

# **Cheltenham Civic Society: Minutes of Annual General Meeting**

Registered Charity no. 1166580

**Minutes** of the Third Annual General Meeting of the Cheltenham Civic Society CIO held at Parmoor House, 13 Lypiatt Terrace, Cheltenham GL50 2SX on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

## **Members present:**

Ms C. Attenborough, Mr A. Booton, Mr R. Brown, Mrs D. Brown, Mr A. Chard, Mrs F. Clarke, Mr T. Clarke, Mr M Duckering, Mr J.W. Eaden, Mrs P.S. Faulkner, Dr F. Gick, Mrs R. Harvey, Dr J.D. Hodsdon, Mrs J.I. Hodsdon, Mr R. P. Keevil, Mr G.J.D. Mallinson, Mrs N. Mann, Mrs B. Marsh, Mr R. McCausland, Ms M. Melling, Ms E. Morrison, Mr A. North, Mr A. Phillips, Mrs C. Phillips, Mrs M. Read, Mr M. Richardson, Mr R. Rimell, Mr C. R. Sanderson, Mr P. Sayers, Mr M. Sheppard, Mrs L. Simon, Mr A. Simon, Mr L. Surgenor, Mrs L. Whittal, Mrs G. Williams, Mr R. Williams, plus one other.

## **Also present:**

The Mayor of Cheltenham - Cllr Mr. B. Fisher.

## **Apologies were received from:**

Mr C. Ballard, Mrs V. Ballard, Mr J.B. Buchanan, Mr. R. de Carteret, Mrs. H. de Carteret, Mr D. Gibbons, Ms E. Giles, Dr A. Hamilton, Mrs S. Hamilton, Mr C. Healy, Mr G. Kay, Mrs J. Kay, Ms E. Kollmann, Mr M Lake, Mrs S. North, Ms S. Panikkar, Ms M. Paterson, Mr R. Seymour, Mr. K L Stephens, Mrs M. Stephens, Mr G Stopher, Mrs B Stopher, Mrs A. Surgenor, Mr M.G.L. Thomas, Mr J. Thomas, Mr J. White, Mrs J. White.

**The meeting, being quorate, was opened and chaired by Mr A. Booton as the current Chair of the Society.**

### **1. Apologies for absence**

The apologies notified to the Hon. Secretary were taken as read.

### **2. Welcome by the Mayor of Cheltenham**

In his welcome the Mayor, Cllr Bernie Fisher, expressed appreciation for the Society's role in protecting and preserving the quality of Cheltenham's environment and its place as the most complete Georgian town in the country.

### **3. Minutes of the AGM held on 21 March 2018**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair

### **4. Election of Trustees**

Trustee changes were as noted on the Agenda. There was a suggestion that on future occasions nominees for trusteeship provided some background information about themselves and an indication of what they hoped to achieve if appointed.

The following were unanimously appointed as Trustees of the Society to serve for a term of three years:

Claire Attenborough  
Andrew Booton

### **5. Appointment of the Chair, Hon Secretary and Hon Treasurer**

The following were unanimously appointed to the offices of the Society for the forthcoming year.

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Chair – Andrew Booton  
Hon Secretary – Andrew North  
Hon Treasurer – Andrew Chard

## 6. Annual statement of accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2018

Lloyd Surgenor presented the summary accounts on behalf of Chris Healy, the Hon. Treasurer for the period covered by the accounts (who was unable to be present). He explained the background to each of the matters noted at the foot of the accounts and emphasised that the accounts will, in due course, be independently examined.

In summary Lloyd commented that the accounts looked healthy with reserves or around £50k but that owning and managing property carried risks which warranted a reasonable level of reserves.

Freddie Gick corrected one of the written notes to the accounts from the floor pointing out that it is not permissible to use HLF funds to rehouse the Great War Crosses as the money was explicitly for their refurbishment. Any unused balance would have to be returned to the HLF.

The statement was unanimously approved.

## 7. Chair's annual report

The Chair made a short presentation expanding on the written report. He thanked retiring Trustees and praised the volunteers whose contribution of time keeps the Society going. He also outlined plans to expand membership including recruiting more local businesses as corporate members.

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**Chair of the Society**

**The formal business having been concluded the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m. and was followed by an open forum which discussed a number of items, including:**

- The Trustees' plans to find an alternative home for the Society given the limitations of Parmoor House as a meeting venue with the aim that any future provision better serves the town in the light of the Society's charitable objectives. A number of suggested considerations were raised by Members.
- This year's Civic Awards which are organised in conjunction with Cheltenham Borough Council and where there has been a good number of high-quality nominations. It was suggested in discussion that the nominated schemes might be described on the Society's website for the information of Members.
- The possible introduction of a registered guides certification scheme, possibly making use of the Roger Jones' legacy referred to in the Statement of Accounts presented in the formal meeting.
- The public meeting planned under the Society's auspices for 8 April 2019 which will aim to assist in finding solutions to issues around the Boots Corner closure.