

CODS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12th JUNE 2024 HELD AT THE OLD TOWN HALL CREDITON AT 19.30

Present: Mike Canning, Carol Stoye, Yvonne Youles, Gillian Mackenzie, Holly Harris, Lyndsey Betts, Helen Clarke, Nicky Gould, Craig Phoenix, Paul Walker, Victoria Woods, Louise Walton, Bec Gooding, Dan Boxall-Simpson, Hazel Price, Verity Cope, Jason Bomford, Joan and John Musty, Ruth Towers, Rose Swift, Rosanna Clarke, Steph Morgan, with Denis Mardon & Debbie Allen until 19.45

Carol Stoye welcomed everyone

1. Apologies:

Graham Prigg, Tony Pugh, Jenny Holt, Jane Bailey, Anne Ward, Anne Mitchell, Daphne Clague, Brenda Vallance, Margaret Snow, Steve Gooding, Simon Gould, Buffy May, Hilary Lamb, Adele Cox, Jo Strawbridge, Chris Snow, Graham Wallis, Alan Baker, Fenella Rundell, Andy Peel, Kate Norman and Nicola Wilkes.

2. Charity of the Year presentation:

Debbie Allen from the RD&E Hospital and Denis Mardon from the Crediton Heart Project were presented with cheques for £675 each by Carol Stoye. Debbie told us these funds will go towards the children's emergency department appeal.

3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM:

Add Alan Baker, Carol Stoye, Bec Gooding, Helen Clarke, Simon Gould, Holly Harris and Lindsey Betts to those who were present. Minutes proposed by Paul Walker and seconded by Steph Morgan, one abstention with the rest in favour.

4. Report from the Management Committee:

Mike Canning presented his report (attached). Proposed by Lindsey Betts seconded Helen Clarke all in favour.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Proposed by Gillian Mackenzie seconded Nicky Gould, all in favour.

6. Election of Officers:

Chair Mike Canning, Vice Chair Holly Harris, Treasurer Craig Phoenix, Minutes Secretary Helen Clarke. Nobody came forward for the post of secretary. Proposed by Steph Morgan seconded by Cathy Lamb, all in favour. The Committee Members are Carol Stoye, Alan Baker, Gillian Mackenzie, Paul Walker, Lindsey Betts and Nicky Gould. Proposed by Bec Gooding seconded by John Musty, all agreed. Mike said we could have up to 18 committee members and at present we have only 10. If anyone would like to come for a taster evening at committee please feel free to do so.

Carol then handed the meeting over to Mike Canning. Gillian Mackenzie thanked Mike for chairing what turned out to be not an easy year and for coming back for another year. Steph Morgan spoke of her experience on the committee and thanked the committee for their commitment.

7. Annual subs/Performance fee:

Mike Canning said the subs have been fairly static over the last few years with £40/£30 for members and £10/£10 for juniors. These need to increase for the 2025/26 season with the suggestion of £45/£35 and £10/ £20. The parents in the room agreed this was acceptable, with one parent suggesting £10 was too little. Holly Harris said children will not be needed three times a year therefore it didn't seem fair to pay more. Mike Canning said sometimes families are involved with a suggestion there should be a reduction. Craig Phoenix suggested as everything is getting more expensive and with many having a limited budget, a gradual increase was the best way to go. It was agreed there would be some discretion if someone couldn't afford the increase and he would be happy to discuss way forward. £45/£35 and £10/£20 was proposed by Craig Phoenix seconded by Paul Walker, one abstention with the rest in favour.

8. Remuneration:

This is being revisited and no votes will be taken at the meeting with a Mailchimp being sent to all members after the meeting. Members will be asked to reply Yvonne Youles's email with their vote within seven days. Remuneration was last addressed at the 2021 AGM with the proviso it would be looked at again in 2024. There was a discussion regarding the potential re-introduction of payment to members and it was agreed that it was a complex question which should be put to the AGM for discussion and voting by the membership.

9. Good Cause for 2024/25:

John Musty nominated Age Concern Crediton and with no other nominations Carol Stoye confirmed we would adopt Age Concern as our Charity of the Year.

With no further business, the meeting closed at 20.35