

**Leeds Civic Trust**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee No. 27423480**  
**Registered Charity No. 1014362**

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 5.45pm, 25 November 2019**

**held at the Banquet Hall, Leeds Civic Hall**

### **Welcome**

The Trust Vice President chaired and welcomed the Lord Mayor Councillor Eileen Taylor and invited her to address the Annual General Meeting.

Lord Mayor Councillor Eileen Taylor welcomed Trust Members on behalf of Leeds City Council. Trust Grants Committee Chair, Peter Baker announced the winners of the Snaith Awards. The Lord Mayor presented the Trust's Snaith Award with the Little Woodhouse Community Association winning this year's prize of £500.

### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Alison Ravetz, Alistair Gill, Ann Castle, Claude St Arroman, David Ansbro, Eric Smith, Graham Castle, Jenna Strover, Jenny Hewison, Jeremy Burton, Jeremy Freeman, Mike Heydecke, Pam Freeman, Peter Vickers, Richard Mantle, Robert Drewett, Roger Garnett, Trevor Armour.

### **2. To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 26 November 2018**

Proposed by Cliff Stead and seconded by Jim Brettell.

The minutes were then unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting.

### **3. To receive and, if approved, adopt the Annual Review 2019**

The Trust's Chair, Jane Taylor commented on the Annual Review and the Trust's year of activity and commended the 2019 report to members.

The Vice President invited members to comment on the 2019 report. There being no questions, the Annual Report was proposed by Mark Pullan and seconded by Robert Solyom. It was adopted by a show of hands.

#### **4. To Receive and, if approved, adopt the Trust's Statement of Accounts.**

Finance Committee Chair, Peter Baker referred members to the summarised accounts for year ended 08/19 which had been circulated with the AGM papers; a full copy was available for inspection. He drew the AGM's attention to the fact that the Trust's finances were stable, in good health and that there had been an increased surplus.

There being no questions, he commended the accounts to members for approval.

The approval of the accounts was proposed by Jane Taylor and seconded by Cath Black.

The accounts were approved unanimously.

#### **5. To elect the President**

Jeremy Burton was proposed by Jane Taylor seconded by Charles Wickert. He was unanimously elected by a show of hands.

#### **6. To Elect the Treasurer**

Robert Solyom was proposed by Jane Taylor and seconded by Cliff Stead. He was unanimously elected by a show of hands.

#### **7. To Elect Council members**

Martin Hamilton explained that the Trust constitution allows for up to nine elected members on Trust Council who can each serve for two consecutive three-year terms before they are required to retire for at least one year before being eligible for re-election.

Nomination papers had been circulated with the AGM papers and one nomination was received. Their profile had been distributed to members at the meeting:

Cliff Stead (proposed Jeremy Freeman; seconded Robert Tyrrell). Jenna Strover (proposed Richard Voss seconded Cliff Stead).

Since these were uncontested elections, the candidate was unanimously elected to Trust Council by a show of hands.

## **8. Appointment of Independent Examiners of Trust Accounts**

Robert Solyom proposed the reappointment of Sedulo as the Trust's Independent Examiners and thanked them for their support. This was seconded by Mike Piet and unanimously approved by members.

## **9. Collection on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Appeal in aid of Support After Rape and Sexual Violence.**

The Lord Mayor Cllr. Eileen Taylor spoke warmly about the Council's relationship with the Civic Trust, and thanked members for their generous donations toward the appeal.

In conclusion Lynda Kitching thanked all those who had attended the AGM.

Formal proceedings ended at 6:30pm.