

The Kew Society

Meeting Notes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 25th October 2022

Time: 19.00 – 20.00

Venue: The National Archives, Kew TW9 4HF

Attendees from the current Executive Committee

Shiona Williams (Chair)
Michael Adams (Hon. Treasurer)
Claire Bethel (Hon. Secretary)
Nora Dennehy (PR and Vice-Chair)
Mary Done (Events)
Venetia Harper (Environment)
Nick Hutchings (Co-opted, webmaster)
John Ricketts (Planning)
Alice Shackleton (Planning)

Meeting notes recorded by:

Claire Bethel (Hon. Secretary)

Apologies noted from:

- Guests: Sarah Olney MP and Cllr Ian Craigie who had been invited as guests but were unable to attend.
- Patrons: Nick Baird
- Members: Apologies are appended to these minutes.

Around 90 members attended.

	<u>Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair, Shiona Williams, welcomed everyone to the AGM for 2021/22 at the end of her first year in office. She was delighted to see such a good turnout.
1.	<u>To accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th October 2021</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roger Mason, seconded by Paul Bethel, proposed that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record. The proposal was approved by all members participating.
2.	<u>To accept the Annual Report of the Trustees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair presented her report, highlighting some of the issues addressed during her first year as Chair. These are included in her full written report which is available, with that of the trustees, on the Kew Society website. She thanked all the trustees of the Society for their work during the year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kew Society's patrons (Sir David Durie, Sir Donald Insall, Nick Baird and Gudrun Edwards) were thanked for their continued interest in The Kew Society and their support. Gudrun Edwards was standing down as patron and was thanked for her contribution. • The Annual Report was proposed for acceptance by Mike Adams, seconded by Michael Fletcher and approved by members as well as the proxy votes received.
3.	<p><u>To accept the Annual Statement of Accounts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Treasurer, Mike Adams, explained and summarised the accounts for the Society for the year ending 31st July 2022. Full details are set out in the written report which is available on The Kew Society website. The largest item of expenditure during the year had been the contribution to the costs of the circular walk leaflet. Surplus of income over expenditure was £400 with the total funds of the Society at £32,000. • Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Roger Mason, seconded by Paul Bethel and approved by a vote.
4.	<p><u>Election of members of the Executive Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Adams is standing down after a second three-year term of office. Stephen Speak and Anna Anderson have stood down as trustees though Anna will continue as a co-opted member of the committee and as Head Gardener. • Janet Clark, Diana Ormond and Steve Williams were elected as Trustees of the Society. This was proposed by John Harper, seconded by Jane Hogan and approved by a vote.
5.	<p><u>Election of Officers of the Executive Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing Trustees had put forward the following as Officers of the Executive Committee of the CIO: Shiona Williams as Chair, Nora Dennehy as Vice-Chair, Steve Williams as Honorary Treasurer and Claire Bethel as Honorary Secretary. • The election of the above candidates was proposed by Josie Adams, seconded by Maggie Mason and approved by members.
6.	<p><u>Appointment of Claire Satow as new Independent Examiner for the year ending July 31st, 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claire Satow's appointment for the coming year as Independent Examiner of Accounts had been approved by the Executive Committee. • This was proposed by Mike Adams and seconded by Nora Dennehy and approved by all present.
7.	<p><u>Q&A from members of The Kew Society</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of questions were asked by members of the Society on stepfree access at the station, the telecommunications mast proposed in North Road, the location of cycle racks, the hire bicycles which were frequently abandoned in the middle of pavements, and the electrical charging points that are being located throughout the area.

8. **Any other business**

- There was no other business.
- A presentation was made to Mike Adams on behalf of all the members and the committee and he was thanked for all the work that he had done during his time as Treasurer of the Society. Stephen Speak and Anna Anderson were also thanked for the contributions that they had made to the work of the committee during the previous year.

List of apologies:

Diana Armfield
Louise Ashton
Sue and Paul Cole
Leigh Fink
Roger Metcalfe
Diana Ormond
Joan Stanton
Michael Turner
Vivien Williams

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