

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.00 p.m. Monday, 22nd November 2021 Virtually via Zoom
AGENDA

Welcome by the President Jeremy Burton

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To approve the minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 November 2020
3. To receive and, if approved, adopt the Annual Review for 2021
4. To receive and, if approved, adopt the Trust's Statement of Accounts
5. To elect the President
6. To elect the Treasurer
7. To elect Council Members
8. To appoint the Independent Examiners of the Trust Accounts
9. To invite Nicholas Boys Smith, Chair of the Office of Place to address the meeting

Notes to Agenda Items

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

This year, since we are conducting the meeting virtually, it will not be possible to ask questions at the meeting. Members are therefore encouraged to email any questions to office@leedscivictrust.org.uk or to write to Leeds Civic Trust, 17-19 Wharf Street, Leeds LS2 7EQ. Questions must be received by 5pm on Friday 19th November.

VOTING

Voting will take place electronically at the meeting. Members have also been given the opportunity to vote by proxy should they wish. For a motion to be passed, a simple majority is required.

Item 5 Election of President

Jeremy Burton is willing to continue in office for a further year should this be the wish of members.

Item 6 Election of Treasurer

Robert Solyom was elected as Treasurer at the last AGM and, with the support of Council, is willing to continue in office for a further year should this be the wish of members.

Item 7 Election of Council Members

Council comprises up to 12 elected Trustees. At present, the Trust has nine elected Trustees.

Each elected member serves a three year term of office. They can serve a maximum of three terms of office before they are required to step down for a year.

This is the first year under the Trust's new constitution (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and as such prior service under the old constitution is not considered.

However, there is still a requirement that a third of Trustees (3) retire at this AGM though they can seek re-election.

- Meryll Wilford will step down and is not seeking re-election
- The Trustees have agreed that the two longest serving Trustees under the old constitution will step down. Both wish to stand for re-election. They are Mike Piet and Ricard Voss.

This means that there are up to four vacancies for election this year.

Nominations forms have been circulated with this agenda and the procedure to be followed is described in the covering letter.

Item 8 Appointment of the Independent Examiners of the Trust Accounts

Council recommends the retention of our current auditors, Sedulo.

Martin Hamilton
Director, Leeds Civic Trust

The minutes of the last meeting are included with this agenda

The following documents will be available for download at the Trust's website

- Electronic version of the Annual Review 2021
- Audited Statement of Accounts

Guest Speaker: Nicholas Boys Smith – Founding Director of Create Streets and Chair of the Transition Board for the Government's Office for Place



Immediately following the AGM, we will be joined by **Nicholas Boys Smith**, founding Director of Create Streets and chair of the transition board of the government's new Office for Place and a Commissioner for Historic England. He was also co-chair of the "Building better, building beautiful" Commission.

Nicholas and his organisation are at the forefront of the debate about building design, design codes and placemaking, supporting traditional street patterns and "gentle density" as the best approach to increase residential development. Many of their ideas have been adopted by the government in the recent planning White Paper. It should be an interesting session.