



The Stokesley Pride-in-our-Town Association

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2021 THE CHAIRMAN'S CONSERVATORY

Attendance contact records were collected, the number kept to 6, socially distant. The minutes will be circulated with the committee members unable to attend.

The Chairman's Welcome was followed by:

Apologies from Annie Malik, Ian Ditchburn, Jenny Strachan, Helen Fletcher Caroline Rathmell, Adrian Rathmell, David Scott, Mike and Lovaine Irving.

Attending Linda Purnell (Chair), Fiona Wilson, Ajit Patel, Fred Lee, Ken Ridgeway, Derek Whiting.

Minutes of the last AGM were accepted.

Chairman's Report

Linda Purnell gave the report for 2019/20, first summarising the work of SPIOTA, which has been keeping the town beautiful despite the Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

We currently have 24 in the Thursday Gang despite the retirement of several members.

Sadly, not all the people new to watering last year have been able to continue. Many thanks to the Sponsors, the Thursday Gang, the committee, the waterers, those who share their water and to Derek for all his work with the press.

We have kept the same compost in the tubs, simply topping up and adding fertiliser. We have saved 50 bags of compost this way.

The Co-op fund has been used to create the community garden on Springfield. Public feedback has been incredible. Our thanks to The Co-op and to Caroline for her vision and hard work. We have even had a congratulatory letter from Rishi Sunak! A grant from the North Yorkshire Locality Budget has been used to provide a covering of bark for the Mill Wheel Site and hard standing for the tubs on West Green.

Treasurer's Report. Income slightly exceeded expenditure despite the reduction in both sponsorships and fundraising events, caused by the Covid Pandemic. The shortfall was primarily covered by the Co-op community fund donation. Insignia manufactured the signs.

Matters arising:

The Insurance for members has been tailored more to our needs, saving money. Gratitude was expressed to the Chairman for all her hard work and dedication.

Resignations There were none

Nomination/Election of Officers.

The current officers were nominated and seconded. There was no further business to discuss.

The meeting was closed.