

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF EMSWORTH RESIDENTS FORUM**

## **DRAFT**

Held at 7.00 pm 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Emsworth Community Centre

Chaired by: Dwywnwen Stepien

### **1. Chair's Introduction**

The chair welcomed attendees to the meeting which comes at the end of the second year of operation of the ERF.

### **2. Apologies for absence**

A list of apologies and attendees, and further copies of the papers presented, are available on request to the secretary.

### **3. Minutes of the previous general meetings**

The chair led a review of the draft minutes of the EGM held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and no points were raised. A vote that the minutes be approved was proposed by Grainne Rason and seconded by Ellie Turnbull and carried unanimously.

The chair led a review of the draft minutes of the AGM held on 8th May 2024 and no points were raised. A vote that the minutes be approved was proposed by Theo Schofield and seconded by Grainne Rason and carried unanimously.

### **4. Annual Report**

The secretary introduced the Annual Report which was noted.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the 15months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 and no points were raised. A vote to approve the accounts was proposed by Nigel Street and seconded by Stuart Heartfield and carried unanimously.

The Treasurer presented the Year 3 budget and no points were raised. A vote to approve the budget was proposed by Anne Ridley and seconded by Carol Common and carried unanimously.

### **6. Incorporation of the ERF**

The secretary introduced the paper proposing a change in drafting of the new constitution approved at the November EGM to overcome the obstacles to charitable registration that had been encountered. In response to Trevor Davies' query, he confirmed that the document followed the Charities Commission template faithfully and that the revision was confined to the way that the ERF's 'objects' were drafted. A vote to approve the revised drafting and re-apply to the CC was proposed by Peter Tier and seconded by Trevor Davies and carried unanimously.

## **7. Town Council**

The chair sought approval from the meeting for a programme of consultation and delegated authority to seek a Community Governance Review subject to a positive response from residents. A vote to approve this was proposed Roger Bleasby and seconded by Carol Common and carried unanimously with one abstention.

## **8. Election of committee members**

Mike Ridley's re-election for a period of 3 years was proposed by Maggie Gebbett and seconded by Dan Grove and carried unanimously. There were no other nominations.

## **9. Any other business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm