

**Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting
Coeliac UK Wessex Group
Colden Common Community Centre,
St Vigor Way, Colden Common, Winchester SO21 1UU**

Saturday 10 May 2024 at 2pm

Introduction

Pauline Kidd, Chair, welcomed everyone to the Group's 21st AGM.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Lorraine Riley and Janet Day. There were no other apologies to record.

Minutes of AGM 8 May 2024

Pauline asked members if the Minutes of the AGM held on 8 May 2024 were an accurate record. This was agreed unanimously. Proposed – Caroline Benjamin Seconded - Karen Kirkpatrick.

Group Organiser's Report

Pauline gave the following report: -

- Regrettably due to continued ill health by Committee members' families, we have not been able to organise as many events as we would have liked.
- Initially the number of attendees at the 2024 AGM created some anxious moments, as we struggled to achieve a quorum. Fortunately the necessary number of members was reached, nonetheless, for the second year running a very disappointing turnout.
- Thanks to a lot of hard work behind the scenes by Committee member Lorraine, the Group was allocated a "Charity" stand at the New Forest Show from 30 July to 1 August. Organising such an event involved a tremendous amount of commitment by the whole committee, but without doubt, despite the exhaustion by the end of day three, we were all, quite rightly, extremely proud of our achievement. The public were overwhelmingly enthusiastic and appreciative of our attendance. We were also grateful for all the support Coeliac UK provided over the three days, and the numerous businesses who donated to the tombola.
- Pauline directed members to the flyers placed on their chairs which appealed for new volunteers.

Treasurer's Report

Paul Kirkpatrick, Group Treasurer, presented the Annual Accounts statement for the year ended 31 December 2024 Accounts included as a separate file.

Paul reported that it had been a complicated year, as we started 2024 with two bank accounts, and had experienced a difficult transition from the previous Lloyds account to HSBC. Fraught with difficulty, with little help from the Call Centre, we subsequently made a formal complaint, and received £300.00 in compensation. The 2024 transactions show income from AGM and New Forest Show raffles, but expenses for those events were not paid until early 2025, so these expenses are not shown in accordance with Coeliac UK accounting rules. The account now stands at £5287.73, with current 2025 bank charges and outstanding expenses having been paid,

Agreement of the Annual Accounts statement was proposed and seconded from the floor and agreed unanimously.

Election of Committee Members

The following Group positions were proposed, seconded and voted for individually:

Group Organiser Pauline Kidd was proposed by Alison Walsh seconded by Caroline Benjamin, and voted in unanimously.

Group Secretary Theresa Kemp was proposed by Alison Walsh seconded by Caroline Benjamin, and voted in unanimously.

Group Treasurer - Paul Kirkpatrick was proposed by Alison Walsh seconded by Caroline Benjamin and voted in unanimously.

Manufacturers' Contact – Caroline Benjamin was proposed by Alison Walsh and seconded by John Kenshole.

Committee Members Lorraine Riley, Rachel Rawlings and Joanne Szrok were proposed by Caroline Benjamin, seconded by John Kenshole and voted in unanimously. Pauline welcomed Joanne who was elected to the committee for the first time.

The following committee members have resigned: John Kenshole, Amelia Kenshole and Janet Day. Pauline thanked them for their valuable service.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 2.45pm