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**Minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Kemp Town Society, held via Zoom on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.**

**Committee Members present:**

Simon Smith	Chairman
Michael Bedingfield	CAG Representative
Adam Liversidge	Membership Officer
Vanessa Minns	WBLIMH Editor
Jayne Paulin	Secretary
Keith Paulin	Treasurer
Vaughan Rees	Deputy Chairman
Ann Wroe	Newsletter Editor (Co-opted)

**Agenda item 1                    KTS Membership**

A full list of attendees and receipt of proxy voting forms appears in the appendix to these minutes.

**Agenda item 2                    Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company**

The minutes of the previous AGM were received and approved. [Proposed by Michael Bedingfield. Seconded by Vaughan Rees.]

**Agenda item 3                    Accounts of the Company for the year ending 31/12/19**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the 2019 calendar year. He explained that income was shown to exceed expenditure on this occasion because the £20k received from the Alex Bruce Legacy had been recorded as part of the previous year's (2018) income figures. As the Legacy is spent, expenditure will exceed the Society's usual annual income. The final cost of the information boards (finally installed in May 2020) amounted to just over £9k during 2019.

Members noted that the financial position of the Society remained relatively stable, with day-to-day assets of approximately £14,000 and despite the decline in income from regular events of around £1,000 caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. As all members of the committee are volunteers, the principal running costs of KTS consisted of the newsletter and website.



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The AGM agreed to approve the accounts [Motion proposed Ann Wroe. Seconded by Michael Bedingfield] and re-appoint Plummer Parsons as the Society's accountants. [Motion proposed by Pip Tucker. Seconded by Lucy McCrickland.]

**Agenda item 4                      Resignation/Election of Trustees/Directors**

The Chairman reported that Jill Sewell had recently resigned her position as Trustee/Director, and as KTS representative on the BHCC Commemorative Plaque Panel. On behalf of the AGM, the chairman extended its thanks to Jill for her long period of service to the Society. The AGM agreed that Jayne Paulin would succeed her on the Commemorative Plaque Panel. [Proposed by Adam Liversidge. Seconded by Vaughan Rees.] The alternate representative was confirmed as Vaughan Rees [Proposed by Pip Tucker. Seconded by Robin Guilleret.]

The Chairman stated that the activities of the Panel were currently in abeyance due to the Council's review of all street names, statues and plaques in the context of the BLM protests. Jayne Paulin also reported that the Panel had not been able to meet recently, due to social distancing constraints.

Members re-confirmed Michael Bedingfield as CAG Representative for KTS for a further year. [Proposed by Robin Guilleret. Seconded by Stella McCrickland.]

**Agenda item 5                      Chairman's Report**

The AGM approved the report, as originally circulated with the April newsletter. [Proposed by Vaughan Rees. Seconded by Ann Wroe.] The Chairman highlighted recent updates as follows:

- (a) The proposed November start date for work on Black Rock and the Esplanade
- (b) Referral of the latest plans for the Marina Development to independent arbitration, following the expiry of the statutory time limit for consideration of planning permission by the local authority.
- (c) Progress on the scheme for Madeira Drive, now extended to renovation of thirty arches.
- (d) The first phase of consultation on the future of the Gasworks site; the KTS Committee intends to comment in detail during the second stage of the process in 2021.
- (e) The newly expanded newsletter was well received by the membership.
- (f) Despite the pandemic, the committee continues to meet via Zoom and the Society's membership stands at nearly 200 households.



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Agenda item 6                    **Alex Bruce Legacy**

Vanessa Minns thanked fellow KTS member Michael Osborne for all his help with research for the information boards. The Chairman invited suggestions for the next phase of the legacy project, with a budget of approximately £10k. [Note that the bequest stipulates that the funding is provided 'for conservation purposes' for the benefit of the wider community.]

Agenda item 7                    **Fundraising events 2019/20**

The only major fundraising event to take place in 2020 was the highly successful concert by the Brighton Youth Orchestra, held at St George's Church just before lockdown in February. It was noted that the Garden Party had been cancelled, although a Patio Garden Competition took place instead. Having discounted the possibility of holding the annual quiz via Zoom, the Committee had decided to adopt an alternative format by email correspondence at the end of October. [Note: no entry fee was charged for the garden competition and the quiz will not generate any income on this occasion.]

In line with the Society's convention of making donations to local causes on a rotating basis, the Chairman reported that the Committee had agreed to donate £250 to the Off the Fence Trust, which provides support for the homeless, women in crisis and schools/youth, and a further £250 to The Martlets Hospice in Hove.

Agenda item 8                    **'Who's Been Living in My House' project and website**

Vanessa Minns highlighted the new facility to link topics on the information boards to additional background research. Adam Liversidge reported that data for both WBLIMH and the main KTS website were now backed up on a regular basis. The AGM congratulated Adam Liversidge on the appearance and format of the KTS website.

Agenda item 9                    **Bicentenary**

The Chairman reported that Janine Nahapiet had resigned as the Chair of the Co-Ordinating Committee and invited suggestions or offers for a suitable successor on behalf of KTE.

Agenda item 10                  **Any other business**

The meeting noted with concern reports of the potential implications of decontamination of the Gasworks site, which could affect all residents in the surrounding area. It was further noted that the local group AGHAST (Action on Gasworks, Housing, Affordability Safety and Transparency) had requested the appointment of an independent assessor for the development.

There being no other formal business the meeting was closed.

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**Appendix**

**KTS Members present:** Frans Blok, Robin Guilleret, Lucy and Stella McCrickland, Paul Philips, Pip Tucker, Stephen White.

**Apologies for absence** were received from Lyn Rohde.

The Secretary reported that the following members had submitted **proxy voting forms**:

Rupert Bagilhole, Justinian Buckley, Roger Carr, Jeanine Hickmann, Ian and Jill Hill, Ronald Power, Hilary Skelton, Rosemary Spiller and Geoffrey Weiner.

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