

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

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 7.00pm, 23 November 2020**

**virtually**

### **Welcome**

The Trust President chaired and welcomed all present.

Two announcements were made;

#### **Life Membership - Doreen Wood**

Doreen joined the Trust on 20 June 1990 and became a Trust Patron on 1 September 2003. She served on House Committee for 10 years from 1993 and on the Photograph Collection Group for 8 years until the group disbanded in December 2019. Her time on House Committee coincided with the Trust's purchase of our premises on Wharf Street.

And on 9<sup>th</sup> August she reached the milestone of her 100 year birthday.

#### **Snaith Award**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic The Snaith Award would not be awarded at this year's Annual General Meeting.

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

Apologies were received from Adrian Jones, Alan Blackburn, Angela & Rick Amos, Ann Clark, Ann Shelton, Anne Rennie, Bill Mathie, Caroline Newton & Matthew Edgar, Carolyn & Bill Booth Jones, Chris Mason, Chris Taylor, Clare Burningham, David Ansbro, David Lynch, Elisabeth Loach, Gladys Strawbridge, Graham & Norma Hebden, Helen Stapleton (Alwoodley Community Association), Hywel Coleman, Janet Dunn, Jeremy Stonehouse, Jonathan Maud (Rushbond), Judith Harris, Kate Hainsworth (Leeds Community Foundation), Liz Minkin, Malcolm Smith, Margot Friedman, Mary Chinnery, Michael & Catherine Collinson, Peter Harding, Robert Drewett, Roger Moran, Rosemary Perkins.

## **2. To approve the minutes of the AGM held on 25 November 2019**

Corrections in advance of the meeting had been posted to the Trust website.

Proposed by Meryll Wilford.  
Secunder: Jane Taylor

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

## **3. To receive and, if approved, adopt the Annual Review 2020**

The Trust's Chair, Jane Taylor commented on the Annual Review and the Trust's year of activity and commended the 2020 report to members.

Proposer: Clifford Stead  
Secunder: Jenna Strover

The Annual Review was unanimously approved.

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

Honorary Treasurer, Robert Solyom made a short presentation on the Trust's accounts and referred members to the continued health of the Trust's finances despite the circumstances presented by the pandemic.

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

The approval of the accounts was proposed by John Pike and seconded by Jane Taylor.

The accounts were approved unanimously.

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

Jeremy Burton was proposed by Jane Taylor seconded by Meryll Wilford.

He was unanimously elected.

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

Robert Solyom was proposed by Jane Taylor and seconded by Meryll Wilford.

He was unanimously elected.

## **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 no nominations were received.

Current Trustee Peter Baker was stepping down as Chair of the Finance Committee and would therefore no longer be a Trustee. John Pike had been appointed the new Chair by the Finance Committee and so will continue to be a Trustee as a chair of a standing committee.

Members acknowledged their thanks to Peter Baker for his two decades plus service on Council and acknowledged that Peter will continue to serve the Trust through his work on the planning committee and other groups.

Cath Black has completed one three-year term of office and was not seeking re-election.

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

Mike Piet proposed the reappointment of Sedulo as the Trust's Independent Examiners and thanked them for their support.

This was seconded by Richard Voss and unanimously approved by members.

### **9. To approve the proposal for the Trust to convert to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.**

This item was brought to members for approval. Members were reminded that a note explaining the proposed changes had been circulated prior to the meeting, together with a copy of the new constitution. Should members approve (by a 2/3 majority as is required for constitutional change), Council member John Pike would lead the work to formally convert to a CIO – which requires Charity Commission approval. It was anticipated that this will happen during the course of 2021. The Trust noted its thanks to Kathryn Hodges who had provided the Trust with expert advice in drafting the document.

Proposed by Robert Dyson  
Seconded by John Crossen

The resolution was passed with the requisite two thirds majority.

### **10. The Blue Plaque of Leeds: The Next Collection**

Dr Kevin Grady gave a presentation about the publication of the Trust's latest publication, co-written with Bob Tyrrell, Blue Plaques of Leeds: The Next Collection.

In conclusion Trust President, Jeremy Burton, thanked all those who had attended the AGM.

Formal proceedings ended at 7:40pm.