



ESK VALLEY TRUST 20TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Attendance by Zoom

Friday 29 May 2021, 7.30 pm

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Alongside the AGM Karen Inkster of Scotways will give a presentation on access to the countryside and the protection of rights of way. (Please note that this is a change from John Oldham's presentation which was brought forward to April 22nd)

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting

To be approved and any matters arising discussed.

3. Report and Accounts

3.1 Chairman's Report

3.2 Accounts

To receive and consider the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 and the reports of the Charity Trustees.

4. Independent Scrutiny of Accounts

4.1 To authorise the Trustees to appoint a suitably qualified auditor to scrutinise the annual accounts at an appropriate fee.

5. Appointment of Trustees

5.1 Re-appointment of Trustees.

The Constitution of The Esk Valley Trust SCIO requires that at each AGM, all of the charity trustees shall retire from office – but shall then be eligible for re-election. Any existing Trustee who does not indicate an unwillingness to be re-appointed before the conclusion of the AGM shall be re-appointed as a charity trustee unless an election process is held in which they are not successfully re-elected or if a resolution to the AGM for their re-election is not carried.

5.2 Appointment of new Trustees

The Board would welcome further nominations of Trustees and especially to achieve a more equal gender balance on the Board.

6. To agree a change in wording in the Constitution to clarify the legitimacy of

conducting meetings virtually.

A new paragraph 25 is suggested in the constitution to deal with this. It reads:

Members' Meetings may be held in person, virtually or as a hybrid of the two where Virtual and Hybrid meetings are defined as: ***Virtual meeting: a meeting of members of the charity or a meeting of the charity trustees [Board etc] where arrangements have been made in advance to allow participants to attend the meeting by means of a conference telephone, video link or similar means of electronic communication at which all participants can be heard and can hear each other without the need for them to be physically present at the same location. A person participating in a meeting by such means shall be deemed to be attending virtually. Hybrid meeting: a meeting of members of the charity or a meeting of the charity trustees [Board etc] at which some participants are attending the meeting in person and others are attending virtually.***

As a consequence two small additional changes are needed (changes are shown in bold italics). Paragraph 39 needs to be amended to read: "The quorum for a members' meeting is eight members, present in person ***or virtually as described in paragraph 25***" and Paragraph 85 to read: "No valid decisions can be taken at a board meeting unless a quorum is present; the quorum for board meetings is three charity trustees, present in person ***or virtually as described in paragraph 25***".

Paragraphs subsequent to this new wording will be re-numbered appropriately.

Members are asked to agree these changes.

7. Members' proposed resolutions

Any resolutions from members are required by noon 14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

8. Any other business

To deal with any other matters raised at the meeting.

Associated Documents

All of the following documents can be accessed via the Esk Valley Trust website (<http://www.eskvalleytrust.org/>):

- Agenda for the 20th (2021) Annual General Meeting of the Esk Valley Trust
- Minutes of the 19th (2020) Annual General Meeting of the Esk Valley Trust
- The Esk Valley Trust SCIO Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31st 2020
- Copy of the Esk Valley Trust SCIO Constitution including the suggested amendment

