**Minutes of PACT AGM 4th October 2024 at Quaker Meeting House, Penrith**

**Apologies**:

Dave Corrie

Chris Cant

Karen Atkinson

John Birger

Dave Knaggs

**Attendees**:

Christine Sutherland

Neil Barratt

Anne-Marie Williams

Geoff Rockliffe-King

Ali Ross

Rich Waller

Kate Clement

Julie Barrett

Cecilia Hewett

Graham Hewett

Gail Gravett

Verity Stevenson

Chris Jerome

Chris Jephson

Malcolm Carruthers

Sarah Wilson

Hilary Snell

Val Wilson

Me Kuon Chong

John Forbes

Joan Robinson

2. We thank Neil for his report and accept the accounts. Julie had a question relating to how much money we have – what are we going to do with it? CS – we are planning to spend the excess ZCC money over the next year. RW – we will spend an amount on the revamping of the website.

3. CS delivered the Chair’s report on our activities for the year. AR clarified that writing letters against the Shap gas peaking plant comes under Energy not Waste.

4. Re-election of directors – all directors have been re-appointed

5. Election of officers: Neil was officially appointed as Treasurer. Rich proposed and Ali seconded. All officers were appointed en bloc unanimously.

6. Report from the Community Gardeners from Joan Robinson and report from the Repair Café written by Georgina Stephenson, read by Malcolm Carruthers.

7. Forthcoming events – not all with hard dates but gives a flavour of what is to come.

Tonight is the start of our winter talks programme with Dr Simon Carr speaking on Climate Change and the Cumbrian landscape – our next talk is Rich Waller speaking about glaciers and permafrosts, his specialist subject, on Friday 15th November in Penrith library. Forthcoming talks – Joe Human on Climate Change and Health and Coffee and Climate Change – will be in the New Year.

We have an ongoing collaboration with Eden Rivers Trust – potential events to come include seed gathering, polytunnel planting, ponds and managing water in your garden.

Green Screens – the next upcoming film All That Breathes is at the Penrith Alhambra on Wednesday 23rd October with Lee Schofield speaking on the panel.

Next Seedy Saturday will be on Saturday March 15th 2025.