

Mere Historical Society

Minutes of the AGM held on Tuesday 4th March 2014 in the Grove Building

Present: Committee members: Christine Allberry, Caroline Cook, Gerald Cook, Diane Ellis, Tony Grinyer, Peter Lewis (PL) (Chairman), Ruth van Sloten, Jenny Wilding; plus approximately 40 members

1 Apologies: Peter Platt-Higgins;

2 Minutes of the AGM of 5th March 2013 had been circulated in the AGM News/Review 2014 booklet and were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman. Proposer Madeleine Morris; Seconder Tony Grinyer;

3 Matters Arising: None

4 Chairman's Report:

- The Chairman, Peter Lewis, referred the meeting to the Chairman's Remarks printed and circulated in the AGM News/Review 2014 booklet.
- He went on to reflect on an interesting year with wonderful speakers and outings. However, he expressed disappointment at the relatively low numbers supporting some events. He reported that the sound system had caused some problems, but he looked at this with Peter Napp and it is working well.
- He thanked the committee members for their hard work behind the scenes. Particular thanks were offered to Jenny Wilding for her work on the forthcoming website. The website will need photos to make it interesting and vibrant and Jenny would welcome photographic contributions.
- Further thanks were expressed to Jenny for her considerable efforts in gaining funding for the Archive Project which is now proceeding.
- The Chairman announced that Ruth van Sloten would be stepping down as President. The meeting thanked Ruth for the expertise and knowledge she has contributed to the Society.
- Special thanks were given to Joan Slight and to Mike Hannon, both of whom have resigned from the Society's committee. Joan served as Membership and Minutes Secretary and Mike as Chairman and their contributions are much appreciated.

5 Financial Report:

The Treasurer's Report was circulated in the AGM News/Review 2014 booklet. Attention was drawn to a minor printing omission in the loss column for 2012 figures. This did not affect the overall figures showing that the Society is solvent at the end of 2013. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Ruth van Sloten, seconded by Ros Castro and approved by the meeting. (Note: Treasurer to confirm figures correctly recorded in the Society's accounts.)

6 Election of Officers:

No new nominations had been received. The Chairman asked for the meeting to re-elect the current committee as shown in the AGM News/Review 2014 and this was agreed. Proposer Dr Longbourne; seconder Rose Cox.

7 AOB: None

Signed as a true record: