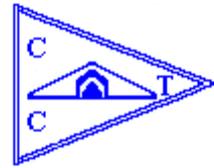


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Dear All,

Update on procedure for our 2020 AGM.

I just wanted to provide some more information on how our virtual AGM will work and how you can contribute.

Unlike our usual AGMs it will not be technically possible to interact with points raised live on Saturday afternoon. We are doing our best to ensure a fair contribution and involvement by all. If you have access to email you will be able to take part. Discussion of and voting to accept/reject agenda items will be conducted via email in the two weeks (10th – 23rd April) prior to attending the Zoom meeting.

The ability to contribute, therefore, will not be restricted by your ability to see the Zoom part of the meeting. You will need to let us know that you will be “virtually attending” the meeting by the 10th April to ensure you receive, and have the ability to respond to, information. Please note if you are joint members you both need to indicate attendance even if you share an email address.

We are not yet sure if we will need to hold a ballot for Governing Council positions. If we do, individually numbered papers will be sent to the “virtual attendees” that have registered their attendance. Candidates will be asked to complete a manifesto so that attending members know who and what they are voting for. This will be emailed out to the “attendees” for their consideration and voting.

The first Governing Council Meeting after the AGM will then set and agree all individual council positions.

For information I include the official objects of the trust: this is what we are about. The last year has been difficult, but we need to remove the inward focus and start looking outward again.

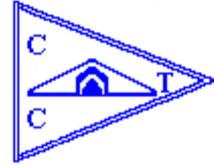
Objects

The objects for which the Trust is established (“the Objects”) are, for the use and benefit of the public, to stimulate public interest in and appreciation of the history, structure and beauty of the Dudley Number 2 Canal and with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom such facilities are primarily intended, to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure activities at or near to the Dudley Number 2 Canal including Hawne Basin (hereinafter called “the Canal”) including the restoration, improvement, enhancement, development, maintenance, conservation of and making fully navigable the Canal and the promotion of its use by all appropriate forms of waterborne traffic and the promotion of a public footpath and right of way along the length of the Dudley Number 2 Canal

Any manifesto should refer to these objects and how they can be achieved. For some positions, such as the Social Company, the responsible person on the Governing Council needs to be a committee member of the Social Group. It therefore makes sense that the Social Company nominate one of their number to stand.

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Another point to consider is that banks require personal information from people of influence (all directors) to maintain or open Trust or subsidiary company bank accounts. Directors will, most likely, at some point in the future, be asked to provide this information for identity purposes.

My aim has been, for nearly two decades, and continues to be to involve more people in the running of the Trust. All Governing Council members should be working with a team and reporting back to the Council. Some areas have done better at this than others, but this method enables experience to be gained prior to joining the council. Communication is key to the smooth running and future abilities of the Trust.

I know it is not ideal to be unable to meet in person but we believe that we have come up with the fairest and most democratic alternative. Fingers crossed for a more normal AGM for the 2020/21 financial year.

Yours Sincerely,

Richard Woodward,
Chair, Coombeswood Canal Trust