

Minutes

Members present:

Committee

C. Webber (acting Chair)
M. Loveday (Pres. & Founder)
Jo Walker (Hon. Secretary)
H. Webber (Treasurer)
Frances Marcus
Trevor Johns

Other Members

Den Barnard
Liza Loveday (Founder)
Stephen & Lynda Edwards
Sue & Andrew Koo
Omar Mohamed

Guest & New Members

Irene Barnard
Sue Burrows
Rachel Fountain
Paul & Marian Libaert

Guest: Martin Scherer

FYI: 13 of 24 members (54%) attended, adding the 5 new sign-ups, membership is now 29
Apologies : Glyn & Mairi Jones (COVID) plus 3 other members sent their apologies

- 1) Welcome & introduction
 - a) Catie said hello. Read her prepared summary of things done and going's on, and due to our anachronistic constitution called for 50 person quorum "requirement" to be waived
 - 2) Minutes of the Last AGM on 8 November 2021
 - a) These were tabled & the Chairman highlighted the main points, many of which had been acted upon: web site, new officers, some of which are still a work in progress, such as review & amendment of Constitution.
 - b) The Minutes were then approved by the Members, nem. Con.
 - 3) Election of Officers and Members of the Committee
 - a) The Hon Secretary tabled [verbal] Nominations which, were all seconded & approved as follows:

Chairman: Trevor Johns	*Secretary: Joanna Walker	Member: Frances Marcus
Vice Chair: Catie Webber	Treasurer: Harlan Webber	Mark Loveday (Pres. & Founder)
- *Note: Trevor Johns asked Jo Walker to stay on as Secretary for one more year to provide continuity
- 4) The Accounts for Year Ending 31 Oct 2022
 - a) These were tabled using a new format by Harlan Webber. They show a healthy financial position with cash of £2,184.32. The Accounts were then approved by the Members, nem.con.
 - 5) The Executive Committee's Report for 2022
 - a) This was handed out to Members at the start with its contents referred to throughout the meeting.
 - 6) Presentation – "Community-Led Plan" – Update by Den Barnard
 - a) Work of volunteers who analysed responses from 2017 Village Planning day.
 - b) Parish Council (after 5 years) plan to accept Community-Led Plan in January
 - c) Then with sub-groups & more volunteers, detailed plans/actions can proceed.

- 7) Presentation – “Community Speedwatch” – from Glyn Jones, shown by Steve Edwards
 - a) Successful efforts since 2017, but we run loaned equipment. The cost of buying our own has grown 2-4x. Alkham Parish Council offered/withdrew 50/50 cost share suggestions, but our Speedwatch is not a charity (no assets/budget, APC funding needed to get gear from Kent Police Community Speedwatch)
 - b) If Kent Police takes back camera on loan, our monitoring will cease
 - i) Mark Loveday will consider funding this.

- 8) The Future of AVS
 - a) AVCA - Alkham Valley Conservation Association – a rebranding
 - b) Constitution rewriting in 2023 to align with that.
 - c) Any changes will have 30 day’s notice with a vote of membership.
 - d) FYI on our structure: Per Mark Loveday: There is more freedom to meet goals, so we should continue as a non-registered charity, we just need good people to carry-on.

- 9) Future Programme of Events
 - a) The Chairman outlined events for next year, to make things interesting & fun:
 - i) Trash Pick-Up project combined with snow drop walk for Catie to do.

- 10) Any Other Business
 - a) The Chair provided observations re: Dover District Council 2040 Plan (350-pages)
 - i) Issues
 - (1) Traffic Infrastructure plan for AVH (by omission on plan, much is assumed)
 - (2) Various “pitching”s for caravans at the end of Short Lane
 - (3) Protecting Alkham as AONB
 - (4) Most important the lack of input so far into the official 2040 Plan.
FYI: Deadline of Dec 8th 5pm for feedback to DDC re: 2040 Plan
 - ii) As we chose a community-led plan vs. a Neighbourhood Plan, our input will not have legal power inside the 2040 Dover Plan, but;
 - iii) We can get on the record via the DDC 2040 Feedback web form per Mairi Jones. Also, for 2025, we can ask that APC be active at each 5 year review.

 - b) Mairi Jones Notes to Harlan for minutes - focus on these (3) things:
 - i) **share** Dover Plan to 2040: Whitfield section
 - ii) **share** Dover Plan to 2040: Transport Infrastructure section
 - iii) **FYI** East Kent Transport Plan to 2030
 - (1) Reviewed last in 2020
 - (2) The next review: 2025 & plan continues to end

 - c) Appreciation Plaque to thank Philip Young for donation towards the new footpath

 - d) FYI Speedwatch: Mark Loveday funding to help/support equipment problem.

- 11) Closure of the Meeting
 - a) In closing the AGM, the Chairman thanked the Members for their attendance and participation. The President, Mark Loveday, thanked the committee for their works.
 - b) Secretary & Attendee Observation: The atmosphere was good. Presentation of documents appreciated. And 5 new members on the day...
 - c) Thank you to Den Barnard, who has agreed to join the Committee. Welcome !

Joanna Walker

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Hon Secretary
Alkham Valley Society

Dated: 30 November 2022

NB: Presentations / Appendices

- 1) Website News/Blog used to show AGM Materials (alkhamvs.org)
- 2) Executive Committee Report (Handed Out at the AGM)
- 3) AV Traffic Presentation – Stephen Edward
- 4) The Future [of AVS] Presentation – Trevor Johns