

## HALCROW PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Halcrow Pensioners Association

Held online between 22 April and 28 April 2013

Present:

Stephen Brichieri-Colombi  
Malcolm Bennett  
John Ratsey  
Jane Tordoff  
Colin Schoon  
Robert Every  
Jon Bateman  
Mike Scantlebury

Honorary Chairman  
Honorary Treasurer/Membership Secretary  
Web Master  
Honorary Secretary  
Committee Member  
Committee Member – Legal Issues  
Committee Member  
Committee Member

Philip Alexander  
Huw Beasley  
David Birch  
Warren Bradley  
Roget Button  
Eric Cooper  
Mark Craddy  
Roy Dargie  
Rob Deakin  
Mort Deas  
Sue Edwards  
Brian Finney  
Chris Fleming  
Heather Foster  
Tony Green

David Grigsby  
Rod Hacker  
Don Holliday  
Chris Hoggart  
Tony Key  
Jerry Neville  
Brian Park  
Ian Rose  
Tim Sabben-Clare  
Howard Smith  
Viv Scott  
Meelit Shah  
Brian Thomas  
Peter von-Lany

The total number of people attending numbered 37, well in excess of the 20 needed to form a quorum.

#### 1. OPENING REMARKS

On behalf of the committee SB-C thanked all those who were able to join in the AGM on-line [full text available at <http://www.halcrowpensioners.org.uk/forum/index.php?topic=59.0>].

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Chris Green, John Palmer and Eddie Thomas.

#### 3. PRESENTATION OF LETTER SETTING OUR FORMATION OF HPA THE CONSTITUTION

MB proposed that the provisional HPA Constitution that was submitted to HSBC Bank on 11 February 2012 be adopted [full text available at [http://www.halcrowpensioners.org.uk/media/Constitution\\_of\\_the\\_Halcrow\\_Pensioners\\_Association.pdf](http://www.halcrowpensioners.org.uk/media/Constitution_of_the_Halcrow_Pensioners_Association.pdf)].

Three comments were made about the constitution. One concerned the date at which membership dues became payable (1<sup>st</sup> January each year) and the anomalous position created when the first subscriptions payments started in March 2012. The second concerned whether membership is open to deferred pensioners. The third concerned a restatement of the objectives of the association.

A poll was opened on the motion to adopt the constitution unchanged, and passed with 31 in favour, 1 against. The constitution is therefore adopted as it stands but the committee will review the suggestions and propose any changes to members.

#### 4. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT

MB submitted the Annual Report of Committee for the Period to 31st March 2013 [full text available at <http://www.halcrowpensioners.org.uk/forum/index.php?action=dlattach;topic=59.0;attach=15>]. This was adopted with 32 in favour, none against.

#### 5. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MS submitted the Treasurer's Report, April 2013 [full text available at <http://www.halcrowpensioners.org.uk/forum/index.php?action=dlattach;topic=59.0;attach=16>]. This was adopted with 32 in favour, no one against.

##### Summary Financial

Statement Income	Amount (£)
Subscriptions from members	880.26
Compensation from Natwest	240.00
Total Income	1110.26
Expenditure	0.00
Balance	1110.26

The HPA membership at the end of March numbered 85; by 28 April (the last day of the AGM) the numbers had risen to 107. The current membership is 107.

#### 6. MOTIONS PUT TO THE AGM

Discussions took place on the forum regarding various motions. These motions were voted on and votes cast are as follows:

##### **AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBERS, ANY RESIDUAL FUNDS AVAILABLE SHOULD BE :**

Donated to a charity selected by the committee	16
Returned to members	1
No decision should be taken at this time	12

The vote on the motion is duly entered in the record. No action is called for at this time.

##### **SHOULD WE JOIN THE UK OCCUPATIONAL PENSIONERS ALLIANCE?**

Yes	31
No	1

The committee will now take the necessary steps to join the OPA.

##### **WHAT IS THE BEST WAY FOR HPA TO RAISE MONEY?**

Continue the £10 (or as otherwise agreed) annual subscription	17
Have a £10 initial subscription plus contributions if/when needed	2
Continue the £10 annual subscription plus contributions if/when needed	12

The HPA subscription will therefore continue at £10 per year, with the renewal date to be advised.

## **7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Only one nomination was received for each honorary officer position and six nominations were received for the committee positions (less than the 8 positions provided by the constitution). Elections were therefore not required. The Committee for the year to the next AGM is therefore:

Stephen Brichieri-Colombi	Honorary Chairman
Malcolm Bennett	Honorary Treasurer/Membership Secretary
Jane Tordoff	Honorary Secretary
John Ratsey	Webmaster
Jon Bateman	Committee Member
Mike Scantlebury	Committee Member
Chris Fleming	Committee Member - New
Vic Scott	Committee Member - New
Brian Finney	Committee Member - New

The Committee thanked Colin Schoon for his service as a committee member, noting with appreciation that he had chosen to step down but had volunteered assistance if needed.

## **8. DISCUSSIONS**

Suggestions were made that we should:

- assign particular areas of monitoring of the company to individuals, to spread the load and help us to pick up useful information early, as time is of the essence. Sources would include a list of websites, CH2, financial publications, sites arising from joining the UK PA etc.
- consider using the Pension Regulator Whistleblowing website.
- not embark on a course of tilting at windmills, as there is no evidence to suggest CH2M Hill intends withdrawing support from HPS, despite a shocking set of accounts from Halcrow.

The committee will give due regard to these points, and will advise members of their response.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no further issues raised under this heading.

## **10. CLOSING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The 2013 AGM has is now officially over and we have met the objectives as set out in the constitution. The constitution and reports have been accepted by a great majority, and a new committee has been created, with three new faces and one retirement. This represents a vote of confidence in the committee, which is much appreciated.

There has been a good response from members, both in discussion and voting, and we can all be pleased with the fact that as a result membership has increased. The new committee will now review the results and issue a newsletter to sum up the findings and advise on how we intend to respond to the various suggestions.

We were all a little apprehensive about how on on-line meeting would go, but can be pleased with the result. Much of the credit goes to our webmaster, John Ratsey, for setting it up, but without the active participation of members, nothing would have been achieved. So, many thanks to you all.

Please continue to use the forum and use it to raise concerns and share information over the coming year.