

Roseland Festival AGM 2022

Minutes 26th October 2022

1. Record of attendance

- a. Committee members: Graham Turpin, Dave Cherrill, Jane Lovett, Jane Gillespie, Sue Fallick, Mike Purvis, Victoria Bond.
- b. Friends: Trish Turpin, David Berry, Nigel Milliner, Kitty Eccles, Bridget Crump, Marge Ostle, Keith Fisher, Christopher Perkins, Sarita Perkins, Chris Williams, Greg Williams, David Hall, Andy Thomas, Garrick Royle.

2. Apologies for absence

Josh Hoole, John Reeve, Peter and Shirley Lyon, Mark and Mary Jenkin, Ann Paul, Steve Chapman, Keith Warren, Jo Hall.

3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM for approval

The Minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Kitty Eccles and Sue Fallick

4. Matters arising

Graham Turpin took this opportunity to express his sadness of the passing of Jane Stephens and the loss to both the festival and community.

5. Annual report

Printed Annual Reports were distributed at the meeting and will be published online after the meeting.

a. Chairs report

Graham started by thanking Jane Gillespie for producing the annual reports. He was pleased to share what an overall success the festival had been, with a good profit. Graham praised the increased diversity of the 32 events on the programme, highlighting talks, walks, music and demonstrations.

He addressed dates for next year's festival, which are currently uncertain, due to both the King's coronation on the 6th May and the resource capacity of the new smaller committee. He proposed the provisional start date of Saturday 22nd April and possible finish on Friday 5th. He confirmed once discussed and finalised, the committee would update Friends via email.

He proposed the launch night at the Millennium Rooms would be mid-March as in previous years. He finished by thanking all advertisers and sponsors, particularly Garrick from the King Harry Ferry, plus thanked all Friends for buying tickets, attending events and supporting the festival.

Graham Turpin addressed the school grants, the committee will be writing to the schools in due course.

b. Vice Chairs report

Graham reiterated Josh's apologies for his absence.

c. Treasurers report

Mike Purvis reported a nice profit this year with gross ticket sales over £11,000. The main expense was the artists fees and bar sales accounted for a good source of revenue.

Graham Turpin and Mike Purvis explained the issues surrounding CRBO and the reasons for delay on payment. A discussion was had regarding the benefits of working with Andy Ward for his local knowledge, ability to assist on launch night with the training of his system, the connection to our Roseland Festival website and the invaluable service provided of processing refunds and booking transactions. It was the majority's view that Andy was available when things didn't go to plan or if there was any problem. Sue Fallick concurred, reiterating to not work with CRBO, would be to lose his knowledge, contacts and experience. Mike Purvis reported half of the owed money had been paid and the remaining half was due in the next week or so.

Graham Turpin and Dave Cherrill agreed it was important to get an official contract in place with CRBO for 2023.

Graham Turpin and Dave Cherrill agreed to look into strengthening the WiFi signal in the Millennium Rooms, with possible booster.

d. Secretary's report

Jane Gillespie announced she is stepping down and was very sad to do so. She introduced Victoria Bond as newly nominated Secretary. She encouraged more people to sign up to the committee, in particular a call out for Friends coordinator. She assured everyone that she would still very much be present, as a collector, Friend and audience member.

6. Election of Committee

Graham announced Sue Fallick, Jane Gillespie, Diana Lockwood and Penny Leach are stepping down. He asked Friends in attendance to consider the Friends Co-ordinator role and Sponsorship coordinator role.

Elections:

Victoria Bond as Secretary, nominated by Jane Lovett and Jane Gillespie
Dave Cherrill as Treasurer, nominated by Trish Turpin and Jane Gillespie
Josh Hoole as Vice Chair, nominated by Graham Turpin and Trish Turpin
Graham Turpin as Chair, nominated by Jane Gillespie and Trish Turpin
Jane Lovett as Committee nominated by Jane Gillespie and Trish Turpin

7. Plans and proposals for Roseland Festival 2023

Graham outlined a number of the more popular events will be brought back and many performers are eager to return. The Foraging with Matt Vernon was highlighted as a sold-out event and a new event announced, Folk Rock band The Country Men.

As discussed earlier in the evening, dates are yet to be confirmed but the programme is due to be firmed up in the coming weeks and will be shared. He stated we were short on talks and encouraged ideas for new authors.

The school grants programme was discussed with the aim to continue supporting the four primary schools and the Roseland Academy – with previous donations reported of £300 to each primary school and £1,000 to the Roseland Academy.

8. Proposal for amendments for Friends scheme

Graham Turpin proposed the following changes to the Friends subscription format: a Single Friend subscription to rise from £10 to £15 a year; a Couples Friend subscription to go from £20 up to £25. Additionally, it was suggested the 10% discount on ticket purchases be stopped and instead as an incentive, the priority booking period extended from 1 week to a fortnight – it was considered a sufficient advantage to Friends and more useful to gain access to smaller events that sell out quickly. Graham Turpin held a poll and all voted in favour of this change.

9. Any other business

Andy Thomas gave thanks to the committee members since 2019 for putting on the festival in trying times.