



# AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL Bromley & Orpington Group



## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Present:** Neville White, Vivien Glanz, David Howkins, Patrick & Carolyn Nield, Vivienne Andrews, Peter Martin, Rindy Baaker, Waltraut Gilchrist and Wendy Simmons. **Apologies:** Gladys Edmonds, Margaret Coppard, Ted Burke.

### 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman:	Neville White	nominated by Vivien Glanz seconded by Rindy Baaker
Secretary:	Vivien Glanz	nominated by Wendy Simmons seconded by Gladys Edmonds
Treasurer:	David Howkins	nominated by Vivien Glanz seconded by Neville White

No other nominations were received; the above named were elected unanimously.

### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2018 AND BUDGET FOR 2019

David circulated copies of his financial report for the 2018 calendar year, together with his budget proposals for 2019. The report of the Independent Examiner, Karl Ahlborn, confirmed that the Income and Expenditure account and Statement of Assets were in accordance with the Group's accounting records. The Financial Statement showed total income for the year of £4,791, cash held at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 of £500, donations to Amnesty of £4,300 (plus £72 affiliation fee), Group expenditure of £478 and cash held at the year-end of £513. Donations were well ahead of budget at £1,257, and events were also ahead of budget at £3,534. Group operational costs (excluding affiliation fee) had fallen to just 9.9% of income (11% in 2017), of which 54% is room hire and the remainder postage (including the Greetings Card Campaign). There were no Officer or speaker expenses in 2018.

Copies of the Financial Statements are available from David. The Group's assets include the Group archive, Amnesty candle and various banners. These are assessed as having nil value.

The budget for 2019 projects total income of £2,600, expenditure of £480, and donations to Amnesty of £2,120. The budget is significantly less than 2018 as there are no plans at present to host a quiz night or open garden. Events are budgeted at £2,250 for 2019 with donations of £350. The Group unanimously approved the budget. Thanks were expressed to David for his prudent accounting of our affairs.

### 3. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Officers proposed the re-appointment of Karl Ahlborn as the Group's Independent Examiner, which was approved by the Group. Karl was thanked for his work in independently examining the Group's accounts. Karl has announced that this is the final year in which he would accept nomination.

### 4. AOB

Neville announced this would be the final year in which he would accept the nomination for Group Chair. By March 2020 he will have served 28 years as the Group's Chair and the Group was therefore invited to consider its options in time for the 2020 AGM.

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