

Humanists UK Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Sunday 16 June 2024, 15.30

at Cardiff Students' Union, Park Place, Cardiff, CF10 3QN

Present: Alice Adams, John Adams, Mark Agathangelou, Jessica Alexander, John Archer, Robert Ashby, Nick Baldwin, Tony Barrett, Sarah Bennett, Noreen Brosnan, Brian Catchpoole, Jo Clough, Margaret Cooper, Phoenix Cooper, Adrian Davis, Iain Deboys, Geoff Doel, Julie Doel, Ian Dunbar, Jessica Edwards, Clare Elcombe Webber, Claudia Elgueta, Mathew Engelke, Ian Ephrave, Panos Fellas, Michael Angelo Fisher, Susan Fisher, Dave Gilmour, Ewan Goodjohn, Susan Guiver, Neil Hawkins, Fran Hill, James Hodgson, Nick Hooper, Julyan Hunter, Paul Jenkins, Briony Kapoor, Roshan Kassi, Ruth Kaufman, Maureen Kvebekk, Helen Lindsay, Marilyn Mackley, Ewan Main, Neil McKain, Helen Mitcham, Richard Norman, Ann O'Connell, Alan Palmer, Paula Palmer, Colin Partridge, Gordon Peckham, Joe Platts, Maggie Platts, Dean Powell, Pete Rawlings, Sarah Robbins, Malcolm Rochefort, Jano Rochefort, Jeremy Rodell, George Rodger, Robert Ross, Andrew Russell, Martin Sach, Keith Sharp, Emma Shepherd, Rory Sheridan, Harry Small, Mick Wilkins, Alan Willey, Andy Wright, Simon Whipple. Shula Kakon, Roshan Kassi, and thirty-nine more members.

Staff in attendance: Ann-Michelle Burton, Andrew Copson, Luke Donellan, Jessica Edwards, Guy Hirst, Catriona McLellan, Laura Newlyn, Ian Scott, Boyd Sleator, Clare Elcombe Webber, Andrew West, Liam Whitton, Aaron Wilkins.

Apologies for Absence: Baroness (Joan) Bakewell, Gill Cina, Julia Copson, Tom Blundell, Cathryn Fraser, Brian Goredema-Braid, Trevor Dobson, Michael Heap, Judy Hutchings, David Hullin, David Leigh, Ann Levick, Esther Morris, Diana Naumann, Dr Simon Nightingale, John Upson, Alex Simpson, Richard Stein, Ariadne Tampion, Simon Walker-Samuel, Mark Wardrop, Chris Weir, Kate West, Adrian Widdowson.

Adoption of Standing Orders: On the proposal of Neil Hawkins (Chair of the Board of Trustees and AGM), the Standing Orders were adopted by the meeting, with no one against.

Declarations of Interest: The chair reminded those present that members speaking should declare any potential conflict of interest in relation to any item. There were no declarations of interest.

Tellers: Harry Small and Jessica Alexander were appointed as tellers and the Company Secretary as timekeeper.

Minutes of the AGM of Sunday 11 June 2023: On the proposal of the Chair, the

minutes were approved with no one against.

Matters arising from the previous minutes: The Vice Chair, Neil McKain, provided a brief update on actions taken on the motion approved last year included the sections of the motion remitted to the Board.

Chair and Chief Executive address: The Chair and Chief Executive reported on the past year's activities, highlighting Humanists UK's many successes and the hard work ahead, and answered questions from the floor.

Elections to the Board of Trustees: The three candidates for the four vacancies on the Board of Trustees were approved unanimously by show of hands without opposition. The following candidates were elected (in alphabetical order of election): Samira Ahmed, Tamar Ghosh, and Amy Walden. Thanks were expressed by all those present to all candidates who stood.

Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023: Ann O'Connell (Treasurer) presented the Annual Report and Accounts to members. The Report and Accounts for 2023 were received with no one against.

Re-appointment of Auditor: Knox Cropper were re-appointed as auditors to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting, with no one against.

Remuneration of Auditor: The trustees were authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditor, with no one against.

Any other Business: There was none