



## **The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society**

### **Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.00 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Unicorn Theatre**

The fourth Annual General Meeting of the Society took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 in the Unicorn Theatre.

Chairman Hester welcomed everyone to the AGM, and Secretary Keith confirmed that the number of members in attendance (34) meant that the meeting was quorate.

Hester thanked the Abbey Buildings Trust for allowing the Abbey premises to be used for the meeting and wished Meg, the departing curator, best wishes for the future on behalf of the Society.

Hester noted the apologies which she and Keith had received.

Minutes of the AGM held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 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:

Hester Hand  
Keith Butler

Both were reappointed.

#### **Resolution No 2**

Receipt of Trustees Report for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The report was received and there were no questions.

Hester thanked all the Trustees and Committee members for their work throughout the year.

#### **Resolution No 3**

Receipt of the Accounts for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Treasurer Olga gave a brief verbal report: Non Restricted funds were higher at the year end compared with the previous year end with Restricted Funds lower as these had been used for the production of walks leaflets. Member numbers were largely stable, although there had been some members who had previously deferred their membership and had resumed it during 2022 with also a few new members. The accounts were received and there were no questions

There being no other business, the formal AGM concluded at 7.20pm.

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

Projects – the survey of members conducted previously had highlighted that there should be a focus on projects, and thus the Committee had taken this into account when planning the Society's activities.

The walks leaflets had proved very successful and popular, and thus additional leaflets were being planned. Hester thanked Sue Killoran for her work with these.

Heritage Weekend – the Society again led the planning and delivery of a successful weekend

Conservation Area Appraisals – the Society has participated in the Albert Park appraisal and Hester thanked Roger Thomas for his continuing contribution

Photo archive – work was continuing to catalogue and develop an archive of photos covering Abingdon's history

Hester asked the members present to think about what other projects could be undertaken and contact Committee members with ideas

There was then a talk by Mike Evans on the progress of the photo archive. Unfortunately, the projector for the accompanying slide show was not functioning but these were on a laptop for display in the area for the social part of the evening.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.