

OUNDLLE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Talbot Hotel, Oundle
on Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 6.30pm**

Present:

Maggie Meigh	Romejos
David Webb	Bulley Davey
Alexandra Worth	Just Lets
Camilla Sherwin	Oundle Music Trust
Nicola Ball	Diversity Boutique
Ian Crampton	Romejos
Elise Crampton	Romejos
Philip Amps	Amps Fine Wines
Paul Eveleigh	The Cycle Technician (left early)
Judith Roberts	Judith Day Optometrist
Edward Owen	Hunt & Coombs
Roger Sturman	Nene Valley News
Graham Drage	GD247 Marketing
Paul Meigh	Romejos
Tom Reeve	The Talbot Hotel
Alison Winbolt	Aga Oundle
Oliver Winbolt	The Splined Hub
Elizabeth Clark	Oundle Open Gardens / Fairtrade
Charlotte Williams	Oundle Library
William Barff	The Beauty Room
Candy Shaw	The Beauty Room
Joanne Cowdery	Travel Counsellors
Mike Bailey	Richmond Green Energy
Guy Chilvers	Richmond Green Energy
Jocelyn Sullivan	Waterland Associates
David Smith	Waterland Associates

1) **Introduction**

Maggie Meigh welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for attending. She also thanked everyone for their help during the year.

2) **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Justin Jeffrey – QI Marketing, Neil McCulloch – Insurewise, Pippa Peile – Bulley Davey, Barry Robson – Oundle Golf Club, Ian Simpson – Big Bear Hire, Sue Andrews – Oundle Bookkeeping Service, Caroline Hawkins – Fired! Silver Clay Jewellery, Edward James – Anaco Trading, James Krappe – Really Social Media, Anna Watts – Beyond Curious, Anne McCurdy – Just Lets, The new manager for Waitrose. Paul Eveleigh apologised that he would have to leave before the end of the meeting.

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3) Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the 2016 AGM had previously been circulated, and were approved.

4) Chairman's Report

Maggie Meigh thanked everyone for their help during the year, and apologised for the fact that she had not been able to commit as much time as she had hoped to the Association during the year. She thanked the members of the committee for their assistance, and suggested that we should probably have some sub-committees going forward with a view to them concentrating on various specific objectives. She did however note one small victory, being the extension of parking in certain areas to two hours.

5) Secretary's Report

David Webb said that he hoped that everyone was receiving the emails, and that they felt that sufficient information was being sent out, without there being too many emails. He asked that members let him know if they were not receiving the emails, or if there were other potential members who should be added to the list.

6) Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017

David Webb presented the accounts, a copy of which is attached, to the meeting in the absence of the treasurer, Pippa Peile, and summarised the income and expenditure for the year. He explained that the surplus for the year was due in particular to the reduction in meeting expenses, with wine for most meetings being bought at wholesale prices, with the meetings being hosted at various members' premises. The surplus was despite a reduction in the subscriptions, although he pointed out that the comparative figures did cover a period of 15 months.

He explained that the funds in the Association's accounts included £2,847 owed to ENBP, and said that we had been asked to let them know if there were any particular matters that we felt that this money could be spent on. In addition, there is currently £1,896.76 of Carnival monies still in the account, and Philip Amps explained that these would be distributed around various organisations in the area in the near future.

David Webb explained that we would be looking to close the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society account and move all of the funds to Natwest, before the branch closed later in the year.

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7) **Election of Officers**

The following were elected as officers for the forthcoming year, all positions being unopposed:

		Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Maggie Meigh	David Webb	Alex Worth
Vice Chairman	Alex Worth	Maggie Meigh	Ali Winbolt
Treasurer	Pippa Peile	Maggie Meigh	Philip Amps
Secretary	David Webb	Maggie Meigh	Judith Roberts

8) **Election of other Committee Members**

It was noted that any members are welcome to attend the committee meetings, but, Justin Jeffrey, Judith Roberts, Paul Eveleigh, James Krappe, Stuart Blow, Judith Rowntree, Philip Amps, and Ali Winbolt, were proposed as members of the committee by David Smith and seconded by Paul Meigh, and were elected en bloc.

9) **Any Other Business**

Maggie Meigh welcomed Ian and Elise Crampton to the meeting as the new owners of Romejos, and also Guy Chilvers and Mike Bailey from Richmond Green Energy who were attending their first meeting. All members were then asked to introduce themselves to everyone.

It was suggested that the Association should spend some of the monies in helping to promote Oundle, and one matter discussed was better signage for the town, although it was noted that Waitrose had volunteered to fund some of this. David Webb said that he would sooner people know that the monies were there if something was specifically needed, sooner than us feeling that we needed to spend it.

Ali Winbolt said that they were looking to hold a Christmas Event down at the Wharf at the end of November, and there was some discussion as to whether this should be tied in with the Christmas lights, to make one big event, or whether it was better for the town for there to be the two separate events, so that the town centre could feed off the wharf event, and the wharf off the town centre event. The Chairman asked for further discussion of this matter at a later date.

Various other events were mentioned, including an eco-event in November, Oundle on Show on the 8th and 9th of July, and the Fringe and Oundle International Festival, both also in July.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.05pm.

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Chairman

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Date