

STOCKPORT COUNTY SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE
BOARD OF SOCIETY ELECTION BALLOT 2018

19th December 2018

Herewith my report on the 2018 Board Elections to the AGM.

I was very pleased to again be asked to act as the Independent Chair of your election process.

By the closing time and date of the nomination period seven nominations had been received for the five Board positions that were subject to election this year.

All seven nominees and their proposers/seconders were verified as being current members entitled to take part in the process which therefore meant a ballot was necessary to settle the contested election.

The turnout was a little disappointing with 72 valid ballot papers received (25 postal and 46 electronically) from an electorate of 251.

I also received 10 ballot papers (6 postal and 4 electronically) that I declared spoilt as follows:

Postal: 2 received without Name, Membership Number, or Address, completed on the form; and 4 forms were received that had obviously been completed by the same person using four different names and membership numbers (as well as arriving in the same envelope).

Electronically: 2 official ballot forms not used; and 2 ballot forms completed by the same person using different names.

It is worth stating that whilst a contested election inevitably results in disappointment for some it is the sign of not only true democracy that we all subscribe to but also a vibrant Trust which is always a pleasure to see!

The result of the Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative Board of Society Election 2018 is therefore as follows:

IAN BROWN	-	63 Votes
JOHN GILES	-	57 Votes
DAVID MARCHBANK	-	53 Votes
DAMIAN BEAUMONT	-	47 Votes
PHIL ROBINSON	-	46 Votes
BILLY BYRNE	-	37 Votes
IAN LANCASHIRE	-	33 Votes

I therefore declare IAN BROWN; JOHN GILES; DAVID MARCHBANK; DAMIAN BEAUMONT; and PHIL ROBINSON as the successful candidates.

The declared vacancies were three for three years and two for one year each. Therefore Ian, John and David are elected for a period of three years whilst Damian and Phil are elected for periods of one year each.

I am also asked to comment on the election process, and firstly I am extremely grateful for the help of your Secretary, Caz Burt; during the process.

Secondly, I feel I need to mention that your membership records need a bit of maintenance work however I understand the new Board will give this a high priority. Many of your members were not aware of their membership number and member's home address details were missing or out of date.

Lastly, I should also mention that several members seemed to not read, ignore, or chose not to comply with, the detailed instructions that formed part of the election process. Of most concern was that at least two instances a member submitted multiple completed ballot forms in different names.

In any future election process, it needs to be emphasised that the instructions are there to ensure the ballot is run in a fair and legal way so that the results are not challengeable.

Best wishes, Neil Le Milliere

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