

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 at 7pm in the Society's Committee Room

Present: {Committee: T. Naylor, A. Long, M. Harrison, Messrs Wickham & Smith}: Mr M Wakefield {Finance} and C. Hodgson (Manager).

14 Members of the Public

Apologies – None

Committee Election – Paul Wickham stood down. Ballot took place for two members, unanimously voted for M. Harrison and A. Long.

Chair and Secretary Tamsyn Naylor

Treasurer Anna Long

Marketing and HR Megan Harrison

Premises Rod Smith

Meeting opened at 7. 02pm.

1. The minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – approved.
2. Financial accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were approved.
3. Annual report and Accounts were adopted.
4. The Chairman's report was read.
5. Mark Wakefield read the Finance report. In 2023 we made a £20,000 loss but this year it was reduced to a £7 loss. This does not include donations from the Treasure Trove and others (£10,000). Turnover has increased by £2,000. We have reduced waste, power and hours but the bookshop is not yet let. Road closure due to bridge damage reduced footfall by 18% and lost us £5,000 profit. Volunteers are needed at busy times. Local growth will ensure the future of the shop. Mark stood down at this meeting and was thanked for his diligence.
6. The only question was regarding VAT from the Treasure Trove. To set the shop up separately would involve a new committee, accounts and registration, it is preferred to be a ringfenced donation through our shop.
7. Dividend is unfortunately suspended for 2024 as a prudent

measure.

Not discussed was appointment of accountant for forthcoming year.

Meeting closed at 19.23 pm.