

The Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting Held in the Council Chamber, Chester Town Hall on Saturday 2nd October 2021

1. Welcome

The outgoing Chair John Ebo welcomed everyone to Chester.

2. President's Opening Remarks

Andrew Gravells thanked Chester for the warm welcome to the Friday night reception.

He thanked John Ebo (Chair) and Jan Lugg (Secretary) for keeping the Association running in spite of Covid and presented each with a personal gift.

3. Welcome from the Sheriff of Chester

Cllr Jill Houlbrook welcomed everyone to Chester on the 900th Anniversary of the Chester Shrievalty.

4. Obituaries

The deaths were announced of

Peter Barrett (Lichfield) former Chair

Douglas Gomm (Canterbury) former Chair

(Colin Greatorex spoke praising both for their work in maintaining the Association)

Anita Lever (Newcastle)

Barbara Morgan (Haverfordwest)

Jill Brown (York)

A minute's silence was held.

5. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:-

Berwick :- Canon Alan Hughes, Alan Bowlas, Ian Hunter-Hay,
Andrew Swinburne

Canterbury:- Ann Taylor, Jenny Yonge

Chester:- Gill Watson

Gloucester:- Ben Richards, Christine Hartshorne, Howard Hyman

Haverfordwest:- Richard Blacklaw-Jones

Lichfield:- Kathryn Duncan-Brown, Bob Awty

Lincoln:- Graham Kent, Jeff Boyall, Ian Emmerson, Patrick Vaughan
Newcastle:- Dainne Packham
Norwich:- Doug Underwood, Ros Brown
Nottingham:- Brian Grocock, Ian Malcolm, Chris Gibson, Catherine Arnold
Southampton:- Peter Baillie
York:- Barrie Ferguson, Verna Campbell, Paul Frith, Keith Hyman

6. Introduction of New Sheriffs

Chester - Jill Houlbrook
Norwich - Caroline Jarrold
Lichfield - Peter Hitchman
York - Ashley Mason
Lincoln - Stephen Dixon
Southampton - Jacqui Rayment
Gloucester - Pam Tracey
Canterbury - Anne Dekker

7. Minutes of 2019 AGM Oxford

After correcting the draft minutes to note the attendance of Andrew and Jeanne Storrar, the minutes were proposed by Andrew Gravells and seconded by Colin Greatorex and agreed by all.

8. Chairman's Report

John Ebo spoke about the Website and whether the Association needed to be on Facebook - this to be decided.

9. Treasury Statement

Jan Lugg reported that Andrew Swinburne had resigned in June 2020 and the accounts were accurate until that date. Due to various lockdowns the statements between June 2020 and September 2021 had gone to Andrew Swinburne, who had forwarded them just before the AGM weekend.

From the statements:-

Account Number:	11366777
Balance 1/11/2020	2411.71
Balance 1/09/2021	2411.95
Interest	.24

Account Number: 11366769
Balance 1/11/2020 1023.69
Balance 1/09/2021 4600.69
Cheques to bank
23/09/2021 621.00
Total 5221.69

10. Election of Officers

a) Chairman

David Brown (Gloucester) was proposed by Andrew Gravells and seconded by Pam Tracey (Gloucester)

There were no other nominations, so David Brown was elected unopposed.

He acknowledged the contribution made to the Association by Douglas Gomm and Peter Barrett as previous Chairmen.

He also thanked John Ebo as outgoing Chair.

b) Vice-Chairman

John Hartshorne (Nottingham) was proposed by John Ebo and seconded by Pam Tracey.

There being no other nominations, John Hartshorne was duly elected.

c) Treasurer

John Ebo proposed that the organisation of the AGM arrangements could be split from the role of Treasurer.

The Treasurer's role had been taken on by Jan Lugg since the resignation of Andrew Swinburne in June 2020 and no-one else had come forward.

Jan Lugg stated that she would be happy to relinquish the role of Secretary and to take on the role of Treasurer, as it would be more likely for someone to volunteer as Secretary.

Jan Lugg was therefore proposed as Treasurer by John Ebo and seconded by David Brown.

All agreed to this proposal.

d) Secretary

Jeanne Storrar (Chester) volunteered from the floor and was proposed by Jan Lugg and seconded by Andrew Gravells.

There being no other nominations, Jeanne Storrar was duly elected.

e) Vice-Presidents

Andrew Gravells paid tribute to Douglas Gomm and Peter Barrett who had been elected Vice- Presidents after their term as Chairman.

In view of their work keeping the Association alive during lockdown and also in the organising of the 2019 Oxford AGM, Andrew Gravells proposed that John Ebo (Chester) and Jan Lugg (Gloucester) become Vice-Presidents. The was seconded by David Brown and agreed unanimously.

11. Election of Committee Members

a) Berwick

Lance Robson and Michael Richardson have been nominated by their Sheriiffs Club.

b) Norwich

Norwich will nominate their representatives having formed a committee just before the first covid lockdown.

12. Appointment of Auditor

Jim Smith, our Auditor for many years, has declined the role due to age.

Myles Hogg (Chester) volunteered for the role and was proposed by Jill Houlbrook and seconded by David Brown.

13. Future Venues

2022 Berwick upon Tweed

2023 Norwich

2024 Haverfordwest

2025 Lichfield

14. AOB

GDPR responsibility to be decided for data protection.

The meeting agreed that all attendees agreed to share information. Xena Dion (Poole) offered to revamp the website provided that any cost she incurred could be refunded and this was agreed by the meeting.

