



Civic Voice Annual General Meeting 2021

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Online via Zoom

Friday 15th October 2021, 2pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/civic-voice-agm-2021-tickets-167604007097>

Notice is hereby given that we will be holding the AGM of Civic Voice for 2020-2021 on Zoom on Friday 15th October 2021 at 2pm.

The purpose will be to transact the following business:

1. To agree the minutes for AGM 2020 ([available here](#)).
2. Appointment of Messrs McMillan and Co LLP Chartered Accountants as independent examiners
3. Ratification of Trustees appointed to serve from 2021-2025
4. Any other business relevant to the AGM
 1. Motion 1 Climate Change Emergency
 2. Motion 2 Formal Status for Civic Societies in Planning System

We hope that you can join us for the AGM, but if not, please do send apologies. Apologies can be sent to info@civicvoice.org.uk and will be recorded at the meeting.

The AGM is free for Civic Voice members to attend, but registration is required [here](#) so that we can issue you the Zoom details to access the meeting.

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Taking the agenda items in turn:

** All civic societies who are members of Civic Voice have a right to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak and vote at the meeting. To appoint a proxy at the meeting, please contact Ian Harvey via info@civicvoice.org.uk to discuss further.*

1. To agree the minutes for AGM 2020 ([available here](#)).

- Proposed by: Blackpool Civic Trust

We need you to indicate via info@civicvoice.org.uk if you are For, Against or are Abstaining on this decision.

2. Appointment of Messrs McMillan and Co LLP Chartered Accountants as independent examiners

- Proposed by Martin Gunson, Civic Voice Treasurer & Lytham St. Annes Civic Society

We need you to indicate via info@civicvoice.org.uk if you are For, Against or Abstaining on this decision.

3. Ratification of Trustees appointed to serve from 2021-2025. To appoint:

- Helen Kidman, Ilkley Civic Society
- Margaret Hollins, Epsom Civic Society
- Philip Riden, Chesterfield Civic Society
- Recommended by Civic Voice Governance Committee
- Proposed by: Blackpool Civic Trust

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4. Any other business relevant to the AGM

Motion 1 Climate Change Emergency

Motion 2 Formal Status for Civic Societies in Planning System

We need you to indicate via info@civicvoice.org.uk if you are For, Against or Abstaining on these motions.

By order of the Board of Civic Voice

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Motion one: Climate Change Emergency

We recognise that a climate crisis is upon us. As a national organisation, we recognise the influence that we have with civic societies and community groups across England.

We commit for Civic Voice as an organisation to take account of climate change within our own organisation, practices and activities, including staff travel, events and meetings.

We commit to delivering our charitable objectives, which include promoting sustainable development by the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment, and the promotion of the prudent use of resources

We commit to informing communities about the challenges the planet is facing, and to highlight examples of how community can take practical action, with the aim to inspire civic societies to develop local activities that respond to this agenda.

We commit to supporting individual civic societies to consider how they can promote sustainable development in their own activities.

We commit to supporting and developing the capacity and skills of individuals and communities to understand and act to conserve, protect, and improve the environment of their locality

For, Against or Abstain

Motion two: Formal Status for Civic Societies in Planning System

If the Planning Bill removes the right of individuals to make representations at the individual planning application stage, Civic Voice commits to working with the APPG Civic Societies to:

- (1) Amend the Planning Bill to prevent this from happening, but, if it does,
- (2) We commit to building on the excellent work of civic societies by working to ensure civic societies are named as 'formal representatives' at the local plan stage

For, Against or Abstain

Civic Societies and Local Plans

http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/uploads/files/Background_Paper_CS_and_local_plans.pdf

Timeframe for AGM Motion 2: Background

http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/uploads/files/Timeframe_for_AGM_motion_2_Formal_Status_in_Planning.pdf

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Process for voting

We need you to indicate via info@civicvoice.org.uk if you are For, Against or Abstaining on these motions.

The Civic Voice Board of Trustees authorises the use of an electronic ballot of the members. Members that they have the right to choose whether to cast their votes electronically or by post.

For the purposes of the Articles of Association, a member is any Civic Society that has paid full membership fee before September 31st, 2021.

To vote on the appropriate motions, please email info@civicvoice.org with

Name of Civic Society

Person and position of the person submitting the Vote

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Motion – For/Against/Abstain

Contact details

All votes cast before 9am on 15th October will be counted.

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Agenda for the Full Annual General Meeting:

1. Welcome – Joan Humble, Chair
2. Apologies - To be sent to Civic Voice via - info@civicvoice.org.uk
3. **Approval of minutes from 2020**
4. Financial summary for 2020-2021 – Executive Director, Ian Harvey
5. **The election of Trustees to the Civic Voice Board for 2021-2025**
6. **Appointment of independent examiners Messrs McMillan and Co LLP for 2021 - 2022 – proposed by Martin Gunson, Treasurer**
7. Any other business relevant to an AGM
 - a. Motion 1 Climate Change Emergency
 - b. Motion 2 Formal Status for Civic Societies in Planning System
8. Any questions that have been submitted 14 days in advance of the meeting

The meeting will be followed by a presentation from Ian Harvey on current Civic Voice plans and future activities

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