

Resurrection Trading

Minutes of AGM

Date	Tuesday 22 nd October 2024
Time	Refreshments provided by Alton Sustainable Eating from 18:30 AGM commenced at 19:02
Location	All Saints Church Hall Queens Road, Alton GU34 1HU
Attendees	
Trustees	John Hubbard (Chairman), Robin Lees, Tim Codling, Derek Gurney, Paul Adair
Members	Lisa Hillan, Revd. Andrew Micklefield, Revd. David Chattell, Sarah Neish, Robin Kemp, Matthew Bayliss, Derek Gurney, Angie Briggs
Guests	Mike Rumsby (CAP guest speaker), Natasha Perrin, Chris Scawen, Su Johnson, Gary Phillips and partner, Pauline Gibbs, Joyce Willman, Tony Willman, Martin Baines, Sue Hubbard, Kay Walker, Wendy Harris, Jaqui Falder, Elaine Cook, Mike Hamman, Mike Loxley, Sue Jakubowski, David Buckler.

Item	Description
1	Welcome John Hubbard (JH) opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. He invited Revd. Andrew Micklefield to lead an opening prayer. JH gave the background to the attendees as to how Resurrection Trading (RT) was started by members of St Lawrence Church and explained that the PCC creates a connection between the POTR and RT because PCC members are also members of RT. JH invited Eleanor Hill from Alton Sustainable Eating (aka SustainaBites), to speak briefly on their purpose. Eleanor spoke about this new group within ACAN, formed less than 1 year ago: it has the mission to give people a chance to taste plant-based foods and to promote the advantages to diet, health and the environment JH noted apologies received from: • <i>Trustees:</i> Gemma Allman • <i>Members:</i> Tori Hewitt, Cheryl Fisher, Magnus Weighton, Helen Walters, Wendy Burnhams • <i>Guests:</i> Steve Hannington (CAP), Gwyneth Partridge, Barbara Bullard JH specifically noted apologies from Steve Hannington from CAP who was unable to attend and thanked Mark Rumsby for standing-in at short notice. Approval of minutes of last AGM and those of the meeting on 9/1/24 <i>Proposed:</i> Revd. Andrew Micklefield <i>Seconded:</i> Robin Kemp <i>Voted:</i> unanimously

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Chairman's Report

Presentation and adoption of the report and annual accounts. **JH** talked to this, specifically highlighting:

- Natash Perrin's excellent performance as manager from June 2023 and her inclusive style of management
- The volunteer force is 60 strong, divided between shop, workshop and van teams: there have been few leavers during the course of the year
- At the Summer Graden Party long-service awards were presented to John Hubbard, Joyce Willman, Anne Marshall and Gary Phillips
- A work experience programme has been set up with Alton College
- Visual merchandising continues to be improved, including the introduction of a new window 'stage' display area
- There have been major mechanical problems with the van but repairs and use of interim rented vans have been expertly coordinated by Tim Codling
- The workshop team continue to repair and enhance donated furniture and this often requires a balance between spending sufficient vs too much time/resources
- Some items for sale in the shop are for the Monthly Market
- The trustees have approved two additional strap lines: 'Supporting our local community' and 'Reuse, recycle, resurrect!'
- Customers like coming into the shop; they enjoy the friendly reception and the personal touch and so weekly sales are rising: up from £2500 to £2850 in a year. **JH** thanked the volunteers for this achievement and this was greeted with applause
- In the y/e June 2024, **RT** allocated £50k in grants. Some of the causes were nominated by volunteers. Funding to POTR saw an increase of 40% to fund the cost of a CYF worker. A two-year funding agreement with CAP began
- June 2024 also saw **RT** reaching the milestone of a total of £100k awarded in grants since it's inception in 2017: this was greeted with applause by the meeting
- This year there is the potential to give a further £100k (£70k, plus £30k unspent). **RT** will improve grant-giving procedure with a new policy and will launch a plan to attract new grant applications
- **JH** suggested for any questions to be addressed at the end of the meeting

Proposed: Matthew Bayliss

Seconded: Sarah Neish

Voted: unanimously

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Trustees

Approval of re-election of Tim Codling as a trustee and ratify appointment of Paul Adair a trustee on 20th March 2024

Proposed: Lisa Hillan

Seconded: Angie Briggs

Voted: unanimously

4	Q&A Session • Robin Lees announced that weekly revenue was currently averaging £3100: this is running at £350 p/w more than last year • Revd. Andrew Micklefield gave thanks to JH for all that he has been doing ‘behind the scenes’ and acknowledged and gave thanks for the speedy journey from a startup to the major success that RT now is • Lisa Hillan relayed thanks from the Kings Arms
5	Guest Speaker A presentation was given by Mark Rumsby from CAP (Christians Against Poverty). Firstly, he thanked RT for the grant of £6.5k over 2 years to specifically fund an administrator (Catherine Brown) for 1 day per week. The Alton branch of CAP is one of 300, which extends beyond the UK. Mark highlighted and talked about the three categories of support that it provides: • Debt help: increasingly they are working with those who cannot get day-to-day budgets to balance. The Alton branch has 2 debt coaches and 15 befrienders. It is emotionally draining for all involved but over the last 10 years everyone’s efforts have meant that 103 households are now free of debt; 55% are single mothers • Job club: assist getting people back into work. This initiative struggled at first but is now getting more attendees • Money coaching course: helping people to use credit wisely, to budget and to save
6	Chairman Closes the Meeting There was a plea from Sue Hubbard for help in delivering letters for the local All Souls Service on 3rd November. Meeting closed at 19:45