

## BRISTOL HANNOVER COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018

#### AT CITY HALL, COLLEGE GREEN, BRISTOL

- 1. Present** were the Deputy Lord Mayor Lesley Alexander, Ann Kennard, Frank Titmarsh, Lynda Evans, Richard Harris, Paul Hinchcliffe, Tony Kennard, David Perkins, Jonathan Radnedge, Katerina Seery, Sylvia Supple, Stefanie Vogt, Colin Evans, Ursula King, Tony King, Vivien Brown, Rob Foster, Mark Allinson, Chris Embrey

**Apologies:** Bev Evans, Janet Caswell, John and Ethne Dando, Alix Hughes, Gerard Owen, Lynne and Oliver McAleavey, Lesley Scarborough, Michael Withers

- 2. Opening Remarks**

The Deputy Lord Mayor welcomed those present and described the past year as having showcased a wonderful and varied calendar of events through which many members from Bristol and Hannover had enjoyed and renewed old friendships.

- 3. Minutes of the last AGM**

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

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

Ann Kennard reported on a busy year which included a significant number of 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. A splendid finale in the autumn had been a lunchtime concert at Bristol Cathedral by the Bach Chor Hannover. The anniversary year was crowned by a gala dinner at the Mansion House attended by 68 members and guests and representatives from the German and French Embassies. A variety of cultural, educational and sporting exchanges had been undertaken and the *In Someone Else's Shoes* project continued to be a great success.

The calendar year had been rounded off by lunch at the Christmas Market.

This year had included fascinating talks including subjects such as the *Honouring Esther* project, as well as German art and architecture. The major event was a visit by 15 friends from Hannover at the end of July. Outings included a visit to St Fagan's National Museum of History, Aerospace Bristol, Blaise Castle and *The Impossible Garden* exhibition at the University of Bristol's Botanic Garden. A large number of Hannover visitors during the year included a city councillor on placement, a council officer for a summer detachment, as well as the regular group of dental students.

Particular thanks were due to Alix Hughes. Ann thanked the committee for its support and efforts including former Lord Mayor Alderman Colin Smith who had decided to step down from the committee.

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

- (ii) Treasurer's Report**

Paul Hinchcliffe explained the difference between the Council (charity) and Foundation (events) accounts.

The Council account had benefited from an influx of subscriptions prompted by the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, though expenditure also rose notably for the same reason. The year closed with a slight deficit of £632. The current account stood at £4,663 plus the £26,500 National Savings Bond.

The Foundation account had been far more active than 2017 because of the year's events. The year closed with a deficit of £722 and the account holding £1,685.

The accounts were approved. Proposed by Frank Titmarsh, seconded by Colin Evans.

**5. The Deputy Lord Mayor** proposed a vote of thanks to Ann Kennard and the committee for all the hard work and events undertaken.

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

The following nominations were proposed and accepted for the Committee membership 2018-19:

- Dr Ann Kennard - Chair
- Frank Titmarsh - Vice-Chair
- Lynne Evans – Secretary
- Paul Hinchcliffe – Treasurer
- Gerard Owen – Website Manager
- Jonathan Radnedge – Minutes Secretary
- David Perkins – Committee Member
- Tim Illston – Committee Member
- Liz Gill – Committee Member
- Richard Harris – Committee Member
- Stefanie Vogt – Committee Member

Alix Hughes would be co-opted at the next committee meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

The meeting discussed the pros and cons of an increase in subscriptions with further discussion to be undertaken in committee. Chair reported current membership at 67 with subscriptions £10 for an individual, £19 family and £40 corporate.

After the official business, the committee enjoyed a presentation by Ruth Myers of the successful evolution of the *In Someone Else's Shoes* project. Ann Kennard congratulated Ruth and Pete on their work, thanked them for the presentation and wished them continuing success.

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