

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8:00 pm Wednesday 21th March 2018

Magdalen College Auditorium, Longwall Oxford

Present: In the Chair – Sir Clive Booth (President), Tony Joyce (Vice President), Ian Green (Chairman), Richard Dodd (Hon Treasurer), Vernon Porter (Hon Secretary), Gillian Argyle, John Goddard, Liz Grosvenor, Thelma Martin, Peter Thompson, Tony Turton, (Trustees) and approximately 40 members.

1. PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The President welcomed Members to the 49th Annual General Meeting. He paid tribute to the contribution of the late Kate Joyce.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Margaret Maden (Vice President), Gillian Coates, Wendy Robinson, Tony Turton, Tim Wilson (Trustees) and 5 Members.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (29th MARCH 2017)

The Minutes were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed as such by the President.

4. MATTERS ARISING

None.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman (Ian Green) presented the Annual Report as circulated to Members with the recent edition of Visions.

He gave a short overview of the work of the Society in 2017. The Chairman commented that the District and County Councils seemed to be getting better at working together. He appealed for more feedback from Members especially in the form of contributions to Visions. The Chairman described our plans for our 50th year to:

- Increase our individual and corporate membership
- Strengthen our links with residents associations and special interest groups
- Ensure that our membership reflects Oxford's population
- Strengthen our links with the University and business

And the publication of a history of the Society and the preparation of a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding for a project to benefit the city.

In reply to a question, the Chairman indicated that the Society did not support a plan for aerial gondolas per se. It did want to see a proper study of innovative ideas as part of the development of the Oxford Local Plan and Oxfordshire Joint Statutory Spatial Plan. The Chairman's report was received.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT and ACCOUNTS

The Hon Treasurer (Richard Dodd) reported that the finances were in a healthy state with a modest surplus achieved in 2017. He reported that unlike 2016 there had not been any special projects attracting external support. The programme of events had been well supported. We had made a donations to the Ashmolean's One World event designed engage with Oxford faith communities. In 2018 we would be donating to the Museum of Oxford appeal. He thanked Liz Grosvenor for all her work on the standing order change.

In response to a question the Hon Treasurer confirmed that we were always on the lookout for ways to apply our reserves in support of our Aims.

The Accounts for 2017 including the report of the Independent Examiner were received by the meeting. The Hon Treasurer was thanked for all his work.

7. Working Group Reports

Communications Group: Hilary Bradley reported on activities in 2017 including Tony Turton's work on the websites and social media. She appealed for letters to the Editor.

Housing Policy. Peter Thompson spoke about the work of this new group in particular its responses to Government consultations.

OxClean: Rosanne Bostock reported on a snow affected OxClean. She requested the Executive Committee to reconsider its decision not to fund the banner at the Kassam Stadium.

Oxfordshire Futures & Planning Group's activities were covered in the Chairman's Report.

Programme Group: The Convenor, Terry Bremble reported that events had been enjoyed by over 600 participants including over 400 who had paid to attend walks & visits. She was most grateful to her colleagues on the Programme Group.

Transport: Juliet Blackburn highlighted the impact of tourism on Oxford and hoped that it would be possible to stage a seminar on transport modes in the autumn.

8. Vote of Thanks

The President proposed a vote of thanks to a Jonathan Scheele who had served as Vice Chairman. The motion was carried by acclamation.

9. ELECTION of Officers 2018-19

The President announced that the following unopposed nominations had been received.

Chairman	Ian Green	Vice Chairman	Gillian Coates
Hon Treasurer	Richard Dodd	Hon Secretary	Vernon Porter

The above were declared duly elected.

10. ELECTION of Executive Committee members for 2018-19

The President reported that the following had been duly proposed and seconded

Gillian Argyle	John Goddard	Liz Grosvenor	Anne Gwinnett
Thelma Martin	Peter Thompson	Tony Turton	Tim Wilson

The nominees were declared duly elected.

11. Statement of Aims & Values

Members were invited to send any comments on the Statement to the Chairman.

12. Any Other Business.

None notified.

There being no further business the President thanked members for attending and declared the meeting CLOSED at 9:02 pm.