

BRISTOL HANNOVER COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26th OCTOBER 2017

AT CITY HALL, COLLEGE GREEN, BRISTOL

- 1. Present** were the Lord Mayor Lesley Alexander, Ann Kennard, Tony Kennard, David Perkins, Lynne Evans, Frank Titmarsh, Paul Hinchcliffe, Tim Illston, Jonathan Radnedge, Tony & Ursula King, Vivien Brown, Robert Foster, Alix Hughes, Lynne McAleavey, Oliver McAleavey, Sylvia Supple, Colin Evans, Stefanie Vogt

Apologies: Mr & Mrs Pickup, Mr & Mrs Watson, Mr & Mrs Pearce, Mr & Mrs Gollop, Janet Caswell, Royston Griffey, Barbara Cowell, Richard Harris, Alderman Colin Smith, Liz Gill, Pat Hedges, Gerard Owen, Katerina Seery, Beverley Evans

- 2. Opening Remarks**

The Lord Mayor welcomed those present and looking back over this year's 70th anniversary celebrations, she congratulated all members on the success and variety of events.

- 3. Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the last meeting. Proposed by Colin Evans, seconded by Jonathan Radnedge

- 4. (i) Chair's Report**

2016-2017 had been another very busy year for Bristol-Hannover Council, it was particularly exciting, involving a lot of hard work, due to 2017 being our 70th anniversary Jubilee year which included many highlights, in particular the visit to Hannover in the summer. There are a further three events to take place before Christmas including the culmination of the In Someone Else's Shoes project, with a performance at the Colston Hall, and Christmas lunch at the Christmas market.

Ann passed around a copy of the Memorandum of Friendship, signed in Hannover, for everyone to see.

Connie Carter of the Bristol Roller Derby team had sent her presentation and report on their visit from the Hannover team as she was unable to attend due to bereavement.

Ann expressed her thanks to Alix Hughes from BITA who has now changed role to the Bristol City Council, and thanked the Committee for their hard work.

The full Chair's report can be read on the website.

(ii) **Treasurer's report**

The Chair presented the Accounts for the financial year 2017-2018 as the outgoing Treasurer has been unable, for personal reasons, to fulfil the role for some time. Ten copies were shared around the room. For information: 'Bristol-Hannover Council' is name of the charitable account used for donations and grants and includes membership fees. The account 'Bristol-Hannover Council Foundation' was set up twenty years ago as a result of a donation, to set up and run events not specifically of a charitable nature. See the full Treasurer's Report for full details.

(iii) **The reports** were adopted with no amendments; proposed by Frank Titmarsh and seconded by David Perkins

5. The Lord Mayor proposed a vote of thanks to Ann and the committee for all the hard work and events, in particular the trip to Hannover. The Lord Mayor said she was lucky enough to have been present at several events.

6. The following nominations were proposed and accepted for the Committee membership 2016-7:

- Dr Ann Kennard - Chair
- Vice-Chair - Frank Titmarsh
- Lynne Evans – Secretary
- Paul Hinchcliffe – Treasurer
- Gerard Owen – website manager
- David Perkins – Committee Member
- Tim Illston – Committee Member
- Liz Gill – Committee Member
- Alderman Colin Smith – Committee Member
- Jonathan Radnedge – Committee Member
- Richard Harris – Committee Member
- Stefanie Vogt – Committee Member
- Pat Hedges – Committee Member

7. **Subscriptions** for 2017-18 to stay the same. £10 – Individual, £19 – Family, £40 – Corporate
8. Paul Hinchcliffe was introduced as the new Treasurer. Paul gave a short personal history: he is a trained accountant, who was Director of a financial recruitment company in Frankfurt Germany for several years. He also has experience of training air traffic controllers. He is semi-retired and working as a part-time lecturer in the Business School at UWE. He recently joined the Bristol-Tbilisi Association as their Treasurer. He will try to gain new members through his UWE connections and aims to attend as many meetings as possible. The Committee all welcomed him warmly.

AOB: Tim Illston received a very warm welcome in Hannover after cycling 400 miles (after train from Bristol) from Hoek van Holland to Hannover in four days! He was treated to a great reception from Mayor Hermann and Robert Nicholls and there was local media coverage of his trip.

Ann Kennard was thanked for her contribution this year by all present.

After the official business, we were treated to a lovely DVD presentation of images from 2017 highlights which was put together by our member Colin Smith. The presentation ended with a poignant photo of John Veale, with Gerard Owen, and the presentation was well received by all present. Thanks to Jonathan Radnedge for providing the necessary technical support.