

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2024

MINUTES

1. Welcome

President, Hugh Ellwood welcomed the members to the 15th AGM. A quorum was noted and Mr. Ellwood declared the meeting open.

2. Apologies

Marion Nuttall, Jo Darbyshire, Rowland Darbyshire, Jean Lee, Lesley Peabody Brewer

3. Minutes of the AGM 1st November 2023 [available on the website]

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Kirsteen McGlashen Hansen and seconded by Jean Lee and accepted by the members.

4. Annual Report and Treasurer's Report for the period 1st August 2023 -31st July 2024 [available on the website]

Presented by Chair, Sarah Clayden.

There has been a full programme of lectures on diverse subjects, all voted as 'excellent' or 'outstanding' by the members and this is the core of the Society's activity. The chairman thanked all the volunteers who assisted the Programme Secretary and the staff and volunteers at the Lowther who support the Society in a number of ways.

The Society has enjoyed a programme of social events and Study Days which have been well supported. The chairman thanked the committee, particularly Elaine Wolstencroft and Anne Gaskell for all their work in organising these events.

The chairman thanked the members who act as volunteers at the various events, especially Rita Calvert who organised this. She thanked all those involved in organising the raffles which raise money for the good causes we support, such as funding for art materials for children in local hospital and hospice. She thanked Tony Depledge for writing the lecture notes each month.

She thanked the membership for their continued support throughout the year.

The chairman commended the Treasurers Report to the members and she thanked Christina McHugh for her work in managing the finances of the Society and exercising strict budgetary control.

No questions relating to the Reports had been received, therefore the Chair proposed acceptance of both Reports to the members; this was seconded by Kirsteen McGlashen Hansen and accepted by the members.

5. Amendments to the Constitution & Rules of The Arts Society Fylde

The Chairman read out the proposed changes to paras 5a and 6c and explained the changes had been proposed by the Committee to ensure continuity of membership of the committee and the changes to 7c were for logistical purposes. The amendments were accepted

6. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary

(Nominations published on the website and on the Powerpoint display at the AGM.)

The nominations were accepted. Sarah Clayden will be Chairman and Hilary Cresswell will be Treasurer. There are vacancies for a Vice Chairman and a Secretary. The Chairman urged members to consider joining the Executive Committee.

7.Election of Independent Financial Examiner

Mr. Ellwood agreed to continue to act as Independent Financial Adviser

The Chair announced her grateful thanks to Mr. Ellwood on behalf of the Society.

8. AOB and Closing Remarks

The Chair invited any questions arising from the meeting. There were none. She thanked Mr. Ellwood for overseeing the meeting and thanked the members for supporting the Committee by attending the AGM.

She announced the date of the next AGM; 5th November 2025 There being no other business she declared the meeting closed at 13.15

Signed: _____ Sarah Clayden, Chair.

Date: _____

H.Cresswell

7th November 2024