



Exeter Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

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minutes

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of Exeter CND

Held at Newtown Community Association building in Belmont Park (EX1 2DH) Exeter
at 8:00pm on Friday 29th July 2022.

*Prior to the AGM (6:30 to 8pm) Carol Turner (Vice Chair of CND, co-chair of London region CND, and an activist within Labour CND) gave an excellent talk with interspersed discussions; CND is needed more than ever because of 3 things; (1) **War in Ukraine:** Will last a long time and the potential for nuclear escalation will increase. UK is the second largest provider of weapons for Ukraine. Main CND call: for Russia to withdraw and for a de-escalation and opportunity for negotiation to consider both Ukraine and Russia. (2) **Military buildup in Asia-Pacific:** Pivot to China away from the cold war. Concern about AUKUS trilateral treaty. China recognised as a growing economic and military power. US has been building up forces in the Pacific rim. (3) **Expansion of NATO:** NATO's policy has expanded to say that it is prepared to use nuclear weapons in a non nuclear war. Move towards small battlefield nukes (of the scale of Hiroshima). Finland and Sweden are now being fast-tracked into NATO. And US nukes are coming back to RAF Lakenheath. Finally: the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW): Is growing in numbers gradually. Exeter Peace Shop is a unique opportunity to explain what is happening in the world.*

(Members present for the talk – but not the AGM – were Malcolm, Laura and John)

Members present at the AGM:

- TJ Milburn, Jan Ross, John Richardson-Dawes, Thom Anderson, Mandy Barnes, and Maurice Spurway.

1. Apologies for absence

- Sue Gilmurray, Judith Richardson-Dawes.

2. Minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

- Approved.

3. Chair & Organising Secretary's Report

- A report was circulated. Tom Milburn (Chair) gave an account of the last 3 years, because of COVID we have not had an AGM details are available here... [2022 AGM Report](#)
- Highlights include: Trump was still president 3 years ago. Doomsday clock is now at 100 seconds to midnight. Walter Wolfgang died. There was an election in 2020. We learnt how to use Zoom. Government gave the Peace Shop thousands of pounds. We emailed ECC councillors on many issues and got very few replies. Learnt a lot about Covid when the Peace Shop re-opened in Oct 2020. Marked our anniversary. Started looking at Peace Shop options with Diana Moore. Gillian passed away.

4. Treasurer's report

- Jan Ross presented the account for the last 3 years.
- Highlights: Start of 2019: funds were £7,900.
- End of 2019: £6,000
- 2020: Received first grant; £10,000 from the government.
- Restocked the shop substantially.
- Stock is now worth £4,500. (Feb 2021)
- June 2021 funds: almost £17,000.
- Total Government grants in 2020/21 = £15,850.
- Midway in 2022: Funds are £15,800 which is very healthy.
- *(Link to report to be added here – when it's uploaded to Dropbox)*

5. Election of Officers

- The following nominations were put forward:

Chair:	TJ Milburn
Vice-Chair:	Mandy Barnes
Membership Secretary:	Mandy Barnes
Organising Secretary:	TJ Milburn
Minutes Secretary:	Maurice Spurway
Treasurer:	Jan Ross
Press Officer:	<i>[No Nominations]</i>
Newsletter Co-ordinator	<i>[No Nominations]</i>
Campaigns Officer:	<i>[No Nominations]</i>

- All of the above were proposed and seconded.
- The vote was taken *en bloc* and ALL WERE ELECTED by acclamation.

6. Any Other Business.

6. (a). Exeter CND Peace Shop

- Carol Turner suggested that the shop was an important campaign tool. Agreed that we would look into this at the next Council Meeting.

6. (b). Membership

- Membership is 55 at the moment.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Minutes: Maurice Spurway