



Teesside Group

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING 2023

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Teesside Group will be held on Thursday 9th March 2023 at St Mary's Centre 82 – 90 Corporation Road, Middlesbrough at 2pm. We aim to finish by 3.30 pm.

If you want to put forward items for discussion at the AGM or if you want to nominate someone for an elected position at Group and/or at National level, please put them in writing to reach me at the address on this notice by the 22nd February 2023. This also applies to any motions for submission to the national Annual General Meeting in October. The Agenda for the AGM is below.

Now once again it's time for us to appeal to you to give £4 per annum to help run the Teesside Group. It pays for postage, stationery and the hire of the meeting venue (although not for these letters which are paid for by HQ) and enables us to maintain significant representations on important national issues as well as a ready local source for personal advice and related information. I should stress this is entirely voluntary and if you don't wish to contribute it has no impact on your membership.

We accept Standing Orders or payment by cash or cheque. Our bank details are Barclays, Yarm Branch, Sort Code 20-82-18, Account Number 40596337, Beneficiary CSPA TEESSIDE BRANCH. Cheques should be made payable to CSPA TEESSIDE BRANCH and sent to the Treasurer, Mrs C Foxton, 2 Arden Grove, Fairfield, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 7AU. Make sure you give your name and address! Many thanks to all those of you who contribute.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting if possible, but if not, we extend our good wishes and appreciation for your continued support. We will be in the meeting room by 1-30 with tea, coffee and biscuits so please feel free to drop in early for a chat.

I would like to draw your attention to the redesigned CSPA website at www.cspa.co.uk. Instructions on how to log in to the members' area for the first time are given there. A range of discounts and membership benefits are set out for you. Members without internet access can ring 020 8688 8418 for more details.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN BUTLER Group Secretary.

AGENDA FOR 26th AGM on 9th March 2023

- **Welcome from the Chair**
- **Apologies for absence**
- **Minutes of 2022 AGM**
- **Matters arising**
- **Annual Report**
- **Financial Report and Financial Statement to 31 December 2022**
- **Membership Report**
- **Election of Group Officers, Committee members, Auditor and delegate to National AGM**
- **Nominations to the National Executive Council and other National posts (if any)**
- **Motions**
- **Any other business**

Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of the Teesside Group held on Thursday 10th March 2022 at St Mary's Centre, 82 – 90 Corporation Road, Middlesbrough at 2pm.

Present

Ken Bellamy, John Butler, Christine Foxton, Keith Yallop, and David Barry. Also present Regional EC representative Andy Aitchison with his wife Anne.

Apologies

Marjorie Bellamy, Jim Doherty and Betty Hocking.

Welcome

The meeting opened with Ken Bellamy welcoming all members and guests to the AGM. This was the first formal meeting which had been held by the Group since December 2019 and the first AGM since March of that year.

Shiela Scott Anderson

Ken as chairman led a minute's silence to Shiela who had died in February. Ken noted that Shiela had served the group in different capacities over many years. She had also served the Alliance nationally both as regional EC rep and in more recent years as a member of the national Standing Orders Committee. Shiela had also spent many years before her retirement as an active trade unionist as well as in other fields. She remained a doughty contributor to Group meetings right until the pandemic intervened. She would be much missed. All the officers and Marjorie had attended Shiela's funeral on behalf of the group.

Minutes of the AGM 2019

These were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising

Ken reminded the meeting that the motion submitted to the national AGM that year had been accepted.

Annual Report

John Butler gave a verbal report. The 2020 group AGM had been cancelled the week before lockdown started in light of the deteriorating situation. Lisa Ray and Andy had been due to attend. The motions submitted by Ken for the national AGM had been approved by the committee in February and were subsequently forwarded to HQ for information. Some members mainly the officers had kept in touch via zoom on a monthly basis. This allowed essential group business to be attended to. The Alliance nationally and Andy regionally had arranged online meetings in both 2020 and 2021. The Group had been represented at these. Letters had been distributed to group members when lockdown conditions permitted to try and serve those in particular who did not have online access. The officers had decided to organise an informal meeting at St. Mary's last November which Andy and several members attended. This gave some confidence to go ahead with today's AGM. The meeting thanked John for his report.

Financial report

Christine Foxton had provided a balance sheet and report for the year up to 31 December 2021, showing items of income and expenditure. The report had been not yet been audited because of illness and other issues. Total income had been £837.36 for the year, including the previous year's balance. Subscriptions/donations were £201. Expenditure amounted to £98.25. Expenditure had been significantly lower because of the pandemic. The meeting agreed to the report subject to a satisfactory audit by our new auditor Marje Bellamy. The group wished to place on record its thanks to Betty Hocking for her many years auditing the accounts. John said he would write to Betty on those lines and also to looking forward to seeing her at future meetings.

Christine confirmed that the reports for 2019 and 2020 had been prepared and audited, and at HQ's request, had been submitted in the usual way despite the absence of any formal approval by an AGM.

Christine further reported that in the current year 39 members had so far contributed £170 and the latest statement on 14th February showed a credit balance of £796.14.

The meeting also approved the £25 annual subscription to the NPC.

In conclusion Ken on behalf of the Group thanked Christine in view of her recent illness for her diligent and meticulous work as Treasurer.

Membership Secretary's report

Keith reported there were 170 members, a drop of some thirty members caused partly by resignations.

Election of Group Officers and Committee members.

John reported that he had received no nominations from the general membership, but Ken had submitted a proposal that all postholders be renominated. John had seconded this. John indicated that for the record he would formally nominate Ken as chairman. These being the only nominations the following were declared elected. Chairman Ken Bellamy, Secretary John Butler, Treasurer Christine Foxton, Membership Secretary Keith Yallop, Auditor/scrutineer Marjorie Bellamy and as

committee members David Barry and Jim Doherty. John Butler was nominated as national AGM Delegate and Ken Bellamy as observer. Keith Yallop was elected as NPC delegate. The group accepted the nominations of Don Makepeace as Chair of the Alliance, Mike Sparham as Treasurer and Les Priestley as an EC member. Keith Yallop was nominated for the Standing Orders Committee and Andy Aitchison as regional Executive Committee representative.

Motions

A motion had been proposed by Ken for submission to the national AGM.

“That this AGM deprecates the Government’s inadequate strategic and financial planning which has led to the depleted and diminishing provision of both health and social care services throughout UK. Despite the highly valued skills and dedicated commitment of staff providing health and social care services both staffing and resource levels are totally inadequate to cope with current and growing requirements. The prolonged pain and suffering of so many is totally unacceptable. Remedy is long overdue and now critical!

“The EC is urged to press the Government to speedily instigate sound remedial strategic planning along commensurate financial provisions in order to quickly restore the reputedly high standards of health and social care services throughout UK in keeping with the fundamental principles of the National Health Service.”

An addendum was proposed by David Barry relating to access to local NHS services. However Keith said that may make the motion unwieldy and therefore might not be acceptable for debate.

David withdrew the addendum, and the motion was approved.

Guest Speaker

Andy thanked the meeting for his nomination. He then gave a comprehensive round up of the latest Alliance activities nationally commenting in particular on the new travel insurance scheme.

Ken thanked Andy for a very interesting talk.

Any Other Business

Ken outlined the dates for the coming year: June 9th, September 8th, December 8th, and our next AGM on March 9th 2023.

Ken closed the meeting at 3-40 and wished everyone a safe journey home.