

Glastonbury FM CIC Annual General Meeting

@ The Red Brick Building, Glastonbury on 29th April 2019 at 7.00pm

1. Welcome.

Allan Trinder welcomed everyone to the AGM which celebrated the tenth year the station has been broadcasting. He outlined the format for the evening.

2. The minutes of the last AGM 21st March 2018 were approved and adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Arthur Billington

Seconded: Steve Lee

3. Presentation of Annual Report & Accounts for 1st Dec 2017 to 30th November 2018.

3.1 Alan Philpott referred to the Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet which attendees were issued with. Although income increased considerably this year to £29,530 as compared to £9,966 in 2017 most of this was allocated to the post of Station Development Manager from the Ofcom grant. He also said full copies of the accounts were available on request.

3.2 Allan Trinder spoke of the challenge to keep the station going financially. More emphasis was made of 'Friends of Gfm' contributions and widening the pool of contributors. Finances are in a healthy state but there is a continual need for grant funding to keep the ongoing development going forward. Reflecting on achievements over the ten years, Allan recognised the sponsorship commitment by Higos, over the years; the work of Bob Lloyd in building the new studios; links with colleges and schools; the support of Street and Glastonbury Town Council and the involvement of many volunteers over the years. He also congratulated Joanne for the production of the Annual Report highlighting the importance of the key commitments which underpin every community radio station.

3.3 Joanne Schofield spoke of the importance of community radio – presenters getting involved in local events as well as presenting shows. Outreach and Training is progressing well. Twenty four more volunteers have been trained up which has resulted in eight more programmes being aired. Joanne outlined the work carried out around funding applications for projects, specifically money available from the Joseph Rowntree and Media Association which enabled young people to take part in training by Simon Cox (BBC). Gfm received an award for Music Expo for Ian Liversidge's involvement with local music events. It was highlighted that Glastonbury Calling, an outside event run by Ian had contributed several thousand pounds of unrestricted funding over the years. Joanne thanked Allan for his commitment and expertise over the last ten years.

3.4 Arthur Billington noted that the station's commitment to produce six hours of original output and six hours of local output was remarkable.

3.4 Don Chambers of Somer Valley FM gave feedback of the superior calibre of the funding applications by Joanne.

3.5 The Annual Report and Accounts for 2017/2018 were approved and adopted by the meeting.

Proposed: Chris Winter

Seconded: Dave Beach

4. An audio visual presentation was shown with clips of shows and photographs of Gfm in action over the years.

With the formal AGM over, the guest speaker Andy Bennett of BBC Radio Somerset gave a talk on his life in radio. He spoke of his experience of community radio beginning with Gfm. He greatly enjoyed his guest slots on Gfm and would like to feature Gfm on BBC Somerset in the future. He described how that intro to radio gave him confidence to go further and volunteer and then work for BBC Somerset.