

**BRISTOL-HANNOVER COUNCIL**  
**BRISTOL-HANNOVER COUNCIL FOUNDATION**  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2011**  
**AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BRISTOL**

**Present** were the Lord Mayor, Committee members and 20 others.

**1. Apologies**

Paul Watson, Iris Gillard, Mark Allinson, Alix Hughes, Jeanne and Don Cawley, Amanda Coxhead, Ethne and John Dando, Joanna Stephens, Almut Dunnington, Eunice de Vere Thorne.

**2. Opening Remarks**

The Lord Mayor stated that he had met the Chair and Secretary of BHC within the first week of taking office, and was very complimentary about the work of the Council. He commented on the fact that Bristol City Council wants to be a top 20 European city, and that the twinnings go a long way to help to achieve this.

**3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting**

There were no amendments.

**4. Reports**

- i) *Chair's Report:* The Chair gave an update of the year's activities and successes, which included the Neville Osborne lecture, the 2010 visit to Hannover and Hannoverians' visit to Bristol in 2011 for the Harbour Festival, the trips made by groups supported by the BHC, annual dinner, digital storytelling event at the Watershed and Bristol's Christmas market. Ann also paid tribute to two long-serving members of the BHC who sadly passed away this year, Frank Shaw and Mervyn Morgan. (N.B. We were delighted to have Mervyn's widow and daughter Sarah with us for the AGM) Ann also showed her appreciation of the work of Alix Hughes as BITA coordinator, and John Veale for his long service as Hon.Sec.
- ii) *Treasurer's Report:* The question was asked as to how much of the subscriptions/donations was made up by corporate subscriptions/donations. Such a

distinction has not been made this year, so it was suggested it be taken into account for the following year. This will also provide a good indication of the level of membership and corporate support in future.

- iii) *Adoption of Reports:* The reports were adopted, proposed by Councillor Colin Smith, seconded by Alderman Michael Withers.

## **5. Vote of thanks to retiring Officers and Committee**

The Lord Mayor gave his thanks to all involved for their work to date and continued work. Councillor Brenda Hugill also gave thanks to Paul Watson as someone who continues to provide support, although not geographically close to Bristol anymore.

## **6. Election of Officers and Committee**

- i) *Chair:* Ann Kennard
- ii) *Vice-Chairs:* Brenda Hugill and Colin Smith
- iii) *Honorary Secretary:* Doreen Pastor
- iv) *Honorary Treasurer:* Ian Devine
- v) *Committee Members:* John Veale, Mark Allinson, David Perkins, Paul Seath, Paul Watson.

All committee members proposed and accepted; others to be coopted at the first meeting.

## **7. Subscriptions for 2011/2012**

Subscriptions will remain the same: £10 for individuals; £19 for families; £40 for corporate members.

**Refreshments were served after the meeting and there was a lively discussion of suggestions for future activities.**