



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Aut scape Organisation
Held on Saturday 27th January 2024 at 16:00 hrs via Zoom**

Chaired by: James (Chair of the Board of Directors of The Aut scape Organisation)

The meeting adopted the agenda as printed

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM.

The minutes are available at: <http://www.autscape.org/organisation/generalmeetings/> or in hard copy from the company secretary, on request.

The meeting approved the minutes of the 2022 AGM.

2. Presentation of the Annual Report (including accounts) as distributed to members on 7th January 2024

James, Chair of The Aut scape Organisation, gave an oral summary of the activities and main objectives of The Aut scape Organisation and Richard, the Treasurer presented a summary of the Accounts of The Aut scape Organisation.

3. Election of directors (4 vacancies).

Elaine explained that there were 4 vacancies and 3 candidates

David was standing down after 18 months on the board.

Elaine, Heta and Richard were existing board members recommended for re-election

The candidates were:

Elaine, Heta and Richard

Their personal statements were read out and the members were then asked to vote

The membership voted for the following individuals to become directors of The Aut scape Organisation: **Elaine, Heta and Richard**

4. Any other business.

4.1. Jo Minchin asked if Safeguarding was a governance issue

The Company secretary said it was

4.2. Jo asked who the Safeguarding officer was for Aut scape

The Company secretary said it was them

4.3. Joan asked in relation to the Safeguarding policy: When the Autscope Safeguarding officer becomes aware of a concern do they pass it on to the authorities as per Autscapes policy because a recent post on the Autscope facebook page indicated that a matter was decided internally by the board.

The Company secretary explained that if a Safeguarding incident is brought to the attention of the Safeguarding officer at an event then the policy is followed. The policy sets out what steps to take and if necessary it would be passed to the authorities. However, a recent matter came to the boards attention after the event so the board had to look at the allegations to determine what action they needed to take. In this particular case they found that no actual incident at taken place at an event so they did not need to contact the authorities.

Martijn pointed out that a statement had been made which covered the boards actions in the above case.

4.4. Joan asked if the Safeguarding policy was in line with the Charities Commissions recommendations.

The Company secretary said the Safeguarding policy was in line with legislation which included the Charities Commission recommendations.

4.5. Joseph asked if the board intended making a decision on whether the person from the above allegations is able to attend Autscope in the future or continue as a volunteer, and make its decision known to members.

The Company secretary said the board had yet to make any decision on this but they planned to do so soon. If possible we will communicate this decision to the members.

Meeting adjourned