



A community shop and café run by the Village for the Village

**Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Tewin Stores Association Ltd held on Monday
28 March 2021 at 7.30pm in Tewin Pavilion, Upper Green, Tewin**

Present: Peter Miller (in the chair) Gerry Smith, Eleanor Lohr, Mary Gregg, Marie St Pier, Keith St Pier, John Gilley, Linda Gilley, Pauline Spring, Graham Spring, Paul Lohr, , Mike Purser, David Room, , Linda Crawford, , Hilary Armstrong, Tina Lord, Geoff Parkinson, Brenda Barber, Paul Ugo, David Rixson, Dagmar Brook, Katie-Anne Florez, Jane Parkinson, Mike and Gloria ???? , Louise Kemp, Julia Tizard, David Kempson, Jules Howson

Apologies:

Tove Nissan-Huntley, Mavis Haggard, Bev Barraclough, Patrick Holden, Michael Bennett, Robert Guilbert, Roger Toms, Barbara Toms, Martina Swift, Joy Lawson, Kristina Lawson, David Henson, Anne Henson, Sue Whitbourn, Jenny Hume, Amanda Miller, Sheila Cowie, Anne Hall.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 14 March 2021

The meeting agreed the previous minutes as a true record.

2. Annual Report.

Peter Miller introduced the report and highlighted:

- a. The effect of the pandemic lockdowns on turnover; the Covid Recovery grants received from both the Government and EHDC, and how these had been taken into account over a three-year period.
- b. Peter asked the meeting to note expenditure on replacement of two chillers and the freezer. Funding for the latter was donated by a Tewin resident who wished to remain anonymous.
- c. The historic value of plant and equipment had been written off a new register of plant and F/Fhd been drawn up. The preliminary costs of obtaining Planning permission for the Café refurbishment had also been written off.
- d. Peter thanked Jenny Mason for her work as Treasurer over the past three years, and he welcomed Dagmar Brook, Katie-Anne Florez and Michael Bennett to the Committee.
- e. Peter then confirmed that he was standing down from the Committee but was happy to continue to provide information on monthly sales and sales forecasts to the Committee.

Members present made the following comments on the Annual Report:

- An 'A' board advertising ice creams could encourage more custom in the hotter weather

- A new EPOS would be very welcome.

In relation to the Committee recommendation to 'pause' the refurbishment plans, Eleanor Lohr circulated a paper giving detailed reasons. The following comments were made:

- An open air Café courtyard is preferred by some customers. There was not a consensus on this, and Committee members expressed other views,
- There was one suggestion that a cosmetic job to improve the appearance of the shop would attract more customers
- Linda Gilley pointed out that it is over 7 years since the interior of the shop has been painted
- In response to a question about the electrics, Linda Crawford said that the intention was to carry out electrical repairs in the shop.

The meeting accepted the Annual Report and Accounts:
Proposed by Keith St Pier and seconded by Jules Howson.

3. Proposal to move the financial year end to 31 January

This was proposed by Linda Gilley and seconded by Dagmar Brook and agreed unanimously

4. **Election of the Committee**

The following Shareholder Members were elected to the Committee: Linda Crawford, Graham Spring, Eleanor Lohr, Dagmar Brook, Katie-Anne Florez and Michael Bennett.

The meeting agreed the appointment of Committee members:
Proposed by Keith St Pier and seconded by Gerry Smith.

5. **The Appointment of reporting Accountants**

The appointment of Holdings as Reporting Accountants for 2021/22 was agreed by the meeting.
Proposed by Linda Gilley, seconded by Graham Spring.

Informal discussion:

- The Committee was asked why the recently arranged volunteers meeting had been cancelled. Linda Crawford said that Committee members had not been available, and that the meeting is being rearranged.

Linda Crawford ended the meeting with a vote of thanks to Peter Miller.

This was applauded by all present.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm and was followed by a sort presentation from David Rixson about the Lower Mimram Valley Initiative

