

Principle 5 Yorkshire Co-operative Resource Centre

AGM 2020

Friday 13th November 2020

7:00pm

by videolink via Meet.coop, the online meeting co-operative

Minutes

1. Attendance:

Dave Berry, Dennis Chambers, Jonathan Cook (Chair), Chris Croome, Vivienne Evans, Gillian Lonergan, Michael McGowan, Chris Olewicz, Diane Patterson, Neil Rhodes, Steve Thompson, Philip Watson.

Apologies:

John Carlisle, Isabella Hitchcock (Beanies), Sylvia Howarth, Naomi Lopez, Jean & Ken Martin, Mike Pye, Jamie Risner, Naomi Rosenberg, Andrew Sanderson, Jean Tinsley, Barry Winter (ILP), Grant Wolstencroft.

2. Minutes of the last AGM: Were agreed as correct.

3. Matters Arising: No Matters arising.

4. Directors Report: The directors report was tabled and received. Particular thanks were given to Rosemary Telfer who has helped a lot during the recent resource centre refurbishment. She has left the committee this year, but remains a member.

5. Accounts: The accounts were accepted.

6. Publications: The meeting was updated about the Sheffield Co-operator (newspaper) and the first published pamphlet 'Sheffield and Socialism'.

7. Indexing Co-operative News: An update was given. It was started at the AGM two years ago. Steve Thompson is working consistently in adding editions to it. Thanks were also given to Jade Cao who did the initial database setup (now returned to China, but keeping in touch) and Naomi Rosenberg who assisted greatly, and has offered further technical help.

The possibility of incorporating the Principle 5 Catalogue into the online searchable Co-operative News database was discussed.

8. Cooperation Town: The meeting heard about the *Co-operation Town* movement, which seeks to encourage small co-ops in every area dealing with people's basic needs, such as food purchasing. It has been spoken of as a re-launch of local co-ops, and several towns are participating. In Sheffield, there are tentative plans for a *Co-operation Town Westfield*, and Principle 5 will observe and support the venture, where possible.

9. Activities for the coming year: It was agreed that a *Reading Group* will be started with 'Hope in Hell' by Jonathon Porritt as the first book. There is a copy in the Principle 5 library. It was published this year and is still in print. It is also available electronically.

The Principle 5 *Study Group* continues and notes are regularly included in the monthly *newsletters*.

Principle 5 now has the use of an overhead scanner, and this could be used to preserve valuable documents and make them more accessible for readers and researchers.

10. Election of the Directors: Dennis Chambers, Jonathan Cook and Chris Olewicz were elected.

11. Any Other Business: None

This ended the formal part of the AGM

There followed informal discussion.