

The Friends of Urambo & Mwanhala

56th Annual General Meeting held at the Buckerell Lodge Hotel Exeter

on Saturday 7th March 2020 at 11.45am.

Minutes

The Chairman's Welcome:-

The Chairman, Richard Pratt, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Hotel for making us most welcome. He congratulated everyone for a very good year's work and commented on the fact that our income was holding up helped particularly by the revenue from the sponsored walks.

Apologies:-

Mike Izzard, Jenny Wills, Christine Pratt, Iain Chorlton.

Attendance:-

Richard Pratt, Nick Vinall, Di Coper, Jo Taylor, Isabel Heycock, Rod Smith, Nicole Vehrlé Smith, Julie Overnell.

Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting:-

These were approved with one correction – the requested annual contribution should be £50.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Accounts for Financial Year ending 31st December 2019

These were presented by Dr Nick Vinall. Referring to the, now published, accounts, he pointed out that our income was broadly as in previous years with the end of year balance being slightly up as compared to the previous year. As the accounts had not been audited at the time of the AGM, the secretary was delegated by the meeting to check the audited version and ensure they went onto the charity commission website. Nick pointed out that our income is just above the threshold which allows us to publish our accounts on the Charity Commission site and, although this is not a requirement, he thinks it is important that we do, so allowing anyone to see just how little we spend on admin.

He mentioned two projects we are involved with currently. The Ibambo project was now complete and the account closed. The Mambali project still has money in the account but there is some uncertainty as to the best way to provide better accommodation for the Albino Family in the village.

All other expenditure mentioned in the accounts is straightforward.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Jo Taylor and seconded by Di Cooper. They were adopted nem com.

Election of Officers

All officers being willing they were confirmed in their posts for another year, although Jenny Wills has indicated that she wished to stand down at the next AGM.

AOB:-

It was pointed out that the Constitution states that the Trustees should be the Officers of the Society. Over the years we have drifted away from this and not all officers are now trustees. The secretary agreed that he should bring us back into line with the constitution.

Date of next Annual General Meeting

This will be held in The Buckerell Lodge Hotel, assuming it is available, at a yet to be specified time in the morning of 6th March 2021.