



The Hive Annual General Meeting (Minutes) 2021-04-14

Board attendance (6/9)

Chris Howarth (CH) CHAIR
Nathan Pardoe (NP) SECRETARY
Damon Horrill (DH)
Kev Jardine (KJ)
Sam Lyon (SL)
Sarah Winstanley (SW)

Board apologies (3/3)

Alice Johnson (AJ)
Andrea Taylor (AT)
Stephen Edmondson (SE)

Member attendance (7)

Bradley Curzon
Darren Smith
Jon Kendrick
Kayleigh Edment
Kevin Smith
Lee Paterson
Margaret McHenry

Member apologies (1)

Richard Wildash

Visitors (1)

Malthouse - Guy Playfer (GP)

Welcome (CH)

CH welcomed all to the meeting and explained the virtual meeting protocol.

Statement on eligibility to attend (CH)

CH confirmed that attendance is open only to board members & shareholder members. Secretary confirmed 6 eligible members present. Subsequent to this, 2 members arrived



late, of which 1 could not be confirmed (“Martin”) due to no response to direct messages for their surname. This member subsequently left the meeting. Total member attendance was 7.

Introduction to charitable objects & governance (CH)

CH introduced the charitable objects and governance arrangements of The Hive, and thanked Board members for their efforts over the past year.

Finance & General Purposes report (DH)

APPENDIX FCA Annual Return

APPENDIX Financial report 2019-21

GP introduced the financial report & recognised the Board control of administrative expenses, noting ongoing Malthouse involvement with management reporting & accounts.

DH introduced his report, detailing grant providers and the strong financial position of The Hive. The financial funding is tied to phasing, with phase one relating to exterior work, phase two relating to ground floor work and phase three relating to the first floor work. Based on current projections, with all three phases complete there will be sufficient working capital available of around £30k. DH noted that we should celebrate the financial position of The Hive and thanked all involved.

CH invited GP to explain the Malthouse involvement with The Hive, GP explained Malthouse provided independent financial assessment and inspection.

Construction & Operations report (SE)

APPENDIX Construction report 2019-21

CH introduced the report in the absence of SE, explaining that the initial focus is to enable trading as soon as possible outdoors, with street food and a bar offering, opening in May 2021. This will then lead to ground floor works, enabling indoor trading as soon as possible after Covid-19 restrictions lifted in June. The final phase of works are the first floor, seeking to repair the roof and deliver additional functions.

Events & Marketing report (KJ)

APPENDIX Events & marketing report

KJ introduced his report, thanking other board members and the community for their involvement. KJ explained the focus is for The Hive to be a respected event organiser across Cheshire, offering a community facility beyond purely a music offer. The priority for this year is for safe events to be held, and KJ affirmed that the priority is public safety. KJ explained that posters will soon be displayed at various locations promoting the 2021 calendar of events, starting with outdoor events and, subject to Covid-19 restrictions easing, progressing to indoor events. KJ thanked volunteers for their efforts and appealed to residents to spread the word of The Hive, particularly via social media and promote our events.

Public questions on annual reports (up to 15 minutes)



- Margaret McHenry asked if the U3A would be welcome to use The Hive as a community organisation displaced from the Red Lion, DH confirmed this and asked the U3A to get in touch.
- Kayleigh Edment asked about dealing with social media untruths promoted by so-called resident associations and minimising their impact on the efforts of The Hive to be successful, CH explained that the best way to deal with this is to ignore them and focus our efforts on doing good work, DH reiterated this explaining that these groups are not constituted resident groups and have little credibility. Kayleigh agreed and recognised the community goodwill towards The Hive.
- Darren Smith asked if construction costs provided include fixtures & fittings, CH said that in some cases they do. DH elaborated on this and said the first phase for an exterior bar area is fully costed, later phases are provided as an outline budget but even allowing for fixtures & fittings the expectation is that we will have sufficient funding.
- Kevin Smith queried if our £30k working capital will be sufficient given the size of the building. DH explained this would be a float to cover any losses and short-term trading issues. Kevin Smith reiterated he had confidence in the project having seen bees at its peak, and also queried about use of green energy, specifically solar panels. DH explained this is factored into plans and The Hive is seeking to be as environmentally sustainable as possible. Kevin Smith offered his support with later phases of the project if needed.
- Margaret McHenry queried if the minutes & reports would be distributed to board members only or the full members, NP confirmed the minutes & reports would be distributed to all 102 members.

Confirmation of current Board & ongoing interest (CH)

- Alice Johnson
- Andrea Taylor
- Chris Howarth (Chair)
- Damon Horrill (Treasurer)
- Kev Jardine
- Nathan Pardoe (Secretary)
- Sam Lyon
- Sarah Winstanley
- Stephen Edmondson

The board members who were present introduced themselves, their professional background & reasons for involvement in The Hive project, along with DH introducing AJ & AT, and CH introducing SE. There was overwhelming enthusiasm from the Board for The Hive, its importance to the cultural future of Winsford and the bright future of the project.

Request for block vote to confirm Board for a 12 month term (CH)

PROPOSED CH
SECONDED NP



AGREED A nine-member board was elected unopposed with the following members -

- Alice Johnson
- Andrea Taylor
- Chris Howarth (Chair)
- Damon Horrill (Treasurer)
- Kev Jardine
- Nathan Pardoe (Secretary)
- Sam Lyon
- Sarah Winstanley
- Stephen Edmondson

NP confirmed the board as above and reiterated that minutes, reports & accounts submitted to the FCA will be circulated to all shareholder members after the meeting. DH explained our accounts are published to the FCA.

CH thanked members for attending, and invited members to stay in touch throughout the next year.