

Minutes of Alyth General Meeting to Approve Subscriptions

Monday 18 July 2024 (in person and online)

1) Welcome from the President, Andrew Gellert (AG)	<p>President, Andrew Gellert welcomed everyone to the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AG noted that we are meeting in person and online via Zoom.• AG explained that this is a meeting to agree synagogue subscriptions.• Before the business content and some housekeeping guidelines, AG said a few words about where we are as a community as we look forward to opening the new wing of our building and being together for the High Holy Days after the Summer break. <p><u>Governance compliance for this meeting:</u></p> <p>AG went on to note that the meeting has been called under the auspices of the Articles of Association of the Incorporated Charitable Company.</p> <p><u>Information about the meeting:</u></p> <p>Asking questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As we have done in the past, we will take questions after each agenda item.• Will need to take from in the room and from those at home. We will take questions from the room first and then unmute individuals online to ask their questions.• Please keep your question brief and to the point. <p><u>Voting:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once again, we will be voting during the meeting. Will need to manage voting in the room (show of hands) and online through an online poll• Resolutions will be passed by a simple majority.• Only those who are a “paid up” members of Alyth are able to vote <p>AG noted that there were apologies from Fran Moscow, Dexter Moscow, David Shamash</p> <p>AG declared that the meeting was quorate.</p>
2) D’var Torah	Rabbi Golan and Rabbi Hannah gave the D’var Torah
3) Approval of Minutes	<p>To approve the minutes of the General Meeting to Approve Subscriptions held on 17 JULY 2023, and to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting to Approve Deputies held on 15 April 2024.</p> <p>There were no matters arising or points for clarification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The resolution was proposed by: Noeleen Cohen- Seconded by: Peter Backman <p>A vote was taken and the resolution was approved. (For: 41 Against: 0 Abstentions: 0)</p>
4) Community Report	Justin Wise, the Chair gave a community update. He gave an update on Rabbinic recruitment, the work of the Trustees in ensuring that our core offering is available

	and of a high quality, and an update on the work of the advisory groups and working groups.
5) Financial Resolution	<p>AG introduced Noeleen Cohen (NC) to present a summary of Alyth's finances.</p> <p>NC gave a presentation on Alyth's Finances which contextualised how the Alyth's subscriptions are set.</p> <p>She reviewed last years budget and explained the budgeting process for 2024-25, including expected expenditure, including salaries and other costs; expected income, including the subscription increase, the building maintenance levy which was optional in 2023-24, but will not be from 2024-25, and other income.</p> <p>Questions were taken from the room and those online.</p> <p>AG then tabled the resolution to approve the subscriptions for 2023-24:</p> <p><u>Resolution:</u> It is resolved that, as recommended by the Trustees, the Synagogue annual subscription for 2024-2025 be increased by 5%.</p> <p>A vote was taken and the resolution was approved. (For: 42 Against: 3 Abstentions: 1)</p>
6) Building Report	<p>AG: Introduced NC and Mark Harris who will give a report on the building project including the physical work that has almost been completed and a Financial update on the costs and fundraising, including the reasoning to vote on the ability to take an additional loan if required.</p>
7) Resolution to allow for the facility of a further loan	<p><u>Resolution:</u> It is resolved that the Congregants consent that the Trustees be authorised to borrow an amount not exceeding £400,000 on the indicative terms offered to them by CAF Bank as set out in the explanatory note.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The resolution was proposed by: Mark Harris - Seconded by: Nicky Minter Green <p>A vote was taken and the resolution was approved. (For: 44 Against: 0 Abstentions: 1)</p>
8) AOB	AG noted that no items of AOB had been submitted in advance of the meeting
9) Thanks and Close	<p>AG thanked AM for his support in running the meeting and the wider Professional Team for their work throughout the year.</p> <p>AG thanked the Alyth Chair, the Building Group, and the Board for all their work in preparation and delivery of the meeting.</p> <p>AG thanked the Clergy team</p> <p>AG closed the meeting</p>