

Trust Democracy Incorporated  
3b Cromarty Place  
Porirua 5024



## Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting

When:	Thursday 9 May 2023, 7:30-9:30 pm
Where:	Zoom videoconference
Present:	Simon Wright (Chair), Andrew Ecclestone (Committee), John Pennington (Committee), Maureen Gillon (Committee), Finlay Harvey (Committee), David Lillis, John Stowell, Yvonne Curtis, Jan Rivers, Jacqui Van Der Kaay, Oliver Lineham, Farib Sos, Frieda Crawford, Alistair Argyle, Dermot Coffey, Luke Choi, Miriam Lips, Kevin McCormack, Elizabeth Eppel, Sam Rolinson, Chris Cameron, Boni Adie, Eoghan Walsh, Christine Argyle, Liz Kolster, Frank Kueppers, Carla Hemmes, Thomas Beagle, Lynda Carroll, Valerie Bos
Apologies:	Keitha Booth, Dave Henderson, Alana Ashby, Charlie Devenish, Anna Curnow (late)

Simon Wright opened the meeting shortly after 7:30pm, welcomed people and gave a brief account about Trust Democracy, the agenda for the meeting, discussion and Zoom guidelines, and noted that apologies had been received from Keitha Booth, Dave Henderson, Alana Ashby, Charlie Devenish, and Anna Curnow, who would be late to the AGM.

## Presentation by Prof Michael Baker

Simon Wright introduced Prof Michael Baker, Director of the recently established Public Health Communication Centre (PHCC), and invited him to present for 25 minutes on disinformation, science, trust, democracy and the PHCC. After the presentation, attendees were assigned to breakout groups for 10 minutes to generate questions. On returning to the plenary, group representatives posed questions to Prof Baker.

After thanking Michael Baker for his contribution, Simon Wright called on members to stay for the formal part of the meeting and invited others to stay if they wished. While a number of attendees left the meeting at this stage, a quorum of members - Simon Wright, Andrew Ecclestone, John Pennington, Maureen Gillon, Finlay Harvey, David Lillis, John Stowell, Yvonne Curtis, Jan Rivers, Anna Curnow - was maintained and a number of non-members stayed too.

## Minutes of the previous AGM

No issues or questions were raised about the minutes of the Annual General Meeting that was held on 12 April 2022. Simon moved, and John Pennington seconded, that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record, and the motion was carried.

## Annual Report, Financial Statements and Committee disclosures

The Annual Report, which contained a section on committee disclosures, and the Financial Statements had been emailed to everyone several days before the meeting. Simon Wright noted key points and highlights from these documents. No questions or comments were raised.

Simon Wright moved that the Annual Report 2022-23 be approved. This was seconded by Maureen Gillon, and the motion was carried.

Simon Wright moved that the Financial Statements for 2022-23 be approved. Andrew Ecclestone seconded the motion, and the motion was carried.

## Election of Committee Members

Simon Wright explained that 2 nominations had been received for the 2 committee vacancies. The nominees, Finlay Harvey and Anna Curnow, introduced themselves and gave brief statements. Simon Wright called for an election. After a show of hands, Simon Wright declared that Finlay Harvey and Anna Curnow had been unanimously elected.

## Membership fees

Simon Wright noted the Committee's recommendation that Trust Democracy's annual membership fee policy remain as decided at the 2021 Annual General Meeting, that is by koha, before moving that the current membership fees policy be retained. John Pennington seconded the motion and it was carried.

## General business

Simon Wright led a discussion about what Trust Democracy should do in the coming year and how members can help. Suggestions included:

- Attempting our own large-scale deliberative process
- Ask relevant party spokespeople to state their party's position on deliberative public engagement and open government in the lead up to the general election.
- Try and improve the understanding of democratic innovation amongst journalists and media commentators.

Simon Wright closed the meeting just after 9:00pm.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Wright', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Dated: 13 May 2023