

Humanists UK

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Sunday 21 June 2020, 15.00 – 15:12

at 39A Moreland Street, London, EC1V 8BB

Present: Andrew Copson (Chief Executive and Company Secretary), Catriona McLellan (Director of Operations), Mark Wardrop.

Apologies for Absence: Michael du Pre.

Observing the meeting via online video: Tamar Ghosh (Chair of Trustees)

Present by proxy: Craig Aaen-Stockdale, Mohammad Abdulaziz, Mark Adams, Jacqueline Adams, Gail Addis, Roksana Akter, Simon Allen, John Allen, Brian Allen, Keith Anderson, Liya Asner, Angela Auset, Anne Bacon, Peter Bailey, Cameron Bairstow, Joan Bakewell, Brian Balmain, Tobias Barker, Neil Barker, Vivian Barraclough, Richard Bartle, Ian Beaumont, Gillian Beckett, Damian Belson, Dale Benest, Chris Beney, Andrew Benson-wilson, David Benton, James Beston, Mary Betteridge, Rhys Bevan, Richard Beynon, Jill Billington, Keith Billington, Robert Billson, David Bird, Charles Blackshaw, John Blakey, Rhian Blakey, David Blatherwick, Jonathan Blinman, Tom Blundell, Caroline Blyth, Dermot Bolton, Brian Boyle, Julian Bray, Philip Brazier, Derek Brickell, Harry Broom, Lena Brown, David Browning, David Bruck, Max Buckmaster, Simon Bull, Susan Burningham, Lorely Burt, Colin Byfleet, Graham Byles, Geoff Caldwell, Neil Camp, Jacqueline Campbell, JC Candanedo, Peter Cannings-Bushell, Stephen Carroll, Barry Cartman, John Catt, Alasdair Chalmers, Diana Clark, Graeme Clark, Michael Clegg, Gillian Coates, Melvin Coleman, Neil Collie, Liam Collins, Les Collins, Hilary Collins, Margaret Cooper, James Cooper, Julia Copson, J Corbett, Peter Cornell, Rob Corp, Rona Courtney, Godelieve Cousins, Sharon Cox, Tim Cox, Tom Crick, David Cryer, Barbara Cummins, Elisabeth Cunliffe, David Cunningham Green, Georgina Cuthbertson, David Davidson, Jennifer Davies, Adrian Davis, Ronald Davis, Nigel Day, Tony De Jong, Iain Deboys, Aelred Derbyshire, Gerry Dickinson, Stephen Doherty, Dave Donaghy, David Donaldson, Vivienne Donnithorne, Paul Douglas, John Dowdle, Warwick Downes, Carol Draper, Pamela Draper, David Dugdale, Elizabeth Duncan, Annette Earl, James Edwards, Ian Edwards, Julian Eldridge, Alan Emmerson, Paul England, Phillip Evans, Laura Evans, Ray Evison, Anita Fair, Barry Fairbairn, Robert Farmer, Richard Farrar, Paul Featherstone, Michael Fenn, Jim Flood, Samuel Flowers, Rachael Flynn, Ruth Forbes, Yvonne Forsey, Sheila Foster, Diana Fox, Tom Foxe, Lisa French, Leonard Furst, James Gallimore, Ruth Garcha, Jill Garnham, Jack Garstang, Dianne Garstang, Ed Gibney, Graham Gibson, Richard Gilyead, George Glansdorp, Kaarin Goodburn, William Gordon, Helen Gordon, Mick Gordon, Dave Gordon-Shute, Sam Gorst, Janice Grady, George Graham, Neil Grant, Roy Grantham, James Gravenor, Marcel Graves, A Gregg Smith, Anthony Griffin, Janet Guy, Nigel Haines, Robin Hall, Karen Hall, David Hancock, David Harper, Rod Hawkley, Ruth Hazeldine, Sally Hazelton, Michael Heap, Roy Heaps, Clair Heffernan, Geoffrey Helliwell, Peter Herbert, Jo Hewitt, Celia Hickson, Wendy Hill, Clive Hinds, Jeremy Hodge, Stewart Holden, Brian Holst, Alison Holt, Martin Hooper, Ian Hopgood, Will Howells, Brian

Hubbard, Jo Huddleston, Paul Hughes, Peter Hyams, Alan Iles, Adam Jacobs, Richard Jacques, Linda James, Sandra Jarvis, Robin Jequier, Graham Johnson, Nadine Johnson, Denis Johnston, Robert Johnstone, Charlie Jones, Mike Jones, Neville Jones, Sean Jordan, John Jordan, Paula Kahn, Michael Kaill, Jadvji Kanji, Briony Kapoor, Ulrich Katte, Ruth Kaufman, Steven Kay, Severyn Kender, Roland Kennett, Connaire Kensit, Audrey King, Gordon King, Diana Kornbrot, Martin Kubler, Benia Kuczynska, Martine Lamour, Frances Lane, Alan Legge, Hilary Leichter, Tom Leonard, Elaine Lever, Tom Levitt, Brynda Lewis, Anthony Lewis, Robert Lindley, Marilyn Lloyd, Janet Lopacki, Brian Luff, Alasdair Macdonald, Geoffrey Mackett, Martin Madsen, Shivan Malde, Matthew Male, Colin Malone, Kevin Malone, John Mangold, Derek Marcus, Robert Marshall, Jim Marshall, Diana Martin, Graeme Maslin, Peter Mason, Allan Matthews, Karen McAtamney, Stephen McBride, Emily McCullouch, Peter McGinty, John Mcparland, Olivia Meheux, Doug Milford, Clive Miller, David Mills, Mahdi Mohajeri, Trevor Moore, Julia Mundy, Howard Myers, Christine Newman, Simon Nightingale, Richard Norman, Paul Nurse, Geof Nuttall, Ann O'Connell, Gordon Ogilvie, Vladimir Oka, Richard Oliver, Karry Omer, Helen Owen, David Paget, Jonathan Pallant, June Parish, Nitin Parmar, Sara Passmore, Colin Pearson, Richard Penney, Chris Perkins, Susanne Pickup, Tony Pinkney, Joe Platts, David Pollock, Tony Price, Mike Pritchard, Teddy Prout, Lynn Purcell, Martin Quinlan, Norman Ralph, Paul Ramsay, Lorna Reith, Doris Richards, John Ricketts, Michael Rickwood, James Rider, Linda Robards, Neill Roberts, Eileen Rodgers, Alan Rodway, Joe Rooks, Nicholas Ross, Joyce Rueffer, Francois Rugiero, K Ryder, Stephen Sauvain, John Savage, David Savage, Ann-Veronica Scaramanga, Noel Scott, David Seddon, Joe Seery, Gail Senior, Victoria Sharratt, David Shaw, Neil Short, Antony Silson, Christopher Smith, Chris Smith, Gordon Smith, Graham Smith, Joan Smith, Marco Smith, Maggie Smith, Richard Smith, Greg Smyth, Rosemary Somers, John Southall, Bob Stammers, Richard Stein, Alison Stein, Spyros Stergiakis, John Stiles, R Suddaby, Anna Sullivan, Daphne Sulston, Michael Sykes, Ian Symons, Romney Tansley, Jillian Taylor, Laurence Taylor, Ruth Taylor, Sheila Taylor, Mark Taylor, Tanya Taylor, Laura Taylor, David Taylor, Rebecca Tee, Margaret Thomas, Ben Thomas, Patricia Thompson, Liz Thompson, Richard Thomson, David Tooley, Dennis Toye, Max Traeger, Matthew Treadwell, Anne Tucker, Carole Tuffin, Steve Tunn, Martyn Vaughan, Keith Vickerman, Peter Vickery, Brian Vigurs, Mark Wakefield, Gerald Wakelin, Nick Walbridge, Phil Walder, Stuart Walker, D R Wardell, Asim Warraich, Deborah Waters, Robin Watson, David Watson, Brian Watson, John Watson, Dan Webb, Richard Wentford, Martin Weston, Terry Wheeler, Graeme Wilkinson, Anthea Wilkinson, Gwyn Williams, Susan Williams, Anthony Keith Wilson, Raymond Wilson, Alan Wilson, Alison Wilson, J. E. Windsor, Dr Paul Wood, Paul Wood, Fraser Woodburn, Charlotte Woodworth, John Worthy.

Andrew Copson took the Chair.

Adoption of Standing Orders: On the proposal of the Chair, the Standing Orders were adopted by the meeting.

Minutes of the AGM of Sunday 23 June 2019: On the proposal of the Chair, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Matters arising from the previous minutes: There were no matters arising.

Election to the Board of Trustees: The Company Secretary reported the results of the election for trustees in which there were 1,614 valid votes cast. The following candidates (in alphabetical order) were elected: Greg Atkins, Ewan Main, and Stephanie Niven. The Company Secretary observed the unusually low turnout and that the Board of Trustees were considering this.

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019: John Adams (Treasurer) had provided a report on the annual accounts to members, which was circulated with the AGM notice. This is available to members on the member website. The report and accounts for 2019 were accepted with 394 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

Re-appointment of Auditor: Knox Cropper was re-appointed as auditor with 386 votes in favour, 3 against, and 7 abstentions.

Remuneration of Auditor: The trustees were authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditor 393 in favour, 1 against, and 5 abstentions.

Any other Business: There was none.