

SLEAFORD & DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST
MINUTES OF THE 48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN ST DENYS CHURCH ROOM ON FRIDAY 20 AUGUST 2021 AT 14.00

PRESENT: Committee Members and Members as on the enclosed signed list.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Jan and Robin Spooner
Irene Williams
John and Joan Furr
John and Bruni Brock

The Chairman - David Marriage - opened the meeting and thanked those present for attending. It was stated that the the AGM Minutes, Agenda and Accounts had been circulated to Committee and Members prior to the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF 47TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING :-

It was agreed and accepted by the meeting that these were a true record
Proposed: Garry Titmus Seconded: Harriott Brand

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:-

No matters arising

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:-

The Chairman reported that the Committee had met up on a regular basis via Zoom during the pandemic lockdown so had been able to continue with Civic Trust business.

Website: The Committee has been joined by Doreen Brand who has completely re-vamped the Website. Doreen manages the Website and updates this with new information as it is received.

Castle Project: This is moving forward under the leadership of Garry Titmus and the Sleaford Castle Heritage Group in liaison with Sleaford Town Council.

Sleaford & District Civic Trust Awards 2019: Two awards were presented, both to North Kesteven District Council for Quarrington Old School development and the Newfield Road Project.

Heckington Show: The Civic Trust and Sleaford Museum had shared a stand this year for the one day show. The main theme was the Sleaford Castle Exhibition which drew much interest from the good attendance of people.

Les Gostick Memorial: The Mosaic had been prepared by MosArt and now holds pride of place on the outer wall of Sleaford Museum.

Harry Gregson Memorial Project: Harriott Brand is leading this Project with help from Mark Bamford on the outreach to schools work. The repair work to the seat and surround on Gregson Green is due to begin on 14 September 2021. It is planned that there will be a plaque on the Museum outer wall with details about Harry Gregson and also a sign in the Monument Garden giving directions to Gregson Green.

Civic Trust Newsletter: Thanks were given to Anthony Brand who had rejuvenated the Newsletter in 2018. Paul Hart has now joined the Committee and has taken on the continuation of the production of the Newsletter. Paul will carry this forward with four quarterly issues per year.

Members Events: The Committee not able to plan any events over the last few months because of the lockdown but a Christmas Social has now been booked for 4 December. This will be held in St Denys Church Room in the afternoon of that day.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking the Committee for their support and help during what has been a difficult time for everyone.

Questions from the audience were invited. Anthony Brand felt that recognition of the NKDC provision of street furniture should be given when considering the 2020 Civic Trust Awards nominations.

5 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Honorary Treasurer informed the meeting that the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 had been submitted to the Charities Commission.

Corporate Membership had been offered during 2020, and four Companies had joined the scheme as paid members, the annual subscription being £180. Duncan & Toplis had been awarded Honorary Corporate status because of their continued work in helping to prepare the Civic Trust Accounts. The Corporate Members are named on the Civic Trust Newsletters and Website as part of their Membership package.

It was agreed by the Meeting that the Accounts and Report should be accepted
Proposed Anthony Brand Seconded: Mark Bamford

6 MOTIONS:

No Motions

7 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:-

All four Executive Officers stood for re-election and were re-elected en bloc by the Meeting.

Proposed: Garry Titmus Seconded: John Parry

8 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE:-

All existing Committee had put their names forward and were re-elected en bloc by the Meeting. Also that Doreen Bamford and Paul Hart became Members of the Committee.

Proposed: Garry Titmus Seconded: John Parry

9 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:-

Proposed: Mark Bamford Seconded: Garry Titmus
that Duncan & Toplis be re-appointed as Auditors

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

Garry Titmus informed the Meeting that three of the old town signs have been rescued and are awaiting renovation as possibly a future Civic Trust Project.

After renovation it has been suggested that two of the signs should be placed in the Monument Garden in front of the Museum and the remaining one possibly in the Market Square after negotiation with NKDC. If positioning the sign in the Market Place is not agreed then it may be that it can be erected within the churchyard facing the Market Place.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 14.37

