



The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.30 pm on 16th June 2021 via Zoom

The second Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on 16th June 2021 via Zoom.

Chairman Hester welcomed everyone to the AGM, and Secretary Keith confirmed that the number of members in attendance meant that the meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the AGM held on the 7th of October 2020 were read. They were confirmed as being accurate.

There were no matters arising.

Resolution No 1

Appointment of Trustees – in accordance with the Society’s constitution, the following Trustees retired from office and offered themselves for reappointment:

Caroline Hawthorne Huntly Bullock
Keith Eric Butler

Both were reappointed.

Hester thanked all the Trustees for their work throughout the period.

Resolution No 2

Receipt of Trustees Report for the period ended 31st December 2020 – the report was received and there were no questions

Resolution No 3

Receipt the Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2019 – the accounts were received and there were no questions

There being no other business, the formal AGM concluded at 7.50pm.

Hester then gave a brief verbal report on the Society’s activities during the past year:

- Planning - our objections had contributed to the planning application for Northcourt cricket pitch being rejected
- despite our objections the extensions to the Abingdon School boarding houses had been approved
 - a question was asked about the Upper Reaches. Local residents had written to the Vale Council but had received the same reply as had been the case for the last 6 years, namely that the Vale were “in discussions with leaseholders”. Hester is working with the local residents on a Freedom of Information request

- a question was asked as to whether the proposed hotel at Old Abbey House would have a restaurant. Hester said this was not part of the plan as apparently it was increasingly popular for hotels not to have these facilities
- Hester then listed some other projects and initiatives that the Friends of Abingdon were involved in, namely the Heritage Weekend on 18/19 of September, the Heritage Information Project and the Neighbourhood Plan. There were also plans for physical members' meetings when conditions permit and a desire to recruit new members

The meeting finished at 8.40pm