

# **Cleveland and Teesside Local History Society**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**

**held on Saturday 8 April 2017**

**at Middlesbrough College**

### Members Present

Committee Members Geoff.Braddy (in the chair), Linda Polley, Martin Peagam, Margaret Wilby, Allan Wilby, Lee.Firth, Val Harrison, Peter Davison, Stewart Ramsdale, Ian Stubbs and Carol Cook plus 27 other Society Members (making the meeting quorate).

### Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Jenny Braddy and Alison Brown.

### Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. He thanked everyone for coming and also thanked everyone who had contributed to the Society's year. In particular, he offered thanks to the Committee, who had been steadfast in supporting the Society, and noted that the Committee were already busy planning for the Society's Golden Jubilee Year, in 2018.

The Chairman informed the meeting that 75 Members had committed themselves to membership of the Society until the end of 2020, by paying membership fees in advance, and noted that it was reassuring to see such a level of commitment.

### Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 16 April 2016 were received and approved as a true record.

### Matters Arising

None

### Secretary's Report for the previous year

The Secretary presented a report (copy attached) on the activities of the Society over the previous year, and through a presentation highlighted some key issues:

- Membership remained steady at about 250 and the Society continued to offer lots of activities, in contrast to other similar groups that were struggling.
- The Society had provided four Saturday Events at which there had been eight speakers on a variety of topics.

- The Society had delivered two Day Schools, in conjunction with Teesside University and other partners and supporters.
- The Society had published and distributed three Newsletters and two editions of the 'Cleveland History' bulletin.
- The Society had embraced the internet age with a revised web-site, a Facebook page that attracted 700 'likes', and an electronic Newsletter called 'The Scroll', of which eight issues had been distributed since December.

The Secretary noted the contribution made by Committee Members and others which allowed the Society to offer Members a wide range of services.

Finally, the Secretary noted that 2018 was an important year in the history of the Society, its Golden Jubilee Year, and noted that as well as continuing to offer a range of talks and walks of interest to Members, details of which would soon be publicised, there were plans to offer special activities to celebrate the important milestone in the history of the Society.

There being no questions, the Secretary's Report was accepted by those present at the meeting.

#### Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

The Treasurer, Margaret Wilby, presented the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 (copy attached), highlighting:

- (a) The surplus of income over expenditure of £1,748.37 reflects the continued prudent management of income and expenditure.
- (b) There would be a commitment in the coming year to provide Packett prizes, and to publish and distribute the bulletin.
- (c) A grant had been secured which had met the costs of one of the day schools offered in the year.
- (d) Income from subscriptions was reduced in comparison to the previous year as a consequence of some Members paying in advance previously.
- (e) Income from interest was reduced due to financial markets.

The Financial Statements as presented were received and approved as a true record.

Thanks were expressed to Messrs Campbell and Saul for their work in auditing the Financial Statements.

### Election of Officers

The meeting received and considered nominations for Officers to serve the Society for one year from the date of the AGM.

Whilst the election for Chairman was taking place, the out-going Chairman stepped down whilst the matter was considered and the business of the meeting was conducted by the Secretary, Martin Peagam, with the consent of those present.

The following Members were duly elected:

Chairman - Geoff Braddy  
(Nominated: Ian Campbell Seconded: Stewart Ramsdale)

Vice-Chairman - Linda Polley  
(Nominated: Kitty Grove-Stephensen Seconded: Peter Davison )

Hon Secretary – Martin Peagam  
(Nominated: Gail Saunders Seconded: Ian Stubbs)

Hon. Treasurer – Margaret Wilby  
(Nominated: Carol Cook Seconded: Julie Tweedy)

Editor – Val Harrison  
(Nominated: Peter Davison Seconded: Kitty Grove-Stephensen)

Programme Secretary – Allan Wilby  
(Nominated: Ian Stubbs Seconded: Ian Campbell)

### Election of Ordinary Members of the Committee

The meeting received and considered nominations for Members to fill the eight positions available to Ordinary Members to serve on the Committee for one year from the date of the AGM.

The following Members were duly elected (all Nominated: John Wheeler Seconded: Niall Taylor)

Jenny Braddy; Alison Brown; Peter Davison; Lee Firth; Francine Marshall; Stewart Ramsdale; Paul Stephenson; Ian Stubbs

### Appointment of Auditors

The meeting received and considered a proposal for the appointment of two independent auditors.

The following were duly elected:

Ian Campbell (Nominated: Tweedy Seconded: Ian Stubbs)

Ian Saul (Nominated: Lee Firth Seconded: Julie Tweedy)

The Chairman noted that Ian Campbell had served the Society as its auditor since its inception, that is approaching fifty years.

Any Other Business

The Chairman informed the meeting that no notification had been received of any other business to be considered.

There being no other business, the meeting closed.

Start of Meeting: 10.00am

End of Meeting: 10.20am