

Humanist and Secularist Liberal Democrats

Additional General Meeting

Held online on 6 July 2022 at 1900 hours

MINUTES

Present: Toby Keynes (Chair), Sue Vincent (Secretary), Kay Kirkham (Treasurer), Vera Head (Vice-Chair) and 14 other members.

Apologies: Sharon Hartley (Membership Officer)

The Chair set out the reasons for needing to hold an Additional General Meeting. These are that the organisation needs to amend its constitution in preparation for converting from our present status in the party to the new status for party organisations as Affiliated Organisations. This must be done by 1 January 2023 but the Executive Committee felt it would be sensible to hold an Additional General Meeting to approve the necessary constitutional changes now rather than leave this to the Annual General Meeting which will be held in November 2022 to allow time for changes to register with the party.

The Chair opened the floor to questions. RD agreed with the amendments in general but had a query over some of the precise wording, particularly the use of the word 'heritage' and 'class' as these words are not used in equality legislation. The Chair explained that we are using the list the party adopted in Preamble to the Constitution and Article 3 of the Constitution, so our Constitution is now in line with that of the party. RD was happy with this answer but feels the party needs to amend its own constitution.

There were no further questions. The meeting proceeded to a vote on accepting the Constitution as amended in red to satisfy

Associated Organisation status and some housekeeping amendments in green.

The motion was accepted unanimously.

The new constitution was adopted from the date of this meeting.

The formal business of the meeting closed at 1915 and was followed by a short discussion of general topics amongst those attending.