



Annual General Meeting
Heritage Resource Centre, Northwood Cemetery, Cowes
Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7:00pm

Present:

Trustees: Peter Almond, Richard Day, David Jones, Jon Matthews, John Pullen, Barry Sowerby, Stella Watling and Roger Williams (8).

Members: Barry & Linda Bates, Brian Buckett, Val Cranwell, Sue Dingwall, Pat & Chris Ely, Nick & Lou Farnsworth, Joan Finch, Brian Gibbs, David & Mary Hunnybun, Marian Lamsley-Jones, Joan Matthew, Ken Matthews, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Mary Pearson, Hazel Pullen, Brian & Aquila Reed, Pauline Sowerby, Rosemary Stewart and John & Suzanne Wolfe (25).

Guests: The High Sherriff (Mrs Gioia Minghella-Giddens), Richard Giddens, Ann Lewis and John Wilcox

1 Apologies for Absence:

John Avery, Liz Bail, Vicky Basford, Sue Bennett, Jill & Alan Blackburn, Sharon Beddard, Anthony Brown, Kingsley & Jane Brown, Sue Brown, Shirley Butchers, Malcolm Carter, Sheila Caws, David Chapman, Ann Charvet, David Collins, Jo Cottingham, Margaret Elsdon, Marcia Fairbain, Paul & Karen Fuller, Kate Gibbs, John Green, Neil & Carly Groves, Joy Hickson, David Hutchins, Ian Jarvie, Lorraine Jaspers, Jerry & Cecelia Lange, Martin & Fleur Lumb, Brenda & Gordon Martin-Dye, Pauline Moore, Julie Obst, Brenda Pearson-Wood, Lady Sally Pigot, Alison Richmond, Don & Jill Roe, Barbara Rolfe, Monica Scott, Ian Scragg, Anna Sladden, Newman & Jill Smith, Derek Toms and Michael Winstone.

2 Adoption of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM:

Brian Gibbs proposed and John Wolfe seconded that these minutes be accepted as a true record; this was carried unanimously.

3 Chairman's Report:

A written report was made available (attached). The Chairman explained the Friends of Northwood Cemetery are committed to a programme of work as part of the Management and Maintenance Plan (MMP). He thanked fellow trustees for their support and hard work. Although our membership has increased from 250 to 320 there are still only a very small number of volunteers and Peter asked those present to consider volunteering.

Responding to a question from John Wolfe regarding the hiring of the HRC, Peter explained that although the building is available for use by other groups, the building is owned by the Isle of Wight Council and we have not yet signed a lease. Once this is done we will be able enter into standard hiring agreements.

4 Treasurer's Report:

A written financial report was made available (attached). Roger explained the format and the financial health of FoNC. We still have £28K which is the final payment to GJ Banks (IW) Ltd due once all snagging issues are resolved. Although FoNC is in a strong cash position we are committed to raise £3,000 per annum for the next 5 years as part of the MMP.

Roger answered a question from David Hunnybun confirming that our accounts had been scrutinised and signed by a certified auditor. John Wolfe asked whether any cash was gaining interest in a deposit account. Roger confirmed that at present we just hold current accounts. Joan Finch suggested that Investment funds pay better interest rates; Roger agreed to look at this.

Brian Buckett proposed and David Hunnybun seconded that this report be accepted; this was carried unanimously.

5. **Adoption of a new Constitution to enable the Friends of Northwood Cemetery to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO):**

David Jones & Jon Matthews outlined a recommendation by the Trustees to become a Charitable Incorporated Trust (CIO). This required the adoption of a new Constitution (circulated) prior to formal request to the Charity Commission to become a CIO.

A proposal by Ken Matthews, seconded by Joan Matthew, to adopt the new Constitution was carried unanimously.

6. **Election of Trustees:**

The following Officers and Trustees were elected by a unanimous vote:

Chairman: **Peter Almond**: proposed by David Jones, seconded by Ken Matthews.

Vice-Chairman: **Roger Williams**: proposed by Jon Matthews, seconded by Barry Sowerby.

Secretary: **David Jones**: proposed Richard Day, seconded by Stella Watling.

Treasurer: **Richard Day**: proposed by David Hunnybun, seconded by Brian Buckett.

Other Trustees: The following were elected en-bloc, proposed by Brian Gibbs and, seconded by Ken Matthews:

Graham Lloyd

Jon Matthews

John Pullen

Barry Sowerby

Stella Watling

7. The meeting closed at 19.35.



David Jones

Secretary