



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Bromley & Orpington Group



24TH Annual General Meeting

March 10th 2020

Present: Neville White, David Howkins, Patrick & Carolyn Nield, Vivienne Andrews, Peter Martin, Rindy Baaker, Waltraut Gilchrist, Ted Burke, Ann Garrett and Wendy Simmons. Mark Palmer was welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies: Vivien Glanz.

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman:	Patrick Nield	nominated by David Howkins seconded by Waltraut Gilchrist
Secretary:	Vivien Glanz	nominated by Wendy Simmons seconded by David Howkins
Treasurer:	David Howkins	nominated by Gladys Edmonds seconded by Wendy Simmons

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

2. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2019 AND BUDGET FOR 2020

David circulated copies of his financial report for the 2019 calendar year, together with his budget proposals for 2020. The report of the Independent Examiner, Karl Ahlborn, confirmed that the Income and Expenditure account were in accordance with the Group's accounting records. The Financial Statement showed total income for the year of £2,365 cash held at 1st January 2019 of £513 donations to Amnesty of £2,000 (plus £72 affiliation fee), Group expenditure of £341 and cash held at the year-end of £537. Donations were below budget at £297, and events were also below budget at £2,068 Group operational costs (excluding affiliation fee) had risen to 11.4% of income (9.9% in 2019), of which 60% is room hire, with the remainder postage (including the Greetings Card Campaign). Officer and speaker expenses in 2019 of £14 were 5% of income. Donations to Amnesty achieved 95% of budget.

Copies of the Financial Statements are available from David. The Group's assets have been wound down and now include the feather banner, Group archive and Amnesty candle. Neville has donated a replacement candle as a parting gift. These are assessed as having nil value.

The budget for 2020 projects total income of £2,800, expenditure of £500, and donations to Amnesty of £2,300. The budget is in line with 2019 reflecting two main fundraising events and some projected donations. Events are budgeted at £2,340 for 2020 with donations of £460. The Group unanimously approved the budget. Thanks were expressed to David for his prudent accounting of our affairs.

3. VOTE OF THANKS: INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Officers proposed a Vote of Thanks to Karl Ahlborn who is standing down as Group Independent Examiner after 12 years. The Group was pleased to second the proposal and asked the Chair to pass on their grateful thanks to Karl for his careful oversight of our affairs for so long.

4. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Officers proposed the appointment of Mark Palmer as the Group's new Independent Examiner, which was approved by the Group. Mark (in attendance) was thanked for taking on the role.

5. AMENDMENT OF GROUP CONSTITUTION

The Officers proposed an amendment to clause 8.1 of the Group Constitution to provide for the AGM taking place up to 60 working days after the end of the financial year. It was agreed the actual financial year end did not need to be noted in the Constitution as the clause provided for an AGM taking place within 60 working days of whenever the financial year ended – currently December. The proposal was approved and it was agreed the Constitution should be placed on the website.

6. BANK ACCOUNT

David noted that closure of the Group's building society account with The Nationwide and its transfer to a NatWest account was progressing. There would be four signatories to the account – the three Officers plus Wendy Simmons, of which two would be required to withdraw funds. This was noted (having been approved at an earlier meeting).

7. AOB

Neville, standing down as Chair after 25 years, was thanked by the Group for his contribution to the Group over many years; this was followed by a presentation.

N E WHITE Chair
P C Nield Chair – Elect

10 March 2020