



Nottingham City Business Club

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**NOTTINGHAM CITY BUSINESS CLUB
97th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FRIDAY 21st MAY 2021: 12.00 – 12.30**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting held Friday, 19th May 2019
4. Matters arising from the 2019 minutes
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021
7. Election of Officers for the Club 2021 - 2022
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer
 - (e) Council Members
8. Any Other Business



Minutes of the 95th Annual General Meeting held at the Park Plaza Hotel, Nottingham at 11am on Friday 17th May 2019

1. Welcome

The President Ian Roberts welcomed members of the Club and Council.

In attendance: Ian Roberts, Richard Cooper, Deborah Labbate, Dianne Allen, Mark Deakin, Charlotte Moreland, Simon Gray, John Collins, Steve Potts, Ross Davies, Craig Pearson, Nick Max, Paul Ritchie, Terry Ellis, Matt Arnold, Tim White and Andy Churchill.

Apologies

James Simmonds, Trevor Harris, Bill Sen, Graham Miller, Adam Kingswood and Martin Hall.

2. Minutes of the 94th Meeting

The minutes of the 94th Annual General Meeting held on Friday 18th May 2018 were distributed and approved by Richard Cooper and Dianne Allen.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the 2018 minutes.

4. President's Report

The 94th year of Nottingham City Business Club has been another successful year and has seen the model of external sponsors and self-sufficiency continue. The Club has benefited immensely from sponsors over the last 12 months and in particular our headline sponsors Buckles Solicitors. I am delighted to confirm Buckles has just renewed their sponsorship for a further year. This sponsorship has continued to allow us to outsource back office functions such as administration of the website, the public relations function, speaker liaison, social media and front of house event management. The profile of the Club has been enhanced through a continued increase in social and press/TV media coverage this year.

The club has carried out a full member's survey in the early part of 2019 and the Council members have undertaken significant member consultation. This has shown against a backdrop of significant competition from an increasing networking community in the city, the current lunch format is still well received and allows us to keep to an efficient timetable for each event. The great event atmosphere

at each and every lunch, together with avid in-lunch social media traffic makes for a thoroughly enjoyable experience for all attendees.

The club has continued to source interesting and varied speakers and the schedule for the remainder of 2019 is largely complete. A highlight of the year remains the club's popular Christmas lunch where the focus is more on entertainment. In 2018 we had a very successful and humorous event with BBC sports reporter Mike Bushell. It will remain a key focus to source varied and relevant speakers from across a wide variety of sectors as our members continue to drive their business against a backdrop of political and economic change.

We have also introduced some additional events to the monthly lunches which has included a Robin Hood Tour and further events are in the planning stage. Our main home for lunch events will remain the Park Plaza but following a successful lunch at Nottingham Collage consideration is being given to moving an occasional event to a new city location.

Following a number of years hard work and building up a fund I am also pleased to confirm that the much-needed redesign of our web site has now been commissioned. We are making good progress and the site will be launched in the late summer/early autumn. This has been a significant but necessary investment for the club, and I believe is essential as we move forward. The new web site, our shop window, will help to develop the club's offering to members as well as providing better data and a more up to date platform for social media and public relations activity.

We were delighted to bring a new charity to the club, Switch Up. The charity uses sport to provide mentoring, peer monitoring and guidance to help the vulnerable across Nottinghamshire. A new format to the Christmas lunch fund raising has already allowed us to make a significant to the charity.

I wanted to take the opportunity to thank elected council, who give up their time to help run this Club and make it such a success. All of this wouldn't have been possible without your hard work and dedication.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the club's members for the continue support. We look forward to seeing you all in 2019/2020 and always welcome views on the running of the club.

5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019

The combined income from lunches and membership subscriptions was much reduced to £26,157 for the year ended 31 March 2019, a reduction of approximately 20% on the year. With a reduced income in the year to 31 March 2019, this has proven to be a tight financial year, reflecting much of the economic and political uncertainty within the city and beyond.

We have had a lower number of attendees, on average, to lunches throughout the year.

Total sponsorship, for Christmas, Golf and the club's main sponsors, Buckles, was £7,825 for the year.

The 8th golf day in September 2018 helped to increase our income streams and continued to build our profile within the community.

Expenditure has reduced from £47,001 to £41,043. The costs of self-sustainability continue to build the club and despite the increased costs per person of lunches, our overall spend is down.

Overall, the club suffered a small deficit of £352 leaving reserves of £7,219. The Club has started its development of the new website, thank you to Ross Davies for overseeing this process. The Club has

spent some £5,130 to date and we are currently showing this as an asset in the accounts rather than an expense.

The administration of the finances and membership continue to become more efficient. However, due to self-sustainability, there is more involvement; therefore I would like to thank Ami Coulson for her continued administrative support.

I have enjoyed my eighth term as Treasurer and am offering myself for re-election.

6. Election of Officers for the Club for 2019 – 2020

- a) President – Richard Cooper (proposed by Mark Deakin and seconded by Deborah Labbate)
- b) Vice President – Charlotte Moreland (proposed by Richard Cooper and seconded by John Collins)
- c) Honorary Secretary – Deborah Labbate (proposed by Ian Roberts and seconded by Steve Potts)
- d) Honorary Treasurer – James Simmonds (proposed by Ross Davies and seconded by Charlotte Moreland)
- e) Immediate Past President – Ian Roberts
- f) Council Members:
 - I. Dianne Allen - proposed by Rich Cooper and seconded by Charlotte Moreland
 - II. John Collins - proposed by Ross Davies and seconded by Steve Potts
 - III. Ross Davies - proposed by Mark Deakin and seconded by Simon Gray
 - IV. Steve Potts- proposed by John Collins and seconded by Charlotte Moreland
 - V. Simon Gray – proposed by Deborah Labbate and seconded by Richard Cooper
 - VI. Craig Pearson – proposed by Simon Gray and seconded by Steve Potts
 - VII. Mark Deakin – proposed by Richard Cooper and seconded by John Collins

7. Any Other Business

Steve Potts thanked Ian Roberts for his excellent work this last year as the Club's President.

Ian Roberts extended a thanks to Bryony Withnall of Turner Townsend for her secretarial support throughout his tenure.

Ian also thanked Terry Ellis for his work to date on the Club's new website.

Charlotte Moreland thanked Steve Potts for his work helping the Club become GDPR compliant with the new legislation which came into force in May 2018 and the ongoing compliance associated with this.

Charlotte also thanked Ross Davies for this support in the development of the Club's new website which will be launched later this year.

AGM closed at 11.23am