

## **Hastings and St Leonards Museum Association**

### **Minutes of the AGM held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

Present: 25 members and Steve Mainwaring from Hastings Voluntary Action as guest

#### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Andre Palfrey-Martin, Alice Roberts-Pratt, Janet Johnson, Susan Bickford, Caf Feane, Marion Purdey

#### **2. Minutes of the AGM held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023:**

Agreed as correct (proposed: Sue Fellows and seconded: Brion Purdey)

#### **3. Matters arising:**

a) The community members of the HBC Museum Committee will not be appointed as Deed of Transfer does not permit this, instead a Community Panel will be recruited in 2025.

b) John Purdie asked for more details on the involvement of Adam Wide in the development of the museum. There has been no update on this for some time. There was no answer.

#### **4. Annual report and accounts:**

##### **a) Chair's Report:** As written report

Richard reported that he is awaiting an update about the bequest from the solicitors and the Probate Office. The meeting agreed that the Museum Association will purchase a Christmas tree as a gift to the museum again this year as no funding is available from HBC.

##### **b) Treasurer's Report:**

As written report, presented by Dee and agreed (proposed: Nigel Sinden and seconded: Eve Montgomery)

Dee reported that there had been a lack of progress on the installation of the contactless terminal in the museum. She asked Cllr Nigel Sinden to put some pressure on HBC to progress this more quickly.

##### **c) Membership Report:**

Richard reported that as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 there were 102 members, Life 77, and Annual 23. 1 new Life member has just joined and Annual members are due to renew their subscriptions by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

##### **d) Secretary and Events Report:**

As written report by Susannah

#### **5. Motion on the proposal for the Association to become a CIO:**

1. Introduced by Bill Montgomery and Steve Mainwaring from Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA) who is assisting with the paperwork and legal procedure involved. This was followed by a question-and-answer session on the pros and cons of such a change for the museum and the Museum Association. A vote was taken and the proposal accepted unanimously.

2. The following amendments (in red) to the Association's constitution proposed by the Executive Committee were also agreed unanimously:

Clause 2 a. collect funds, to contribute to the expenses of temporary exhibitions, lectures, etc., and contribute to the development of the Museum, continuing to find opportunity for outreach and thereby aid involvement of the community in the work and life of Hastings Museum and Art Gallery.

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Clause 6 b. The role of Vice-President is a courtesy role agreed at the time of the handover of the Museum to the Hastings Corporation and shall be the Chair of Hastings Council's Museum Committee at the time of the AGM.

Clause 7 c. Any cheques or other payments issued shall be signed/authorised by the Treasurer and one other nominated official.

d. The accounts will be independently [delete: audited]scrutinised each year and the [delete: audited] scrutinised accounts presented to the AGM.

Clause 8c1 (i) election of President [delete: and Vice-President (the latter shall be the current Chair of Hastings Borough Council's Museum Committee)].

(iv) electing a new Management Committee and [delete: 4] representatives to the Museum Committee of Hastings Borough Council (cf 2b above).

## **6. Election of President:**

Brion Purdey has agreed to continue for another year which was proposed and seconded (Steve Peak and Richard Street)

## **7. Election of Officers:**

a) Chair: Richard Street (Dee Daly and Ann Westcott)

b) Treasurer: Dee Daly (Richard Street and John Westcott)

c) Secretary: Susannah Farley-Green (Hilda Kean and Dee Daly)

d) Events: Susannah Farley-Green (Richard Street and Jim Breeds)

e) Membership: Richard Street (Jim Breeds and Bill Montgomery)

## **8. Scrutineer of Accounts:**

HVA (Richard Street and Dee Daly) Formal thanks were recorded for Laura at HVA for her assistance

## **9. Election of Executive Committee:**

Andre Palfrey- Martin, Steve Peak, Bill Montgomery, Hilda Kean and Ken Palen were re-elected (Sue Fellows and Nigel Sinden). Dee explained why she was not able to attend regular committee meetings due to work commitments.

## **10. Election of representatives to the HBC Museum Committee:**

Richard Street (ex officio as Chair), Susannah Farley-Green, Andre Palfrey-Martin, Hilda Kean, Steve Peak. Bill Montgomery was elected to take up the remaining vacancy on the committee. (Richard Street and Eve Montgomery)

**11. Museum Report:**

A verbal update was not available as Alice was off sick. Detailed reports are on the agendas for each meeting of the HBC Museum Committee and available on their website.

**12. Any Other Business:**

None