

DANEHILL AND CHELWOOD GATE SOCIAL CLUB LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CLUB ON 14 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 8:00 PM. 18 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

K Usher (Chairman) took the chair and opened the meeting at 8:08pm by welcoming members to this extraordinary general meeting and explained to members present that at the AGM in July 2023 it was agreed to have another general meeting before the end of the year.

Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Gary Richardson.

Adoption of minutes of 51st Annual General Meeting (July 2022).

It was proposed by J Wright, and seconded by B Henderson, that these minutes were adopted. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

Adoption of minutes of 52nd Annual General Meeting (July 2023).

It was proposed by B Clark, and seconded by B Henderson, that these minutes were adopted. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

Matters Arising from both sets of minutes.

There was a discussion around notice for the AGM in July, some members stated that they were not aware of the AGM taking place. P Thornton confirmed that the formal notice was posted in good time, and the meeting had been advertised on social media, but an e-mail notification had not been sent out.

There was a general discussion surrounding better communication with the membership.

Resolutions

P Thornton introduced two resolutions to be voted upon:

- i) *To amend the club's rules, inserting an additional clause s17 (4) after s17 (3).*
- ii) *To disapply the requirements for an audit in 2023.*

He explained that there was a mechanism by which the Club can avoid the increasing expense of a full audit, and this was permitted in the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies act 2014. The two resolutions proposed firstly amended the Club's rules to permit us to forgo an audit, and secondly to forgo the audit. The exact wording and rationale behind this change can be found in the guidance notes, issued ahead of the meeting, on the Club's website.

These two resolutions were passed with 18 members in favour, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

Discussion relating to the future of The Club

There was an open forum at this point, with a wide-ranging discussion.

A number of key points emerged:

- Everyone wanted to see the Club succeed but it couldn't carry on indefinitely whilst trading at a loss.
- There were a number of things relating to the Club management that had not been done in a timely manner that really should have been, and this needed improvement.
- The Club needed to significantly improve communications with members and the wider community.
- Opening times should reflect the hours that people want the Club to be open in future.
- The 2024 AGM would be held in March 2024, and we would re-visit the viability of the Club and assess the situation again then.

Any other business

P Thornton advised the meeting that the Club's accounts had not been formally approved at the AGM, because there had not been a vote at that stage to disapply the requirements for audit.

It was therefore necessary to approve the 2022 accounts. B Henderson proposed the approval of the accounts, and E Fountain seconded this. The accounts were unanimously approved by the members present.

Nigel Clark agreed to be co-opted onto the Club committee. P Thornton thanked him for this.

S Gray asked about reduced drinks prices for members and if these could be reinstated. K Usher replied that we would look into this but at a busy event, everyone would be charged the lower prices to ensure the bar runs efficiently.

P Thornton advised that there had been issues with the membership database that he was working on resolving and this was one of the main reasons why automated E-mails to members was not easy at the moment.

Closing Remarks

P Thornton reminded everyone that the Club was holding a Christmas party on 15 December and everyone was welcome to attend.

K Usher closed the meeting at 9:27pm

Signed as a true record:

K Usher – Chairman

Date