



# HYTHE CIVIC SOCIETY

Registered Charity 283177

## ITEM 2

### 78th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at 7.15pm on 23rd May 2023 in the Town Hall, High Street, Hythe

## MINUTES

Chairman, Crispin Davies, welcomed the Right Worshipful Mayor Hythe, Cllr Anita Jones, and members to the meeting. The list of those attending, 51 members, is attached to the signed minutes.

- 1 APOLOGIES:** Vice President Roger Neaves and others as attached to the signed copy of the minutes.
- 2 MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** These had been previously circulated, placed on the website and a printed copy was provided to all those attending. The minutes were unanimously approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman. A copy is available on the AGM page of [www.hythecivicsociety.org](http://www.hythecivicsociety.org)
- 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 2022 ANNUAL MEETING:** The Charity Commission had not raised any objection to the changes to the constitution agreed at the 2022 AGM. Therefore the motion to formally adopt the amended constitution was unanimously approved by the meeting.
- 4 FORWARD PLAN:** The amended constitution and accompanying notes refers to a rolling forward plan to guide the activities of the Society. These had been previously circulated, placed on the website and a printed copy was provided to all those attending. Paul Naylor explained that the submitted 3 year forward plan was recommended by the Executive Committee to the meeting. It reflected current and planned ongoing activities but also new areas of work. An amendment was proposed by the Executive Committee to the published forward plan at the meeting. The forward plan and its amendment was unanimously approved by the meeting.
- 5 ANNUAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS:** These had been previously circulated, placed on the website and a printed copy was provided to all those attending. Alan Joyce, Hon Treasurer, spoke to the examined accounts. In his explanation of the accounts Alan Joyce referred to the proposal of the Executive Committee to open a 3 month bond with the United Trust Bank for £5,000 as interest rates were rising. Crispin Davies spoke to the remainder of the annual report. The Chairman proposed approval of the annual report and examined accounts for the 2022/23 year. Mary Hunter seconded the proposal. The annual report and examined accounts were unanimously approved. A copy is available on the AGM page of [www.hythecivicsociety.org](http://www.hythecivicsociety.org)
- 6 SUBSCRIPTION LEVEL FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING 1 APRIL 2024:** A paper agreed by the Executive Committee explaining the reasoning behind the proposed increase had been previously circulated, placed on the website and a printed copy was provided to all those attending. Alan Joyce spoke to the paper and answered questions. It was unanimously agreed by the meeting that the subscription level to £15 per annum from 1 April 2024.
- 7 ELECTIONS FOR THE 2023/24 YEAR:** The President, Christopher Melchers, took the chair for this item.

**PATRON:** The President reported that the Society's Patron had passed away on 9 September 2022. The Executive Committee recommend that the Society approaches the new Lord Warden when he or she is appointed. This was agreed by the meeting.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** The President announced that the Executive Committee had nominated Roger Neaves to continue as a Vice President who, despite his absence from the meeting, had allowed his name to go forward. This was agreed by the meeting.

**CHAIRMAN:** He thanked the outgoing Chairman, Crispin Davies, for his service for the last 6 years. The Executive Committee had proposed Paul Naylor as Chairman. This was put to the vote and unanimously approved. Paul Naylor thanked the meeting for his election.

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** Betty Black had been nominated and her name was unanimously approved.

**HON TREASURER:** Alan Joyce had been nominated and his name was unanimously approved.

**HON SECRETARY:** The current Secretary, Mary Hunter, was standing down from the position. After thanking Mary for her 16 years of wonderful service as Hon Secretary to the Society the President presented Mary with a framed certificate of the Society's "Outstanding Service Award" together with a bouquet of flowers. The President explained that there was no replacement nominated and that the Executive Committee would seek a replacement as soon as possible.

Paul Naylor explained that Christopher Melchers was standing down as President and thanked him for his 3 years as President and made a presentation of wine to him.

**PRESIDENT:** The Executive Committee was delighted to nominate Mike Umbers, currently one of the Society's Vice Presidents, as President. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The following Society members had been nominated as members of the Executive Committee for the forthcoming year - Jill Ayling, Bob Bruce, Sally Chesters, Crispin Davies, Mary Hunter, Keith Miles, Kim Murton, Jo Scott and Michael Tubman. The meeting agreed unanimously to those names.

**8 PRESENTATION OF THE AMENITY AWARD TO THE "OPEN DOOR PROJECT":** Members John and Linda Langman had enthusiastically proposed this community project organised by St Leonard's Church for only the second such Society award. The Chairman, Paul Naylor, explained the reasoning for the award which had been fully endorsed by the Executive Committee. Revd Michael Darkins was presented with a framed certification behalf of the Society.

**9 CONCLUSION:** The Chairman announced that no business from members had been received by the Hon Secretary and closed the formal part of the meeting.

**10 TALK BY CLLR JIM MARTIN:** In his role as Speaker of the Cinque Ports Confederation Cllr Martin had received an invitation to the recent coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. He related his experiences and memories of this unique day.

Paul Naylor, Chairman Signed.....

Date: 28 May 2024