



Truro Civic Society

Charity No. 204788



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held by the Truro Civic Society on Wednesday 19 March 2014 at 6.30pm in the Municipal Buildings

PRESENT

Bert Biscoe (Honorary Chairman)
Caroline Jones (Honorary Treasurer)
Colin Elliott (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Reg Bowyer
Daphne Worraker
Edwina Elbers (Honorary Secretary)
June Bowry
Mike Burgess
Neil Scott
Peter Dexter
Robin Holdaway
Roger Shuttlewood

APOLOGIES

John Tamblyn (Mayor of Truro)
Councillor Armored Carlyon
Diane Russell
Peter Blake
Simon Trehane

The chairman welcomed the members and opened the meeting. The mayor traditionally chairs the AGM but had given his apologies.

2) Approval of the Minutes from the AGM held in 2013

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3) Matters Arising

No matters arose from the minutes.

4) Reports

a) Chairman's Report

The chairman handed out a copy of his annual report – please find attached.

In his report the chairman noted that the entrance to the Hall of Cornwall is to be moved to Boscawen Street foyer and glass used to close off the arches. Daphne questioned what would become of the flea market that currently uses the foyer. The chairman advised that this is an issue yet to be addressed. The information centre will stay.

The meeting discussed the developments at Higher Newham Farm and it was felt the scheme should be opposed. Roger wondered what the definition of a “community farm” was.

The chairman is keen to host a discussion between Bernard Deacon and Terry Grove-White (officer from Cornwall Council's Planning service). The chairman has spoken to Phil Mason (Mr Grove-White's manager) and Mr Mason will get back to the chairman to let him know whether he will give his consent to a discussion.

Mike pointed out that there is no hard copy of the local plan available in the library. The chairman will find some copies to be made available.

The Compton Castle boat on Lemon Quay is staying for now. Caroline suggested hosting the flea market on Compton Castle instead of Boscawen Street foyer.

The meeting agreed that there was a feeling of anxiety in the town and that positivity is needed to pull through without losing Truro's specialness.

b) Treasurer's Report

The treasurer handed out the receipts and payments account and thanked Adam Keogh of Francis Clark Chartered Accountants for producing the account. The society had £2,470 at the end of 2012 and £2,177 at the end of 2013. The reduced amount is due to the extra cost of the website – however the money for the adverts is still to come in. The meeting agreed to continue paying for Ian Hibberd's services as web master. The chairman reminded members that the website always needs new contributions (photos, short articles etc) and thanked Daphne and Mike for their input.

The society currently has 40 members. Robin queried why membership fees had gone down from £62 to £20. The treasurer explained that this is membership fees the society pays not fees that are paid to the society by members.

The treasurer pronounced her gratitude for the members' support. Colin proposed and Robin seconded to approve the report. This was passed unanimously.

5) Election of Officers

The chairman suggested that it would be unhealthy for the society to be chaired by the same person for too long, however he would be happy to stand again. Daphne thanked the chairman on behalf of the society for all his work. Caroline proposed and Reg seconded Bert as chairman. This was passed unanimously.

Neil proposed and Reg seconded Colin as vice chairman. This was passed unanimously.

The chairman proposed Caroline as treasurer. This was passed unanimously.

The chairman proposed Edwina as secretary. This was passed unanimously.

6) Election of Committees

The chairman asked Armorel and Daphne to attend the Truro conservation area advisory committee on behalf of the society. This was passed unanimously. Mike and Reg were put forward for the planning sub committee, with Colin as chairman and Caroline as secretary. This was passed unanimously.

7) Any other Business

Caroline advised that the Cornish Buildings Group had offered 4 spaces to the society on their 2014 outings. Please contact the secretary for details.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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