

Annual General Meeting

Meeting Minutes

LCFA Sefton, Drummond Road

Thursday, 11th September 2025. 6:30pm

1. Welcome
2. Acceptance of minutes from last AGM

Members confirmed they had read and understood in advance of the meeting.
Accepted, no comments

3. Trustees Annual Report (2023/24)
 - Charity Update
 - Campaign Update

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Accepted, no comments

4. Audited Annual Statement of Accounts (2023/24)

Members confirmed they had read and understood in advance of the meeting.
Accepted.

It was noted that a surplus was made in this financial period.

5. Trustees Annual Report (DRAFT) (2024/25)
 - Charity Update
 - Campaign Update

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Noted that this was a significant year with the cancellation of the road.

6. Trustee appointments

- Retirements

As the longest serving trustee, Gary Young retired.

- Nominations

Members confirmed they had received an invitation to put themselves forward as a trustee in advance of the meeting. Explained the importance of our charity's board of trustees being reflective of our community and the charity's beneficiaries, so we welcome and encourage applications from people of all demographics.

Gary Young happy to be renominated.

Trustee, Simon Albert, ran through RVF's nominations committee who meet to consider new applications to ensure that the charity's best interests are at heart and that applicants are aware of trustees' duties.

Having received a request from Sandra Brogan, the committee were happy to put Sandra forward for nomination as a trustee.

- Votes to accept/reject

Both Gary Young and Sandra Brogan were approved by unanimous vote.

7. Funding update & plans for growth

Activities Coordinator, Stuart Bennett, ran through a presentation covering latest funding situation, what the charity is seeking funding for, and shared 2 example projects.

Also covered the charity's plans to develop its membership base, seek sponsorship from local businesses, the launch of a charity lottery and fundraising events and activities. This, along with a growth plan (currently in draft), will help the charity to become more self-sustaining and less reliant on grants, which is something larger funders look for.

Summarised some of the key achievements in the last financial period including the number of activities delivered, volunteer hours accrued, examples of the demographic of our beneficiaries and why it is important to act on the feedback we receive.

8. Any other business

Campaigning

Members expressed a desire not to lose the momentum or huge amount of work put into opposing the road when considering the charity's future. Important to retain a link to our campaign and to make it known that the issue has not gone away. The fight for Rimrose was a 'turn on' for many people in the surrounding communities and we don't want to lose this support and interest in the park.

All agreed that an element of campaigning must continue.

Activities Coordinator advised that this was the subject of a recently successful bid to Patagonia. Whilst reference to continued campaigning was included in the Draft Trustees Annual Report for 2024-25, this piece of work should have been more explicitly included in the presentation slides and has been added for all members' information and reassurance that the charity remains committed to this work.

Cycling activities

Trustee, Gary Young, expressed a desire for the charity to continue to work with Dr Bike (The Bicycle Workshop & Training Ltd) to capitalise on the interest shown from Rimrose communities in the free maintenance sessions, delivered through funding from Cycling UK.

Consistency of activities

Trustee, Sandra Brogan, expressed a desire for the charity to deliver a more consistent programme of events throughout the year, for example, weekly Tai Chi, Yoga, rather than this be sporadic. Consistency would result in people making it part of their regular routine and help develop an attachment to the park. Funding secured through future applications will hopefully make this possible. It was also raised that, if there is enough demand, those who are willing to pay/donate could be encouraged to. However, need to bear in mind that many funders like activities to be offered for free, removing barriers to participation.

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