2024 AGM minutes

1. Present at AGM

Check against delegate list and make a note of who is actually present for the AGM

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| **Name** | **Company** |
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| Paul Newman | Activate Learning - Guildford College  |
| Adam Breacher | Aimtech Recruitment Ltd  |
| Ed Browning | Auditel (UK) Ltd  |
| Georgina Angele | Business Surrey  |
| Daniel Morgan | Cooper Parry Advisory Limited - Esher  |
| Kam Dehal | East Surrey College  |
| Matt Pinches | Guildford Shakespeare Company Trust  |
| Alison Galvin MBE | INV Group  |
| Sophie Mogford-Revess | LGM Products Ltd  |
| Steve Coburn | Login Business Lounge  |
| Linda Bazant | LRB Consult Limited  |
| Deborah Mudway | M Effect  |
| Giles Thomas | Manor Collection - Reigate  |
| Caroline Maddocks | MCR Pathways  |
| Ali Fisher | Plans With Purpose Ltd  |
| Chris Hurren | RSM  |
| Harvey Ockrim | Satelliet UK Ltd  |
| Tom Donnelly | Setfords  |
| Stephen Carson | Signal Hill Partnership  |
| Betty Jensen | Surrey Business School, University of Surrey  |
| Debbie Reeds | Surrey Choices  |
| Steve Page | Surrey Event Professionals  |
| Martine Robins | The HR Dept Surrey Hills  |
| Adrian Shanks | University for the Creative Arts  |
| Jeremy Yates | Woodhaven Space  |
| Mike Turner | You Become Ltd  |
| Sandy Wynd | Pitman Training Surrey  |
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1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th of June 2023
2. Proposed by Mike Turner

Seconded by Martine Robins

 **All in favour of approving? Yes**

1. To receive the Report of the President for the year ended August 2024

Dan Morgan gave the following report before thanking Louise and the Surrey Chambers team for their incredible work for the year.

**2023/24**

We have been seeing an uplift in engagement from businesses over the last 12 months, attending our events and providing very positive feedback. Increasing membership is still tough as businesses navigate an ever-increasing cost basis. International Trade has improved in spite of continuing issues as a result of Brexit, and the war in Ukraine.

**Surrey Chambers Team**

We have a new Marketing and events team as well as a new Membership executive. Louise sees the Council as a fantastic addition to the Chambers team and we are grateful to them for continuing to feedback on what was happening on the ground so that we can continue to share with various Ministers and Civil Servants. With the change in government this year it is even more crucial that the business voice is heard from Surrey, and we would urge you to complete the QES , Quarterly economic survey that drops into your in-box. It really does only take 3-4 minutes to fill it in.

**British Chambers of Commerce**

British Chambers of Commerce continues to have the ear of government on all aspects of business and the sharing across the network is very valuable. There are frequent opportunities to be involved in some working groups at a national level so do volunteer if you are interested in doing that.

**Events**

•The events programme continues to cater for all preferences-Face to face/online/morning/lunch/evening etc but lots of opportunities for people to connect with each other. We have also been doing a great deal on recruitment and retention challenges, helping businesses to widen their search for employees to wider pools of talent. Big event on 14th November bringing all these pools together so a good one to book for.

•The Surrey Business Awards are taking place in November, and it was great to see a large number of chamber members entering the awards this year

**Skills**

•Surrey Chambers has continued to take the Employer Representative Body lead on the Local Skills Plan for Surrey and North/Mid Hampshire, which essentially gathered business views on what skills shortages there are and what training provision needs to be available locally. We are nearing the end of this phase of delivery and a great sense of collaboration has evolved with some exciting actions to increase engagement between businesses and employers coming to fruition. We recommend you looking at the Future Skills Hub on the Surrey Chambers website to find out more.

As you can see there is a lot going on with a small team delivering but we remind you that the team is there to deliver what we want, and they need our help to do so.

**Our asks of you**

•Please fill in the Quarterly Economic Survey once a quarter-it enables us to speak with authority on the state of the local economy

•Keep telling us what you need to be successful (Access to skills, your own training, what sort of events, what services etc)

•Think of ways you can support the skills agenda

•Use local businesses for your supply chain where possible

•Recommend new members to the Membership team -this will really enhance connection opportunities for all of you

•Enter the Surrey Business Awards

•Keep talking to the team and sharing ideas

1. To receive the statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

Proposed by Harvey Ockrim

Seconded by Richard Essex

 **All in favour of approving? Yes**

1. To elect Council members for the ensuing year.



Proposed by Martine Robins

Seconded by Harvey Ockrim

 **All in favour of approving? Yes**

1. To elect Board members for the ensuing year.



Proposed by Steve Coburn

Seconded by Ali Fisher

 **All in favour of approving? Yes**

Louise thanked the board, council and Surrey Chambers team before bringing the meeting to a close.