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Brighton & Hove Food Partnership

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

1st October 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: (Board - all BHFP Members): Victoria Williams (VW) (Chair), Annette Bianchi, Angela Blair, Fenella Burns, Lidia Cabral, Val Cane, Rachel Claydon, Jeremy Diaper, Karola Formella, Mary Funnell, Susan Gorman, Fiona Hamilton, Barbara Hurwood, James Joughin, Sarah Kehoe, Alan Lugton, Sylvia New, Sue Paskins, Amanda Reid, Saskia Wesnigk, Carol Williams

Staff: Vic Borrill, Ali Ghanimi, Rob Drysdale, Sophie Robinson, Dave Bebb, Verity Hobbs, Georgina Cockett, Jo Eckersley, Jo Glazebrook, Helen MacGregor

Tina Horvath - Speaker

Louise Crosby - Minutes

Apologies: Ollie Sykes, Noeleen Keene, Jo Ralling, Kim Paykel, Georgina Burrows

1. **Welcome, introductions and apologies**

The meeting started at 6:35pm and VW welcomed everyone and advised that Verity would be taking photos for social media and to advise her if they would prefer not to be in them. Apologies were received from Ollie Sykes, Noeleen Keene, Kim Paykel, Georgina Burrows and Jo Ralling. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. **Minutes from last AGM held on 1st October 2024**

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM were agreed as a true record.

Proposed by: Sue Paskins

Seconded by: Alan Lugton

3. **Announcement of Board Members**

a) **Board Members stepping down**

Jeremy Diaper and Georgina Burrows are stepping down from the Board and were thanked for all their support.

b) **Re-election of Board members**

Barbara Hurwood wishes to re-stand as a Board member and was re-elected.

Proposed by: Jeremy Diaper

Seconded by: Carol Williams

c) Election of new Board members

There will be no recruitment of Board members at this AGM. VW (Chair is going on sabbatical for 3 months) and the Board feel it is best to wait for her return before recruiting again. They also want a bit of time for the newer members to imbed before bringing in more people. The plan is to start recruitment for new Board members from Feb 2026. People can be co-opted before formally joining the Board at the next AGM

4. Report from the Director

Presentation by Vic Borrill outlining highlights since the last AGM. Slides on website

- Slide 1 – Welcome to the new logo
- Slide 2 – Place Based Approach
- Slide 3 – Our Approach
- Slide 4 – Have A Plan
- Slide 5 – The Power of Partnership
- Slide 6 – Don't Shy Away from Complexity
- Slide 7 – Support Community Level Action
- Slide 8 – Help Everyone to Participate
- Slide 9 – Listen and Learn
- Slide 10 – Address the Causes not the Symptoms
- Slide 11 – Communicate, Celebrate
- Slide 12 – Demonstrate
- Slide 13 – Multi Year Grants that ended in 2024-25
- Slide 14 – Green Wellbeing Alliance
- Slide 15 – Thank You

Questions / Comments:

There were no questions.

5. Adoption of Annual Accounts

Summary of annual accounts to March 2025. VB explained that the accounts were shared at the AGM, then the Board will formally adopt them at the next Board meeting.

Slide 1 – Annual Accounts

Slide 2 – Breakdown of Income Type

Slide 3 – Social Enterprises and Relationship with Community Kitchen Charity

Questions/Comments:

There were no questions.

6. Any other business

There being no other business, the AGM closed at 7:04pm

The AGM was followed by a conversation with Tina Horvath

The formal meeting closed at 7:04pm.