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Minutes of the 23rd Finest & Future Finest Annual General Meeting Held on Wednesday, 30th April 2025 at Aston Marina at 12:00pm

The Deputy CEO gave following speech:

Welcome to the 23rd Finest and Future Finest Annual General meeting. It's great to see so many of you here today.

Before we begin, a brief explanation of the voting arrangements. Only members of Finest and Future Finest may participate in voting. Each member shall have one vote. The voting rights of members of Finest and Future Finest are trade sections of the Staffordshire Chambers of Commerce and set out in the Chamber's Articles of Association.

To those of you who are attending your first Finest and Future Finest AGM - most of today's proceedings deal with the formalities of being a membership organisation.

In accordance with our constitution, today we will be managing the annual rotation of both Steering Group members through ordinary resolution.

Many members may not be fully aware of the election process and formalities associated with the AGM, so I will now take a moment to explain how this works.

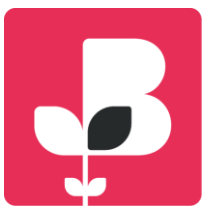
In brief, Finest and Future finest are trade sections of the Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce and under the Chamber's Articles of Association, we are required to hold an annual general meeting at which elections take place for Steering Group members. Elected members to Finest serve for a three-year period and Future finest for two years, after which time, they either resign or request re-election, providing there are vacancies on the group.

1. MINUTES OF THE 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

I would now ask the group to confirm the minutes of the 22nd AGM which was held on 25th April 2024. The minutes for this meeting have been made available on our website. I can confirm that all new members were voted and there were no recorded objections or abstentions.

These were proposed as a true record by Mark Saville, Seconded by Jonathan Cornes and agreed Unanimously, with no abstentions, by meeting.

This means that the minutes of the 22nd AGM have been approved.



2. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF STEERING GROUP MEMBERS

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I would like to thank the Steering Group members who have decided to stand for re-election:

Joanna Hamilton
Chris Wheeler
Stephen Rushton

Alextra Group
Auditel
University Hospital

I would like to thank the Steering Group members who are retiring at this AGM:

Michaela Daly of Begbies Traynor who is retiring as Finest Chair and Angela Henry of M+M Group as a Finest Steering group member. Thank you to Michaela and Angela for your incredible hard work and dedication to Finest.

I would also like to thank the Steering Group members who decided to step down during the year:

- David Winchurch Win Financial
- Matthew Hill Sales Geek Ltd Stafford
- Charmaine Cameron-Reale Handelsbanken
- Tom Rushton Lila Connect
- Jasmine Pugh Jonathan Cornes Associates

Thank you all, for your hard work and dedication to Finest and Future Finest.

There has been one new member co-opted to the Steering Group during the term.

A huge welcome to:

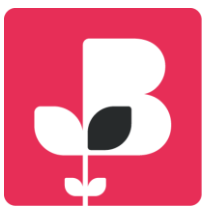
- Mark Jones AMB Insurance

Moving to new members:

Four nominations were received for:

- Aaron Dimmock-Bell Empower Training Group
- Claire Gilbert Crystal Klean
- Mark Savill BCRS Business Loans
- Neil Ouzman NexCloud Labs

The total number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies therefore no election is necessary.



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These were proposed as a true record by Jonathan Corned, Seconded by Martin Williamson and agreed Unanimously, with no abstentions, by meeting.

Welcome all to the Finest and Future Finest Steering Group.

3. TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS OF THE BYE-LAWS BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION

As a matter of special business, the separate steering groups propose a merge of the Finest Steering group and the Future Finest Steering group to become the Finest and Future Finest steering group to ensure the group remains quorate.

Changes to the Byelaws as below:

- Finest shall have the following Officers: A Co-Chair
- FutureFinest shall have the following Officers: A Co-Chair
- The amalgamation of the Finest and the Future Finest steering groups to The Finest and Future Finest steering group, the number of Steering Group members will increase from a minimum of seven to ten and a maximum of fifteen to twenty.

The special resolution proposed is:

“That the byelaws provided at the meeting be approved and adopted as the formalised Chambers’ byelaws with immediate effect, overriding the existing byelaws.”

These were proposed as a true record by Mark Saville, Seconded by Martin Williamson and agreed Unanimously, with no abstentions, by meeting.

4. THE APPOINTMENT OF CO-CHAIRS

This leads us to ratify the appointment of:

Nicola Harrop of Curry Young Ltd as Co-Chair of Finest

Joanne Hamilton of Alextra Accountants as Co-Chair of Future Finest

These were proposed as a true record by Mark Saville, Seconded by Angela Henry and agreed Unanimously, with no abstentions, by meeting.

That concludes the formal business for this year’s AGM.

would like to give a warm welcome to all new members of Finest and Future Finest. I would like to thank all those who have stood for election to the steering group.



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