

AGM MINUTES Monday 18 February 2019

Bedern Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Gary Bateson, Anna Briggs, Tricia Castle, Ruth Cozens, Maurice Crichton (Minutes), Sheila Dunn, Wilma Edwards, Sue Harris, Bernard Lyne, Margaret O'Donnell, Joan Pritchard, Margaret Scott, Janet Sharpe, Noël Stabler, Marie Taylor, Linda Terry (Chair), Simon Tompsett, Phil Turner, Sandra Wadley, Anne Collinson, Gordon Smith, Tom Straszewski (in attendance).

1. Welcome. Linda Terry gave us all a warm welcome.
2. Apologies for absence. These were noted via various media from:
Ged Murray, Sheelagh Loftus, Jill Shepherd, Julie Speedie, Leslie & James Senden, Bernadette Turner, Linda Jackson, Roger Wood, Paul Thomas, Gaynor Spivey.
3. Approval of minutes. The minutes of the AGM on 30 November 2016 (when we were differently constituted) were formally approved. There were no matters arising from these minutes.
4. Chair's report. Linda Terry presented her Trustees Annual Report 2017-19 which had been made available to the membership ahead of the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes.
5. Treasurer's Report. Phil Turner presented the trust's accounts to 5 April 2018. A copy is attached to these minutes. The accounts were formally approved.

Bernard Lyne was proposed as independent examiner of our accounts for the next accounting period to 5 April 2019. The proposal was unanimously carried.

6. Committee elections. Sheelagh Loftus and Christine Gajewicz having retired since the setting up of the Trust as a CIO, none of the remaining first charity trustees are due to retire by rotation in accordance with Clause 13 of our Constitution.

Our current Secretary, Maurice Crichton (co-opted to replace Christine in April 2018) was unanimously elected as Secretary of the Trust. Colin Lea (also a co-optee) and Anna Briggs were unanimously elected to the Committee.

The full committee is therefore now: Linda Terry (Chair), Phil Turner (Treasurer), Maurice Crichton (Secretary), Ged Murray, Simon Tompsett, Gary Bateson, Colin Lea, Anna Briggs.

There followed a break for drinks and refreshments

7. Presentation on exciting plans. Maurice Crichton (with contributions from Simon Tompsett, Linda Terry and Phil Turner) gave a presentation on YMPST's plans to stage an annual YMPST Nativity play beginning in December 2019. A copy of the summary of this presentation which appeared in the YMPST March Newsletter is attached.

The Committee's plans so far for this venture received unanimous approval.

Members' feedback was received on the presentation as follows:

- The play needs to be where the audience is (i.e. centrally located)
- An hour in length was deemed appropriate
- There could be music before and perhaps after the play which might involve some audience participation (in line with the festive season)
- A promenade element would engage the audience, again with music accompanying the movement of people
- Cameo performances in the street or marquee would be good for promotion and raising interest in the production
- Could we stage a tableau in an empty shop window, again with the purpose of promotion?
- It would be important to set up the production team and supporting infrastructure early in the process, particularly with a view to underpinning year-on-year sustainability.

The meeting closed with further opportunity for refreshments and socialising.

Dates for your diary

YMPST does St Crux: Tues 27 August 2019 and Sat 19 October 2019