

Minutes of the Twenty Sixth Annual General Meeting of UKUUG Ltd.

Held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 6:30pm, The Principal York, Station Road, York YO24 1AA

Present: Quentin Wright - Individual member - Director & Treasurer
Kenneth MacDonald - Bronze Sponsor member - Company Secretary
Barry O'Rourke
Gavin Atkinson
Tim Fletcher
Tony Morris
Alasdair Kergon

Present voting members identified: 7

Apologies: Mark Keating
Ruth Moulton
Howard Thompson
Gordon Hill
Alain Williams

Proxy votes: None

In the absence of Mark Keating, Quentin Wright took the Chair.

Mr. Wright opened the meeting, welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21st September 2016

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 21st September 2016, had previously been added to the website and members informed on 22nd November. It was proposed by Kenneth MacDonald, seconded by Barry O'Rourke and unanimously agreed that the minutes be approved.

2. To receive the Chair's Report, Treasurer's Report and the Accounts of the Company for the year-end 31st December 2016, together with the report from the Auditors

Chair's Report: This report was circulated.

A correction was raised that Jane Morrison retired in 2017, not 2018. Alasdair Kergon asked whether Jane was formally thanked for her long and valued service. Quentin Wright clarified that Jane was publicly thanked at the Spring Conference where a card for her was circulated for members to sign.

Quentin Wright described how the Council are in the midst of transforming the operation of the organisation following Jane Morrison's retirement, which is the reason that fewer events were run this year.

Kenneth MacDonald explained how the Council are developing a self service, partially automated membership structure using a CiviCRM installation which is planned to be available early in 2018.

Alasdair Kergon queried how the expense of video recording and editing the YouTube videos was covered. Quentin confirmed that Shadowcat Ltd. supply this in return for expenses.

Treasurer's Report: This report was circulated.

Alasdair Kergon asked whether the detailed financial report was available. Quentin explained that the data was unfortunately not available, as it was currently in transit between the previous accountants and the new online accounting service (Xero) which will be used in future.

Quentin Wright summarised the report costs of running the council is now much reduced: it holds a mixture of video linked meetings on Google Hangouts, and meets as guests of The University of York, a more convenient and economic location for the current Council.

Council are convinced the organisation can be made sustainable, contrary to opinion in recent years. The Company is now registered as Small and will therefore likely be entitled to a reduced audit in future.

3. To appoint the Auditors, Michael Harwood & Co, Greville House, 10 Jury Street, Warwick CV34 4EW until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which the accounts are laid before the members, and to authorise the Council to determine their remuneration.

The appointment of Michael Harwood & Co, as above, was proposed by Quentin Wright, seconded by Gavin Atkinson and unanimously agreed.

4. To consider elections to Council from the Nominations received

Quentin Wright clarified that Council Members may serve more than six years, dependent on a vote by Council. This is contrary to the advice in the call for nominations circulated in previous years.

The current Council members, along with their roles and years of service were introduced. Quentin Wright, in his sixth year of service, will definitely stand down in 2018, preferably in the summer, and that Gavin Atkinson is shadowing the Treasurer's role. Quentin Wright proposed Tim Fletcher be elected to Council, Gavin Atkinson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

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5. Any Other Business

Barry O'Rourke said he wished to lead Council's efforts in building an online community.

Alasdair Kergon suggested Council consider what the FLOSSUK brand represents that is unique, and that perhaps we could publish an online directory of UK based FLOSS organisations. Kenneth MacDonald cautioned that such an endeavour must be sustainable within the available resources.

The meeting agreed that the organisation's culture has changed due to the rise of the internet and the ubiquity of Open Source.

There being no further business to transact Quentin Wright closed the meeting and again thanked those in attendance.