

Minutes of the 61st Annual General meeting held online at 7.30pm on Friday, 13th November, 2020 via Zoom.

The Chairman, Andrew Huntley, welcomed members to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence. No apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting.

- The minutes of the 60th Annual General Meeting held on Friday; 8th November had been circulated. Their approval, duly proposed and seconded, was unanimously agreed by the meeting.

3. Matters arising. None.

4. Chairman's report.

- The year was dominated by the Coronavirus Pandemic which resulted in the cancellation of the Civic Award scheme, some of the monthly talks as well as the programme of outings and walks. However, the use of 'Zoom' as an online form of communication meant that the Executive committee held meetings from April and the monthly members' meetings via 'Zoom' began again in October 2020.
- Midsummer Malvern 2020 was cancelled. But, a series of walks was arranged as part of the 'Heritage Open Days' programme in September. This was the first time that Malvern has been included in this national event.
- South Worcestershire Development Plan. Information about this plan and other planning matters can be found under 'Planning - planning committee reports' on our website.
- Schools Literary Competition. This is an opportunity to promote civic values to a younger generation. The topic for 2020, was 'How would you spend the afternoon in Malvern?' There were 167 entries and the winning entries will be included in the next edition of 'Bandstand'.
- Jenni Chuck, Membership Secretary, is standing down from the Executive Committee. Denise Preston, Town Walks coordinator, and John Dixon, the editor of 'Bandstand', are also standing down from these roles. We thank them for their valuable contribution to the Society. Finally, the Chairman thanked all the different groups and individual members who have supported the Society through this difficult year. It is a year that we shall all remember.

5. Treasurer's report.

- Many thanks for the continuing financial support of the membership.
- The summary of the accounts, which had been circulated, has been scrutinized by Mr. Paul Tuthill, as the Society's Scrutineer.
- The Society is grateful for the generous bequest of £19,873 from the estate of Earnie Kay. This money is a restricted fund and is to be spent on projects and events rather than the day to day running costs of the Society.
- £1,000 has been donated to the Malvern Theatres Appeal to support the Theatres during Lockdown.
- The membership subscription year now runs from 1st January to 31st December. If a member wishes to make an online payment for the annual subscription, please reference your payment with your surname and initials. The subscription remains £10 per person for 2021.
- A recommendation, duly proposed and seconded, that the Treasurer's report be accepted, was approved unanimously.

6. Election of Officers.

President – Dr John Harcup OBE was the only nomination. He agreed to serve and was approved by the meeting with acclamation.

Chairman – Andrew Huntley OBE was the only nomination. He agreed to serve and was approved by the meeting with acclamation.

Vice-Chairman – Katharine Barber.

Treasurer – Ed Davies.

Both had been duly nominated and seconded and were unanimously approved by the meeting.

7. Election of Executive Committee Members.

- The meeting agreed that the following, duly proposed and seconded, be elected *en bloc* as Executive Committee members: Elizabeth Adlam, Jenny Cowpe, Alan Cowpe, John Dixon, Stephen Goodenough, Brian Iles, Michael Pritchard and Roger Sutton.

8. Election of Vice-Presidents.

- Ian Rowat is standing down as a Vice-President. We thank him for his support for the Society over many years.
- Katharine Barber, Roger Hall-Jones, Clive Hooper and Roger Sutton agreed to continue as Vice-Presidents. The meeting endorsed their appointment unanimously.

9. Appointment of the Society's Scrutineer (formerly Hon.Auditor)

- Paul Tuthill has agreed to continue in this role and his re-appointment was endorsed unanimously with the Chairman's sincere thanks.

10. Any other business.

- There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm

The meeting was followed by a short illustrated talk by the Chairman - 'The Civic Society 2020 – a Year in pictures'.