



The Voice of York's Bus Users

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Dear Member,

York Bus Forum AGM

Many thanks to everyone who replied to my letter of 19th June.

No one has raised any concerns about Option 1, which was to hold the 2020 AGM by e-mail and post, so we are proceeding as proposed.

I'd like to apologise for the delay between then and now. This was due to time taken to finalise the 2018 and 2019 accounts and make corrections to the reports for earlier years, as explained in the attached treasurer's report.

I attach the papers and proposals for our 2020 AGM.

Members can submit nominations for posts, submit questions and send comments between now and Friday 14th August. We will then collate the feedback, summarise the decisions and inform members by email/post.

Attached papers:

- Financial reports for 2018 and 2019;
- Annual report by myself as Vice-Chair (as circulated in March with a note added re Committee arrangements);
- Minutes of the 2019 AGM.

Election of Officers and Committee

The following have agreed to stand for the officer posts shown (voting will be needed only if there are other nominations).

- Chair: Doreen Magill
- Vice Chair: Graham Collett
- Secretary: Niall McFerran
- Treasurer/Membership Records Officer: Alan Robinson
- Projects Officer: no nomination
- Independent Accounts Examiner: no nomination (Officers to arrange if no nomination received)

Committee – no nominations proposed, but it is anticipated that members with particular skills will be co-opted as required.

Annual Subscriptions

It has been suggested that, since YBF has been less active this year due to the Covid-19 crisis, and since the finances are in a healthy enough state, the annual subscription for 2020 might be for the two-year 2020-2021 period.

Our Next Meetings

We had hoped it might be possible to return to normal meetings in October, but City of York Council are not yet able to give us a date when West Offices rooms will be available. The latest announcements from the Government throw an October restart into some doubt, so we still cannot be certain when.

One possibility would be to make a start by holding meetings online, using Zoom or a similar application. While this would inevitably discriminate against those with no internet access, it would allow the next meetings to be planned with less uncertainty. We do of course hope to return to normal when we can be sure this is possible. We would like to hear your views on this.

Please reply as follows:

1. Do you accept the reports (send queries if you have any)?
2. Are the minutes from the previous AGM a correct record?
3. Do you want to nominate yourself or another member (with their agreement) to any of the posts?
4. Do you agree or disagree with a single subscription for the 2020-2021 period?
5. Should officers pursue the idea of restarting meetings online, before public ones are possible?

Many thanks.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Graham Collett
Vice-Chair