



COLCHESTER LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

**NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TO BE HELD AT

MAGDALEN HALL
WIMPOLE ROAD
COLCHESTER
CO1 2DE

**SATURDAY 25th November 2023
10.00am**

Agenda

1. Chair's welcome and apologies for absence
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM
3. Reports
 1. Chairman
 2. Treasurer
 3. Report from local Council Group
4. Election of Officers
 1. Chair
 2. Vice Chair
 3. Treasurer
 4. Secretary
 5. Elections Officer
 6. Membership Development Officer
 7. Diversity Champion
8. Committee Members (5)
5. AOB items allowed under the Constitution.



**Colchester Liberal Democrats AGM
29th October 2022**

Meeting Minutes

1. Chair welcomes the members present and read out the apologies received as follows: Andrea Luxford-Vaughn, Natalie Sommers, Bill Frame, David Foley, Barbara Phillips, Jenny Stevens, Anne Turrell, Helen Chuah.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM were recorded as missing, and an apology was issued to members for this oversight.
3. **Reports:**

Chair – Jacqui thanked David King for his two and a half years as Chair, prior to Jacqui's appointment as Chair by the Executive when David stood down to take over as Leader of the Council.

Jacqui talked about the up-coming by-election in Highwoods brought about by the resignation of the two Highwoods independent councillors.

There was a question about membership numbers and Jacqui said that Colchester had lost about 9% of members over the last 12 months, but this is much better than many other local parties.

Treasurer - Kit explained that banking has been moved online and we now subscribe to the XERO online account package. At the start of the year, we were running at a loss but now due to us regaining control of the council from the Conservatives we are back in the black again. 90% of our funding comes from Councillor tithes.

Local Council Group - David King as Council Leader talked about how the Council responds to the current environment and the financial challenges ahead.

Group Leader - Martin Goss gave a summary of the current political situation in Colchester and introduced Alison Jay our Highwoods candidate and expressed to members how important it is to win at least one seat in Highwoods to retain leadership of the Council.

4. **Constitution** – the new Constitution was unanimously agreed.

5. **Election of the Executive for 2023**

The following were elected:

Chair – Jacqui Morley

Vice-Chair – Jakob Makowski

Treasurer – Kit Barritt

Secretary – Martin Gillingham

Ordinary members (5)

Annie Feltham

Anne Turrell

David King

Mark Cory

John Loxley

6. **A.O.B**

Jacqui thanked Catherine Spindler for doing the buffet and presented her with flowers on behalf of the Executive.

And thanked Mike MacKrory for coming from Chelmsford to be our returning officer.