



**Minutes of War on Want AGM, Friday 25 September 2020, 12 noon
held remotely via Zoom**

Council members in attendance: Norina O'Hare (Chair), Tony McMullan (Vice- Chair), Sunit Bagree, Mike Cushman, Michael Egan, Roger Mckenzie, Mario Novelli, Lis Pritchard, Anna Stone and Marilyn Tyzack

Staff members in attendance: Akila Lingham, Asad Rehman, David Rudkin, Heather Getty, Gayatri Dev, Jackie Simpkins, Leah Sullivan, Liz McKean, Owen Espley, Sabrina Espeleta & Tom Barns

Members: Stephen Gibbons, Paul Espley, Andy Bye, Thomas Harrison, Andrew Harland, Keith Meredith, Alison Sanderson, Stephen Tompsett, Laura Martin, Gareth Glynn, Charles Buxton

The Chair and Vice Chair had technical problems so the running order was reordered to run until they could join.

1. Minutes of 2019 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM, held on 7 June 2019, were approved.

2. Matters arising

None

3. Audited Report and Accounts for year ended 31 March 2019

• **Presented by Mike Egan (Treasurer)**

Mike reported that the organisations financial position was fair with stable reserves that had been boosted by generous legacies but that Fundraising expenditure had dipped so trustees had taken the decision to invest in War on Want's future.

4. Executive Director's report

Asad thanked everyone for their attendance and explained that War on Want supported workers around the world from garments workers in Sri Lanka to fast food workers in the UK, and that worker's rights are systematically under attack not just in the global south but also in the UK.

5. Questions and answers

There were no questions from the floor.

6. Ordinary business

- Resolution 1 – To receive and adopt War on Want's Annual Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2019, together with the last directors' report and auditors' report on those accounts

Votes For: 169 Votes Against: 1 Abstain: 2
Resolution carried

- Resolution 2 – To reappoint Moore Kingston Smith as auditors to hold office from the conclusion of the meeting to the conclusion of the next meeting at which the accounts are laid before War on Want, at a remuneration to be determined by the Council of Management

Votes For: 165 Votes Against: 0 Abstain: 6
Resolution carried

7. Emergency Resolution

An emergency resolution had been tabled by Tony McMullan, who explained the need for this resolution to be passed by the membership of War on Want so as to allow electronic AGMs in future.

This Annual General Meeting (AGM) notes the Covid 19 Pandemic has led to unprecedented changes to Society and disrupted how we work and live and how we can safely participate in activities during 2020.

The postponement , earlier this year of our AGM was to protect both War on Want members and staff and to comply with Government restrictions. Unfortunately the changed environment we are living in remains challenging and changes to how we undertake our work are necessary.

This AGM recognises that War on Want has a proud tradition of democratic membership inclusion. To ensure continued participation at General Meetings and AGM's this AGM agrees that alterations to War on Want's Articles of Association to allow General Meetings and the AGM to be undertaken electronically , if required , and/or in person or by proxy to maintain that tradition is necessary.

This AGM instructs the Council of Management to table the necessary Special Resolution with the required amendments to update the Rules in the Articles of Association and present this to the 2021 AGM

Votes For: 19 Votes Against: 0 Abstain: 0
Resolution carried

8. Chair's closing remarks

Norina thanked members for their support, paid tribute to the staff for their hard work and also thanked Trustees for their work. There were no further questions and the business was formally concluded.