



Gosport Society

Minutes of the AGM, 10th June, 2015, 19:30 at the *Discovery Centre*

Item 1 – Welcome: Roger Mawby (RM) opened the meeting by welcoming the Mayor of Gosport, Councillor Keith Farr - President of the Society.

Item 2 – Apologies: Councillor Alan Scard, Lesley Burton Elaine Collinson, Nancy Tribe, Irene Russell, Mary Duly.

Item 3 – Minutes of last meeting: Joyce Upperton proposed and George Blower seconded their acceptance and the Minutes were agreed.

Item 4 – Chairman’s Report (RM)

4.1 RM had written a full report in the Newsletter and, as announced there, was stepping down after five years as Chairman of Gosport Society. RM was delighted that Paul Hutton-Dunton had agreed to stand in his place. Paul will, in particular, develop the social side of the Society and RM urged Society members to give Paul their full support.

4.2 RM thanked members of the Committee for their work over the year:

- Sue Blower as Treasurer
- George Blower for taking the subs, developing the Newsletters, etc and for fielding web enquiries
- the Planning Sub-Committee of May Bumford, Adrian Knight and Howard Bennett. May, especially, has a deep understanding of the Planning regulations and frequently writes on the Society’s behalf
- May who, as Speaker Secretary, has put such a good programme together
- Louis Murray who has been a very successful Marketing and Publicity Officer as well as author of two Gosport trails
- Howard Bennett, Archivist and Heritage & Conservation Officer responsible for Green Plaques and now Blue Plaques (previously managed by the Town Hall via English Heritage)
- Joyce Upperton and Adrian Knight for their long-time contributions and Newsletter articles
- Kevin Casey - a valuable link with Friends of Stokes Bay and the Diving Museum
- Councillor Alan Scard - committed to improving the interface between GS and the Town Hall
- Liz Mitchell for the Minutes and Newsletter

4.3 RM also thanked

- David Moore for his (voluntary) work as the Society’s Webmaster
- Doreen Pladdys for action as Independent Examiner of the Society’s accounts
- Gosport Society members for their continued support.

Items 5 – Honorary Treasurer’s Report (Sue Blower):

5.1 SB explained that the Project Fund (of £10,000) was ring-fenced and was used for special donations, the Plaques, the Gosport trails, restoring the St George Barracks’ lamppost, etc.

5.2 The interest rate on the the Santander account had increased.

There being no questions, Pamela Mawby proposed acceptance of the accounts; seconded by Adrian Knight. Approved.

Item 6 – Election of Chairman:

6.1 RM handed over to the Mayor for the election of Chairman. Paul Hutton-Dunton was duly elected and took over the Chair.

Item 7 – Election of Committee:

- 7.1 PH-D proposed a block vote for all the existing committee members re-standing plus Diane Furlong and Brian Mansbridge. Diane is a retired Civil Servant and former Gosport Councillor. Brian followed thirty years in the Navy with a career in the NHS and has been involved with other local organisations. He is keen to forge links between Gosport and Lee. George Blower seconded and the following were elected:

Office	Candidate	Initials
Chairman	Paul Hutton-Dunton	Ph-D
Vice Chairman		
Honorary Treasurer	Sue Blower	SB
Membership Secretary	Diane Furlong	DF
Associate Secretary	Liz Mitchell	EM
Committee Member	May Bumford	MB
Committee Member	Howard Bennett	HB
Committee Member	Kevin Casey	KC
Committee Member	Adrian Knight	AK
Committee Member	Louis Murray	LM
Committee Member	Brian Mansbridge	BM
Committee Member	Joyce Upperton	JU

- 7.2 Paul also invited Phillippa Dickinson (Membership Secretary for Royal Clarence Yard Development organisation) to attend meetings whenever possible.

Item 8– AOB

- 8.1 PH-D announced that the next GS Programme will be for the year up to the 2016 AGM and including Social events.
- 8.2 PH-D gave an outline of the proposed Social events: a ‘converzatione’ in the Ward Room, a supper dance, an evening of Gosport History (short snappy talks) in the Diving Museum and a visit to the Bishop’s Palace & Gardens and Wells Cathedral
- 8.2 PH-D asked the Mayor to recognize the service of Roger and George by presenting them with framed paintings of Gosport. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Pam Mawby.

The AGM ended at 20.00 and PH-D introduced the speaker, Andrew Negus, whose talk on *Salisbury – a Tale of Two Cities* (Part One) was very well received and of particularly high quality, being both informative and entertaining. PH-D expressed a wish that we invite Andrew back for part two!

The evening ended at 21.00