

PAIGNTON HERITAGE SOCIETY
Minutes of the 31st Annual General Meeting
Held on 24th March 2021 at 7.00pm via Internet (Zoom)

1. Present:

Committee Members: Nick Pannell (President), Iris Butler (Chair), Maggie Loates (Treasurer), Karen Chapman (Secretary/Vice Chair), Eileen Donovan, Anne Pentney, John Pentney, David Coaker, Christine Watts, James Milne. **Members:** 8 (excl. Committee)

2. Apologies:

Keith Masters, Margaret English, Ken Beavers, Lionel Beer, Maggi Douglas-Dunbar, Mr and Mrs Reed.

3. President's Address:

Nick Pannell welcomed members to the meeting. He said the best thing about the Society is that it brings people together and, following the lockdowns and restrictions over the past year due to the pandemic, he stressed the importance of inviting people in to enjoy company again. He said local history had the power to bring people together with open arms. He then gave special thanks to Eileen for her many years of hard work with the Society and to Jim Milne for the terrific job he has done on the website

4. Minutes of the AGM dated 21st November 2019: were agreed unanimously.

5. Matters arising: there were no matters arising.

6. Chairman's/Secretary's Report:

Iris Butler thanked the Committee for their support over the last 16 months. She said she was sorry that Eileen Donovan had decided to step down from the role of Treasurer, but was delighted that Maggie Loates had taken over. She expressed her sincere gratitude to both for their support.

During the lock-down, the Committee had moved things forward using Zoom meetings, which had been good, but she anticipated being able to return to face to face meetings sometime this year. Iris also thanked

- David Coaker for organising the volunteers at Kirkham House
- Alan Henshaw for acting as the strong link between the Society and English Heritage.
- Karen Chapman for production of the excellent Newsletters
- Karen and Tony Hill for production of three new Trail leaflets and up-dating the Old Town leaflet
- Jim Milne for the website - particularly for uploading the thousand plus postcards.

She reported that she had been invited to join the Friends of Oldway Committee and the Trustees of Paignton Picture House, and believed these links will greatly benefit the Society as these local groups will work in partnership to protect Paignton's heritage.

Finally, she thanked the loyal members of the Society for their continued support and patience throughout the pandemic. She stated that we can now positively look forward to the future.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Maggie Loates reported total funds of £9,226.07. Members, having had sight of the annual accounts and, after being given an opportunity to ask questions about them, approved them unanimously. Maggie informed the meeting that the Statements of Account covering the two periods 1.9.19 to 31.8.20 and 1.9.20 to 31.12.20 will be available on the website. Annual subscriptions remain at £10.00 per annum. Maggie encouraged members to pay by standing order if possible.

Finally, she thanked Eileen, and said she looked forward to relying on her advice and expertise for many years to come.

8. Election of Committee: the following were elected unanimously

Chair	Iris Butler
Vice Chair/Secretary	Karen Chapman
Treasurer	Maggie Loates
Membership Secretary	Keith Masters
Committee Members	Eileen Donovan, Christine Watts, Anne Pentney, John Pentney and David Coaker

9. Resolutions to amend the Constitution

Three amendments were proposed to the Constitution of the Society:

1. The Committee shall consist of up to ten members of the Society, the Officers of the Committee being the Chair, Vice Chair, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon. Membership Secretary and Hon. Website Administrator
2. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held not later than March 31st each year.
3. The financial year shall end on the 31st day of December.

The three amendments were approved unanimously

Iris Butler then proposed that Jim Milne be elected as the tenth member of the Committee as the Website Administrator. Jim accepted the nomination and it was approved unanimously.

10. AOB

There was no other business.

11. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Iris Butler thanked Nick Pannell for chairing the meeting, and said the Society hoped to hold its first event of the year in July with a social evening.

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm