

Minutes of Alyth General Meeting to Approve Subscriptions

Monday 17 July 2023 (in person and online)

1) Welcome from the President, Jon Epstein (JE)	<p>President, Jon Epstein welcomed everyone to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- JE noted that we are meeting in person and online via Zoom.- JE explained that this is a meeting to agree synagogue subscriptions. The Alyth Board is aware that we are asking this at a time of economic uncertainty and hardship. They have been sensitive to our members whilst recognising the costs in running a thriving synagogue. <p><u>Governance compliance for this meeting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- JE went on to note that the meeting has been called under the auspices of the Articles of Association of the Incorporated Charitable Company. <p><u>Information about the meeting:</u></p> <p>Asking questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As we have done in the past, we will take questions after each agenda item.• Will need to take from in the room and from those at home. We will take questions from the room first and then unmute individuals online to ask their questions.• Please keep your question brief and to the point. <p>Voting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once again, we will be voting during the meeting. Will need to manage voting in the room (show of hands) and online through an online poll• Resolutions will be passed by a simple majority.• Only those who are a “paid up” members of Alyth are able to vote <ul style="list-style-type: none">- JE noted that there were apologies from Selina and Andrew Gellert, David Kirk, Fran & Dexter Moscow, Jeremy Baum, Cheryl Brodie, Corinna Hyman, Terry Hayman- JE declared that the meeting was quorate.
2) D'var Torah	Rabbi Josh gave the D'var Torah
3) Approval of the Minutes from the GMC in 2021	<p><u>Resolution:</u></p> <p>To approve the minutes of the General Meeting to Approve Subscriptions held on 17 JULY 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The resolution was proposed by: David Brown- Seconded by: Noeleen Cohen <p>A vote was taken and the resolution was approved. (For: 27 Against: 0 Abstentions: 2)</p>
4) Community Update	Justin Wise the Chair and Rabbi Josh (JL) gave an update on the community which included the plan for recruiting an interim Rabbi for after JL leaves in October and the plan there after for recruiting a full time Rabbi.
5) Financial Resolution	JE introduced Noeleen Cohen (NC) to present a summary of Alyth's finances.

	<p>NC gave a presentation on Alyth's Finances which contextualised how the Alyth's subscriptions are set.</p> <p>She reviewed last years budget and explained the budgeting process for 2023-24, including expected expenditure, including salaries and other costs; expected income, including the subscription increase, the introduction of the building levy which is optional for 2023-24 as the building work is not completed, and other income.</p> <p>She explained that we are running at a manageable deficit budget due to the fact that we have been sensitive to members circumstances whilst realistic with regards the costs of running a synagogue.</p> <p>Questions were taken from the room and those online.</p> <p>JE then tabled the resolution to approve the subscriptions for 2023-24:</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u></p> <p>It is resolved that, as recommended by the Trustees, the Synagogue annual subscription for 2023-2024 be increased by 6%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The resolution was proposed by: Robert Winer - Seconded by: Peter Backman <p>A vote was taken and the resolution was approved. (For: 31 Against: 3 Abstentions: 2)</p>
5) Building Update	<p>JE introduced the agenda item by saying that we started the meeting on the building site, seeing the progress that has been made over the past few months. He then handed over to Noeleen Cohen and Mark Harris who will gave a report on the building project.</p> <p>Questions were taken from the room and those online.</p>
6) AOB	<p>JE noted that no items of AOB had been submitted in advance of the meeting</p>
7) Thanks and Close	<p>JE thanked AM for his support in running the meeting and the wider Professional Team for their work throughout the year.</p> <p>JE thanked the Alyth Chair and the Board for all their work in preparation and delivery of the meeting.</p> <p>JE thanked the Clergy team</p> <p>The meeting ended at 21:45</p>