

SOUTH HOLLAND AND THE DEEPINGS LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

MINUTES OF AGM ON SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2010 HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM,
BUSINESS CENTRE, SPALDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL, PRIORY ROAD.

PRESENT: Kathleen Tanner (Chairman and Secretary), Councillor Ken Joynson (Honorary President and Treasurer), Maureen Harold, Dick Rawden, Glyn Mayley, John Tippler, Phil Hammersley, Edward Richardson, Jenny Conroy PPP,
In Attendance: Roger Conroy

1. APOLOGIES: Anne Ramkaran, Ruth Peat, Dick and Vivien Berry, Mrs.M.Stanley, Mrs Childs, Jack Beavis, Brenda Rigelsford

2. MINUTES of the AGM held on 22nd November 2009

Proposed: Ken Joynson, seconded Dick Rawden, that these be a true record, carried.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman.

Thanks were given to Executive members for all their help and support during 2009. Our candidate Jenny Conroy, came second in the constituency election and we gained a number of new members and supporters. Welcome to you all we look forward to working with you in the future.

There have been problems this year with a number of members being ill and unable to be as active as usual. Our thanks to Ruth for all her long service over the years, we will miss the tea and biscuits at her house. Best wishes to Anne and a speedy recovery from her accident.

Proposed: Ken Joynson, Seconded: Dick Rawden

3.2 Treasurer

Ken was unable to continue as Treasurer due to pressures of Council business and Kathleen took over. Election costs and lack of fund raising this year means the balance is now £518.14

Kathleen and Ken were thanked for their efforts.

Proposed by Maureen, seconded by Dick that accounts be accepted

3.3 Membership Development Officer.

Anne not here but Dick reported that membership had risen from 27 to 42, an increase of 15 most of which came online. There was a general discussion about the benefits of using the internet for recruitment and the **need to keep the website up to date and interesting**. Dick and Glyn will liaise. Glyn has a student who is keen to work on the website which would be really useful. Edward has much experience in Journalism and is also willing to help, so hopefully this will all lead to more new members in the future.

3.4 Data Officer

EARS continued to be maintained and updated, it costs £100 per year and provides much useful information, especially for elections

3.5 South Kesteven District Council.

Ken discussed the problems of having 2 very different district councils in the constituency, S.K having more major towns while South Holland is mainly rural with smaller population centres. This means that many of the important activities are shared with other, different, councils. For example S.H refers to the new hospital in Peterborough, whereas S.K is at Stamford and Grantham. Students also go to different colleges and schools depending on transport available. This is limited and restricts choice. There are 6 LibDem councillors in S.K, resulting in good understanding of issues and input into solutions. S.H has no County councillors and therefore less knowledge of local issues.

Ken highlighted the need to watch the cuts being suggested particularly in those areas such as education aimed at helping the unemployed into work because they had been very successful. If these were cut or transport withdrawn it would be more expensive in the long run if they needed to be re-introduced.

Jenny commented that cuts now being made affected especially the vulnerable such as people with Alzheimers, where ring fencing had been removed. We need to focus on these issues. There was also a need to keep the Lincs news letter going to keep people informed and to maximise long standing Lib Dem policies of delegating to the lowest levels of local government.

4. Motions to Lincolnshire AGM: None were received.

5. Election of Honorary President

Thanks were given to Councillor Ken for his work in the last year. It was proposed by Kathleen Tanner that he continue for another year, seconded by Edward. Passed unanimously

6. Election of officers, Executive Committee Members.

6.1 Chair: Kathleen Tanner to continue proposed by Maureen Harold, seconded by Dick Rawden

6.2 Vice Chair: Glynn Mayley, proposed by Maureen, seconded by Kathleen

6.3 Secretary. It was proposed that Maureen become minutes secretary and Kathleen continue as secretary. Proposed by Dick, seconded by Ken.

6.4 Treasurer: Kathleen. Proposed by Dick, seconded by Glyn.

6.5 Membership Development Officer: Glyn Mayley proposed by Ken seconded by Maureen

6.6 Data Officer: Proposed that Dick continue with help from John, by Ken. Seconded by Edward

6.7 Executive Committee Members:

Councillor Ken Joynson, Kathleen Tanner, Maureen Harold, Dick Rawden, Anne Ramkaran, Glyn Mayley. Others present at AGM welcome to attend whenever they can. Pr. Dick, 2nd Ken. Carried

6.8 Delegated Nominating Officer. Chairman Kathleen Tanner Pr. Ken. 2nd Glyn. Carried

7 Election of Federal and Regional Conference Representatives:

7.1 Federal Conference: Jenny, Glynn, Kathleen, Phil

7.2 Regional Conference. Kathleen, Glyn, Phil, Dick.

8. To note the accounts for 2009. Noted

9. Appointment of Auditor. Phil Hammersley Accepted unanimously.

Any Other Business. Phil proposed 100 club be set up with a draw every month at a £1 for each number. Accepted, money to be paid into election account.

Meeting closed 12.00 noon, and followed by lunch and informal discussions