BMC AGM Sunday 31 March 2019

Item 7.c Election of Nominated Director qualified and experienced in accounting and finance

Candidate Name: GRON FFOULKES-DAVIES

Proposer: Rehan Siddiqui, Honorary member

Seconder: Simon Lee, Family member

Factual Statement

After gaining a degree in Banking & Finance from Loughborough University, Gron qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Arthur Andersen. He subsequently undertook various Finance Director roles, in the commercial property and advertising sectors. Gron then became Group Financial Controller for a home improvements Group which subsequently listed on the London Stock Market.

Later in his career, Gron has been Group Finance Director of two AIM listed groups in the life sciences and healthcare sectors. Gron now owns and manages a recruitment and consultancy business.

As a student, Gron was involved as a member of his university climbing club and since that time has been a keen mountaineer, alpinist and ice climber. Gron is currently an individual member and a member of the BMC's Finance & Audit Committee. Gron is also a keen skier and scuba diver and is passionate about the environment, nature and climate change.

In terms of experience of fund-raising, Gron has been involved in preparing and signing-off applications for regional development grants and research grants in the biotechnology sector and in successfully raising equity funding.

Personal Statement

I am a qualified Chartered Accountant with extensive, wide-ranging financial management, operational, commercial and strategic experience.

For the last 18 months I have been assisting the BMC by serving on the Finance & Audit Committee. My application to join the board of the BMC was motivated by the belief that I can make a more significant and valuable contribution by being more involved in the operations, commercial endeavours and strategic direction of the organisation.

Since my youth, I have had a keen interest in the many different aspects of mountain sports, such as hill walking, rock and ice climbing, alpine mountaineering and trekking. I am passionate about the outdoors, protection of the environment, nature conservation and climate change.

I look forward to representing the interests of all members in the operations and strategic development of the BMC.