

## **READING CIVIC SOCIETY**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 7 April 2018 at The Changing Room,  
Thames Lido, at 2.00 p.m.**

**Committee members present:** Richard Bennett – Chairman  
Alison Bennett – Membership  
Fiona Rycraft – Hon. Secretary  
Amanda Martin  
Adam Sowan  
Sean Duggan  
Clare Platts  
Lynette Edwell

34 other members attended.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from 16 members.

### **2. MINUTES OF 2017 AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM were agreed.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017 – 2018**

The Chairman's Report had been circulated and made available on the Society's website. He reported on the Society's activities during the past year and on the Society's continued support of Civic Voice. Forthcoming events for 2018 included: a visit to the Charterhouse in London (August); contributions to Civic Day (June) and Heritage Open Days (September) and a further Churches Tour organised by Lynette Edwell (September).

### **4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

There were now 200 members (197 last year) which included 7 honorary life members. 13 new members had joined and 10 had not renewed their membership, for a variety of reasons.

To date subscriptions for 2018 totalled £1280. Gift Aid of £517 had been received for 2015 and 2016. A further £350 to date to be reclaimed for subscriptions since January 2017.

Based on a membership of 170 Civic Voice membership would be £290. 170 newsletters were distributed including 17 sent free to media, MPs and other organisations.

### **5. HON. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS**

The Chairman reviewed the accounts, copies of which were available at the meeting, and which could be viewed on the website. Paul Welch RCA had agreed to continue to examine the accounts. The balance in the bank was currently £8139.

### **6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Adam Sowan took the chair for the election of the Chairman. Richard Bennett was elected unopposed, proposed by Adam Sowan and seconded by Sidney Gold.

Committee Members: Brenda Tait was standing down as Hon. Treasurer after 22 years; the Chairman thanked her on behalf of the Society and a bouquet of flowers was presented. Penny Kemp (formerly of the Abbey School) had volunteered to take over the role. Her election was proposed by Helen Tweedie and seconded by Amanda Martin.

The rest of the Committee were willing to stand again. Their re-election was proposed by Sidney Gold and seconded by Katrina Parker.

#### **7. ELECTION OF EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS**

Paul Welch was willing to continue as examiner of the accounts. Proposed by Penny Kemp, seconded by Harry Tait.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

After the meeting refreshments were served, then Matthew Williams, Reading Museum Manager, gave a talk entitled “Back to the Future Reading's Heritage and Reading's Future”.