

Minutes of the BMECP AGM

Date: 20 February 2025

Time: 16:00pm

Location: BMECP Centre

1. Welcome and Introduction

- The meeting was called to order by Nason Bimbe the chairman, who welcomed all attendees and outlined the agenda.

2. Review of Previous Minutes

- The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. Attendees were invited to raise any questions or comments. No objections were noted.

3. Financial Report

- The Treasurer presented the financial report for the fiscal year 2023-2024, highlighting the following:
- The organization has been awarded a grant of £39,000 for energy efficiency improvements.
- Current expenditures include 54% on energy costs.
- Income primarily comes from facility rentals, with ongoing discussions for additional funding from local authorities.

4. Constitutional Amendments

- Proposed changes to the Constitution regarding trustee elections were discussed:
- Removal of the clause that prohibits trustees from standing for re-election immediately after their term.
- Simplification of language regarding co-option of trustees.
- A vote was conducted, with a majority in favour of the proposed amendments.

5. Reports from Trustees

- Judy provided insights on ongoing initiatives, including:
- Improving the community centre's website to enhance user experience and facilitate online bookings.
- Developing policies for better community engagement and social impact measurement.
- Plans for fundraising activities and partnerships with local organizations.

6. Community Engagement Initiatives

- Discussions on increased participation in community events, such as:
- Open House during the Brighton Festival.
- Marathon participation to raise awareness and funds.
- Workshops and training programs for skills development within the community.

7. Questions and Open Forum

- Participants raised various questions regarding community support, the role of the local council, and future initiatives.
- Suggestions included:

- Conducting surveys to determine community needs.
- Enhancing visibility of the centre through newsletters and social media.
- Offering skills training sessions for members.

8. Conclusion

- The chair thanked all attendees for their contributions and emphasized the importance of collaboration and community involvement moving forward.
- The meeting concluded with a reminder of the next meeting date and time.

Next Meeting: February 2026

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 20:00pm.

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