand for election at that annual general meeting providing that no director shall be appointed for more than three consecutive years without retiring. Directors shall retire in the order in which they were appointed and the question of who is to retire between directors as appointed or reappointed on the same date shall be decided by agreement between those directors or, in the absence of such agreement, by lot.

**The motion was passed unanimously.**

5. **Motion from member 498, Sid Phelps.**

Proposed: Sid Phelps

Seconded: John Bosley

The Wye Valley & Forest of Dean Tourism Association (WVFDTA) notes our concern over the first anniversary of the closure of the **Stowfield viaduct** at Lydbrook and as consequence, the break in the Wye Valley long-distance footpath.

WVFDTA is worried about the impact it is having over the viability of the long-distance footpath and the financial impact it will have on our members in and around the Wye Valley.

WVFDTA calls on all partners that could help; Gloucestershire & Herefordshire County Councils, The Forest of Dean District Council, Ross-on-Wye unitary authority, G/First Local

Enterprise Partnership, The Vaughn Estate, The Youth Hostel Association etc. - to urgently meet with the WVFDTA to work out how to re-open the bridge as soon as practicable.

**The motion was passed unanimously.**

- 6. Election of Board of Directors.** No actual election was necessary as there were 11 members standing for 11 posts and, no election is necessary. [Details of those elected can be downloaded.](#)
- 7. Honorary Members.** Rather than an annual vote for honorary members of the Association, the board proposed that our existing honorary members, Caroline Anderson, Ros Robertson and Karen Davies, be elected as Lifetime Members.

Proposed: Ian Officer  
Seconded: Fiona Wilton

**The motion was passed unanimously.**