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## **Visit Pembrokeshire**

### **MINUTES Annual General Meeting**

**Held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
at 2pm  
at Meadow House, Summerhill**

**Present: Directors & staff**  
Jane Rees Baynes (Chairperson)  
Ed Tomp  
Di Clements  
Emyr Afan  
Nick Neumann  
Sophie Hurst  
Neil Kedward

Dennis O'Connor  
Liz Williams  
Emma Thornton  
Elaine Bell

**Apologies:** Tim Rees

**Members:** 24 Members attending with 31 overall

#### **Introductions**

Emma Thornton welcomed everyone and thanked Huw Pendelton and Ali Belton for hosting today's event. Emma also thanked Jane Rees-Baynes for her support as Chair of Visit Pembrokeshire over the last couple of years to the board, the organisation as a whole and in particular support to herself. Emma then handed over to Jane Rees-Baynes.

Jane thanked Emma for her comments and echoed Emma's welcome to everyone and introduced herself to those who didn't already know her as Chair of Visit Pembrokeshire and owner of Elm Grove Country Guest House. Starting the formal part of the AGM Jane reminded all that only members were eligible to vote and to propose/second any points raised in the AGM.

#### **1. To receive and confirm minutes of the 2022 AGM**

The minutes were approved as an accurate representation of the AGM and were proposed by Emyr Afan and seconded by Paula Ellis.

#### **Matters Arising:**

None

**2. To receive and Approve 2022 Accounts**

The accounts have already been circulated to the board and were included in the AGM pack for all members to see. Any queries however please speak to either Emma or Jane who will be happy to discuss further. Proposed by Nick Neumann and seconded by Sophie Hurst.

**3. To approve/appoint Accountants**

Jane reported that Ashmoles were doing a fabulous job and were working well with the Visit Pembrokeshire team and could see no reason not to re-appoint Ashmoles & Co as our accountants. This was proposed by Ed Tomp & seconded by Huw Pendleton.

**4. To accept resignations and appointments of Directors**

Jane expressed her gratitude to the board for their voluntary contribution to Visit Pembrokeshire. A lot of hours are put in participating in sub-groups, events, meetings and phone calls as well as board meetings. Since Visit Pembrokeshire was established, we have filled board vacancies on two occasions and explained that any future board positions would be advertised on social media and via our e-comms and asked if anyone was interested to please get in touch.

Four board directors have already completed their two-year tenure and therefore need to be re-appointed. Jane asked for a proposer and seconder for each:

Neil Kedward – Proposed by Emyr Afan and seconded by Huw Pendleton

Sophie Hurst – Proposed by Nick Neumann and seconded by Ed Tomp

Tim Rees – Proposed by Sophie Hurst and seconded by Huw Pendleton

Jane Rees-Baynes – proposed by Sophie Hurst and seconded by Emyr Afan

Only change from last year was that Simon Vickers of The Griffin Inn had resigned from the board.

Jane continued that the board were doing a fabulous job and those present today were: Emyr Afan of Avanti Media, Ed Tomp of Redhill School, Nick Neumann of Newgale Holidays, Neil Kedward of Seren Collection, Sophie Hurst of Preseli Venture, Di Clements from PCNPA. Also, on the board Iwan Thomas from PLANED, Cllr Paul Miller Pembrokeshire County Council and Tim Rees, Unearthed Festival.

Jane also expressed thanks to Mike Cavanagh (PCC) and Tegryn Jones (PCNPA) for their 'observer roles' at our board meetings.

More details of all our directors, if required, can be found on our Visit Pembrokeshire website.

Jane concluded by saying that we couldn't deliver what we do without our members and our strategic partners – Seren Collection, Ty Hotel, MHPA and Bluestone.

The AGM finished with the chair thanking all attendees and wishing them a wonderful season for 2023 and handed over to Emma Thornton for the business update.