

Protest in Harmony

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 15 April 2023

John Ireson was in the Chair

1. **Attendance:** See attendance list for the April PIH session
2. **Apologies:** A number of members of PIH had sent their apologies
3. **Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

Minutes were available on the website. There were no amendments. Approval of the minutes was moved by Sheila MacKay, seconded by Liz Elkind and passed unanimously.
4. **PIH Committee Chair's report** (The report will be posted on the website)

Kathy Jenkins reminded people that this had been the first full year since the start of the pandemic when we had been able to meet regularly in our new and welcome venue. It had also meant that we could do more singing on the streets for the issues and groups we support. Kathy listed all of the events where we had sung in 2022-3 and said pulling the list together had made her remember and value the wide range of commitments shared by PIH members individually and collectively. She then thanked our songleaders, members of the PIH Committee (who she asked to stand and be acknowledged), Margaret Bremner for her work as Treasurer and Neil Duguid for his assistance in being at the door each month, Neil Duguid and Hilary Patrick for acting as auditors for PIH, Chris Booth and Chris Pearson for maintaining our website, John Ireson for chairing the AGM and finally all the members of PIH for being so willing to come out rain or shine to sing for peace, justice, human rights, the environment and the planet.
5. **PIH Treasurer's report**

Margaret Bremner presented the audited PIH accounts. She reported that PIH was in a healthy financial position; bank balance in April 2022 being £1456.84 and at present £2239.16. She thanked everyone for consistently and generously paying their subs to enable PIH to be in that position. She thanked Neil Duguid for collecting and banking monthly takings, highlighting the time required, and urged members to pay by standing order if possible. Margaret also said that she planned to step down as Treasurer by Christmas at the latest and asked that people consider shadowing and then taking over from her before then.

Approval of the Treasurer's report and PIH Accounts was moved by Jane Rubens, seconded by Beth Piper and passed unanimously.
6. **Election of the PIH Committee**

John reported that all members of the present Committee were happy to stand again and that a new member had joined, May Smith. He named each Committee member and asked if people were happy to vote for them en bloc. This being the case, election of the Committee membership was moved by Jessie Normaschild, seconded by Christine Thompson and passed unanimously.

Committee members:
Kathy Jenkins (Chair)
Margaret Bremner (Treasurer)
Margaret Christie
Belle Claudi
Sue Cowgill
Jane Dudman

Sheila McKay

Sylvia McGowan

Susan Moffat

Jane Rubens

May Smith

7. **Succession planning**

John underlined the fact that Margaret and Kathy had both held their positions far longer than planned, and that it was now very important that people come forward to shadow and then take over from them.

8. John closed the meeting with thanks to everyone.

Minute taker: Kathy Jenkins