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**Gosport Society**

**Registered as Charity No. 289942**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Gosport Society**

**held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th June 2021**

**via Zoom**

**Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions by The Chairman**.

As chair, Louis Murray welcomed everyone, noting that the meeting was taking place in virtual mode again. LM extended a special welcome to Cllr. Mark Hook, Mayor of Gosport and President of the Gosport Society by virtue of his position as Mayor.

Cllr. Mark Hook, declared the meeting open. He spoke of the appreciation by Gosport Borough Council for the fine work GS does in looking after areas, buildings and conservation in Gosport. Cllr. Alan Scard has spoken on behalf of GS in council meetings and has been a good ambassador for GS. “On behalf or the Council, thank you for the work you do – you are unsung heroes.”

**Item 2 – Apologies.** Cllr. Kevin Casey, Diane & Raymond Furlong, Mrs Julie Westerby, Mr Mike Nobes.

**Present:** Cllr. Mark HookMayor of Gosport,Mr. Louis Murray (LM), Mr. Malcolm Stevens (MS), Mr. Brian Mansbridge (BM), Mrs. Sue Cook (SC), Mr. Richard Harrison, Mr Alan Scard (AS), Mr Jeffrey Knott (JK), Mrs Phillippa Dickenson, Ms. Judith Feeney, Mrs. Sue Courtney (SJC), Mrs Joyce Neville, Mrs Maureen Bell.

**Item 3 – Minutes of the Virtual AGM Meeting held on 10th June 2020 (circulated).**

3.1 Louis Murray requested endorsement of the Minutes as an accurate record. Minutes endorsed – Proposed by AS, seconded by JK.

**Item 4 – Matters Arising.**

4.1 – Item 12 – elected committee – name should be Jeff Knott not John Knott. Amended.

**Item 5 – Chair Annual Report 20/21 (tabled and circulated).**

5.1 – LM summarily referred to his annual report as chair of GS.

5.2 - LM thanked Cllr. Hook for his kind words – GS tries to give an external democratic voice to members and the wider Gosport community.

5.3 –LM expressed thanks to all committee members and the wider membership. Acknowledged that times are currently challenging for all voluntary societies and that the social side of GS has been curtailed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

5.4 –LM commented that we look forward positively to post-Covid existence.

5.5 – Maureen Bell thanked LM for his words and work. Also thanked committee for ensuring she always felt in touch and connected.

**Item 6 – Honorary Treasurer’s Report AGM 20/21 (tabled and circulated).**

6.1 – Letters and figures circulated prior to meeting .

6.2 – All but one of the 50th Anniversary events had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions. GS survived largely on membership funding currentlyas income from events was curtailed.

6.3 – BM proposed a vote of thanks to John White, Auditor. Proposed by SC, seconded by SJC.

6.4 – Good to note a healthy financial balance and to meet charity status requirements.Potential exists for allocating some funds to contribure to production costs of planned HAZ publications.

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**Item 7 – Election of Chairman and Officers for 2021-2022**

7.1 – MS read nominations, proposers and seconders for officers and committee.

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|  | Nominee | Proposer | Seconder |
| **Chair** | **Dr. Louis Murray** | Paul Hutton-Dunton | Meg Hutton-Dunton |
| **Vice-Chair** | **Sue Courtney** | Dr. Louis Murray | Malcolm Stevens |
| **Hon. Secretary** | **Malcolm Stevens** | Adrian Knight | Sue Courtney |
| **Hon. Treasurer** | **Brian Mansbridge** | Richard Harrison | Jeffery Knott |

**Item 8 - Election of Committee for 2021-2022**

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|  | Nominee | Proposer | Seconder |
| 1 | **Sue Cook** | Malcolm Stevens | Sue Courtney |
| 2 | **Judith Feeney** | Kevin Casey | Malcolm Stevens |
| 3 | **Richard Harrison** | Brian Mansbridge | Jeffery Knott |
| 4 | **Jeffery Knott** | Richard Harrison | Brian Mansbridge |

Vacancies exist for 2 more committee members. Possibly by co-option during 2021-22.

**Gosport Borough Council Appointee**

The Borough Council recognises that the Gosport Society, is an organisation which, although independent from the Council, has an impact on its service areas. Therefore, in order that the Council can maintain effective partnerships with the Society, a representative is appointed to sit on the Society’s Committee in an ex-officio capacity. At the Annual Council Meeting held on 19 May 2021, **Councillor Kevin Casey** was appointed as the Council’s representative to the Gosport Society for 2021/22.

**Item 9 – Special Presentation**

9.1 –Alan Scard is a man of Gosport.Very knowledgable about & interested in the town. Has given 11 years to Gosport Society as ex-officio committee member.

9.2 – LM showed framed certificate – presented virtually. To be delivered by LM in person.

9.3 – AS offered thanks. Willing to be contacted when needed. Cllr. Hook: AS has “done GS proud” at council meetings.

**Item 10 – Any Other Business**

10.1 –LM declared that this will be his last year as chair of executive committee.

10.2 –LM thanked everyone for attending, extending special thanks to Mayor for his time & commitment.

10.3 –LM handed back to MS as Zoom host to close the meeting.

The meeting closed at 19:50.

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| **Signed:** | ***Louis Murray*** | **Signed:** | ***Malcolm Stevens*** |
| **Date:** | **23 August 2021** | **Date:** | **24 August 2021** |