
Abthorpe Broadband Association Limited

Bringing Broadband to the community

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held in the Old School, Abthorpe

19:30 23 January 2018

Draft until approved by the AGM.

Present

The officers of the Association, Eric Malcomson (Chairman), Keith Fenwick, Richard Tomalin and Peter Watkins were present with David Symmers (treasurer) and 34 members of the Association.

Apologies for absence was received from Philip Berry.

Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman of the Association noted that a quorum was present in line with the articles of association of the Company and duly declared the meeting open. The agenda was circulated at the beginning of the meeting and so the business therein was conducted as follows;

Minutes of the AGM held 24 Jan 2017 at Abthorpe had been filed on the Tove Valley website. The Chairman signed a copy as a true record.

Reception of the Financial Statements

David Symmers presented the annual accounts for 2016-2017 together with a breakdown of loans outstanding. David felt sure that, in line with original predictions, all loans will be paid off in the 2018-2019 financial year.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was circulated at the meeting. He covered the topics of a steadily increasing membership, support to adjacent communities and the installation of fibre to premises. The Chairman also noted and replied to a member question that the backhaul has not increased significantly and is about 65% capacity in the peak evening periods.

Officers of the Association

Messrs Philip Berry, Keith Fenwick, Eric Malcomson, Richard Tomalin, Peter Watkins continue as Directors of the Association and Mr David Symmers continues as Treasurer.

Appointment of new Directors

The Chairman welcomed Steve Crowcroft and Oliver Esame whose appointments as Directors was imminent. Steve will have H&S, risk and training as his responsibility and Oliver will be responsible for the Blakesley infrastructure and membership.

Reports from Directors

Keith Fenwick and Peter Watkins gave short reports.

Any other business

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed: _____ Eric Malcomson (Chairman)

This year, the format of the evening was changed to accommodate a Workshop starting at 5pm followed by the AGM at 7.30pm. This format was very well received and approximately 30 members came to the workshop.

John and Joyce Riches and Jenny Carter did an invaluable job of providing teas and coffees throughout the Workshop period.