

Scarborough Archaeological and Historical Society

AGM Minutes

Monday 14th April 2025

Salvation Army Hall, Scarborough

Number of members present: 60

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Sue Ogilvy, Keith Johnston, Alan Yarker and his wife.

2. Annual Report

Prior to the meeting the 2024 – 2025 Annual Report, along with the AGM agenda, 2024 AGM minutes and audited accounts had been circulated via email to members. Paper copies were also made available to members attending the meeting. Simon referred members to the annual report, and it was proposed to be received by the meeting by Stephen Gandolfi, seconded by Gareth Davies and carried unanimously.

3. Accounts

The Society's Treasurer, Martin Bland, presented the accounts which had previously been approved by the Trustees for 2023 – 2024 and took questions. Martin noted that there is a small surplus with less expenditure than in 2023. Membership has increased this year. The Society received a grant of £758 from North Yorkshire Moors National Park, and £443.30 interest from an account with Shawbrook.

Martin gave his thanks to the Auditors, noting that one of them is standing down and a new auditor would be needed. Martin made a request for a volunteer.

The accounts were proposed to be received by the meeting by Ray Clarke seconded by Mark Vesey and carried unanimously.

4. To set the Subscription Rates for 2025 – 2026

At the committee meeting prior to the AGM the committee discussed potential changes to the subscription rates. It was agreed to retain the subscription rates at their current level. This was proposed at the AGM by Martin Bland, seconded by Catherine Welch and carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2025 – 2026

(A) President and Vice Presidents

Trevor Pearson is happy to stand for President again this year. Proposed by Mark Vesey, seconded by Stephen Gandolfi and carried unanimously.

Keith Johnston is happy to stand for Vice President again this year. Proposed by Trevor Pearson, seconded by Gareth Davies and carried unanimously.

(B) Executive Officers – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Vanessa Milner is willing to stand again as Chair this year. Proposed by Andy Volans, seconded by Ray Clark and carried unanimously.

Mark Vesey is willing to stand again as Vice Chair this year. Proposed by Tony Wilson, seconded by Catherine Welch and carried unanimously.

Simon Temlett is willing to stand again as Secretary this year. Proposed by Andy Volans, seconded by Gareth Davies and carried unanimously.

Martin Bland continues to stand as Treasurer. This was proposed by Stephen Gandolfi, seconded by Mark Vesey and carried unanimously.

(C) Committee members

Committee members standing for this year are: Rebecca Abberstein, Gareth Davies, Stephen Gandolfi, Elaine Jamieson, Stewart MacDonald, Emma Temlett, Andy Volans, Lynda Welch. It was proposed to appoint en masse by Mick Panton, seconded by Ray Clarke and carried unanimously.

The committee were thanked for their dedication and for being a great team. Special thanks were given to Trevor and Simon, and to Trevor and Elaine for ensuring Transactions was available tonight. A request was made for writers for next years Transactions and for them to please get in touch with Simon or Trevor.

6. Appointment of Auditors for 2024 – 2025

Doug Johnson has agreed to act as one Auditor for a further year but David Palfrey wishes to stand down. Tony Wilson put himself forward to be the second Auditor for next year. It was proposed by Chris Hall, seconded by Martin Bland and carried unanimously.

7. Any Other Business

Nothing raised

As the formalities of the AGM were concluded, thanks were given to Chris Hall as a welcome member of our Trustees for speaking this evening on “Digging in Paradise: Scarborough Big Dig 2022 to 2024”.