



East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd

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76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **76th Annual General Meeting** of East Grinstead Memorial Estate Ltd was held at **7pm on Tuesday 8th July 2025** in the Council Chamber, East Court, College Rd, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 3LT, with Lloyd Richards in the Chair.

19 Members were present

3 Members had presented their apologies for absence

1 Member had lodged proxy votes and had approved all resolutions.

The Minutes of the 75th AGM, held in July 2024, had been approved online by the Directors in April 2025. A signed (but also redacted) copy had been posted to the company's website for public view.

1. The annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024 had previously been circulated to the Members and were unanimously approved by a show of hands

1.1. Lloyd Richards highlighted:

1.1.1. Assets had grown by £24k to £1.051m. They had grown another £45k in the first half of 2025.

1.1.2. Last years grants, totalling £17k, had reverted to pre-covid levels

1.1.3. We introduced our Unsung Hero award with Richard Tramontin of EGTCF being the inaugural recipient. Nominations for the 2025 award are invited at membership@egmel.co.uk by 31st August.

1.1.4. Tenants – we've supported the EGTCF to install new FA compliant lighting, completed last month

1.1.5. Tenants – we are also supportive of the installation of disabled access to the EGTCF

1.1.6. Tenants – we continue to pressure MSDC and Glendale (their contractors) to maintain and improve the Estate. The installation of weatherproof steps on the SANG walking route at the Ghyll Steps location last October, at a cost of £77k was a good step forward and was much lauded by the Members present.

1.1.7. Visitors from external organisations had generally been very complimentary about the Estate.

1.1.8. Board Changes – Recruited Colin McDonald this year I'm delighted to report, but sadly also have to report the retirement from tonight of Phil Thomas whose contribution has been very helpful over the last year

1.1.9. Membership – stable at 50 with inevitable comings and goings

1.1.10. User – The Bonfire Society have enjoyed further 'roaring' success and we have supported their request to locate a container alongside the ACG container, to house their equipment

2. In accordance with clause 27 (b) of the Articles, Ann Hacke, not having been appointed or reappointed at one of the preceding two annual general meetings, was standing to be reappointed as a Director of the Company. This was approved unanimously.
3. In accordance with clause 27 (b) of the Articles, Matt Rew, not having been appointed or reappointed at one of the preceding two annual general meetings, was standing to be reappointed as a Director of the Company. This was approved unanimously.
4. Following appointment by the Directors in the interval between the last AGM and this AGM (in accordance with clause 27 (a) of the Articles), Colin McDonald was standing to be reappointed as a Director of the Company. This was approved unanimously.
5. The meeting agreed unanimously that Brooks and Co should be reappointed as the Company's accountant and the Board of Directors be authorised to set their fees.
6. Any Other Business
 - 6.1. Lynn Graysmark enquired about the status of the football fields. The Chair responded that last winter had been very wet and they were mainly unfit for use. Hopefully the forthcoming season would be better.
 - 6.2. In response to mention of MSDC's contractor, Glendale, the Chair informed the Members that we shouldn't get too close to them as our contractual relationship was with MSDC, not Glendale.
 - 6.3. Brian Auker asked whether there was any intention to use some of our capital gains to give more grants? The Chair responded that the Board was currently considering whether we should use some of our capital and/or grant allocation to somehow change our relationship with MSDC and gain more traction.
 - 6.4. David Hooker asked how MSDC expenditure on the Estate is split between maintenance and "capital", and the Chair explained that this was a difficult area to monitor. MSDC though are due to give an annual update of SANG funds and expenditure in coming weeks.
 - 6.5. Denise Brownbridge enquired if maybe some of our capital could be spent on, for instance, tiered terraces for the football fields. The Chair said all such ideas would be welcome.
 - 6.6. Elaine Griffith asked who actually holds the SANG "pot" and the Chair explained the mysteries of local authority finance and how MSDC ring fence it, and protect it from inflation.
 - 6.7. Penny Fisher queried what would likely happen when East & West Sussex amalgamated with Brighton Councils. The Chair responded by saying that it seems likely that existing relationships may suffer. Lynn Graysmark added that perhaps EGTC may end up with more responsibility?

There being no other business, with a unanimous vote of thanks to the Chair and the other Trustees proposed by David Hooker, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.52pm.

Lloyd Richards
Chairman
23rd July 2025


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