**Minutes of the Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Kemp Town Society, held at EF Language School (1-2 Sussex Square) on Saturday 2nd October 2021.**

**Committee Members present:**

Simon Smith Chairman

Michael Bedingfield CAG Representative

Lucy Dean Garden Party (Co-opted)

Adam Liversidge Membership Officer

Vanessa Minns WBLIMH Editor

Jayne Paulin Secretary

Keith Paulin Treasurer

Vaughan Rees Deputy Chairman

Ann Wroe Newsletter Editor (Co-opted)

A full list of attendees appears in the appendix to these minutes.

Agenda item 1 **KTS Membership**

The Chairman opened the meeting by paying tribute to the late David Morris, founder of the Society and generous benefactor to the local community.

He also explained that Ann Wroe would be standing down from her responsibilities co-ordinating the annual garden party, with a handover to Lucy Dean over the course of the coming year. The Chairman welcomed Lucy to the meeting and thanked Ann for her considerable contribution to the event in recent years.

Agenda item 2 **Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the Company**

The minutes of the previous AGM were received and approved, subject to correction of a minor typographical error in the attendance list. [Proposed by Vanessa Minns. Seconded by Pip Tucker.]

Agenda item 3 **Accounts of the Company for the year ending 31/12/20**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the 2020 calendar year. He reminded the meeting that expenditure would be represented as exceeding the Society’s usual annual income until the Alex Bruce Legacy (received in 2018) has been spent in full.

Despite the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on income from events, the financial position of the Society remained healthy with total assets amounting to approximately £23k.

The AGM agreed to approve the accounts [motion proposed by Roger Amerena and seconded by Janine Nahapiet] and re-appoint Plummer Parsons as the Society’s accountants [motion proposed by Roger Amerena and seconded by Janine Nahapiet].

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

The meeting approved appointments as follows:

**Michael Bedingfield** as KTS representative on the BHCC Conservation Advisory Group.

[Proposed by Pip Tucker. Seconded by Mark Eynon.]

**Jayne Paulin** as KTS representative on the BHCC Commemorative Plaque Panel.

[Proposed by Vaughan Rees. Seconded by Roger Amerena.]

**Vaughan Rees** as Deputy/alternate representative on the Commemorative Plaque Panel.

[Proposed by Patricia Hartgrove. Seconded by Sally Henry.]

**Adam Liversidge** as a director/trustee of the Company for a further period of three years.

[Proposed by Vaughan Rees. Seconded by Vanessa Minns.]

**Lucy Dean** as a director/trustee of the Company for a period of three years.

[Proposed by Ann Wroe. Seconded by Vanessa Minns.]

Agenda item 5 **Chairman’s Report/Trustees’ Report**

The Chairman highlighted recent updates to the report for the 2020 calendar year:

1. Thanks to Maggie Tattersall for her role in another successful ‘Seen from the Street’ competition in June. In future the prize for the competition will be known as the David Morris Award and could incorporate additional categories, such as planting in doorways. Judging in 2022 due to take place in the week prior to the Garden Party.
2. The format and content of the newsletter has been expanded, with Keith Paulin assuming responsibility for day-to-day production.
3. No major issues with local planning applications considered by CAG.
4. KTS plans to respond to the revised plan from developers for the nearby Gasworks site, due to be submitted in October/November.
5. The Blue Plaques Panel recently met in person for the first time since lockdown in July 2021.

The KTS Committee continued to meet via Zoom until July 2021. The Chairman thanked his colleagues for all their work during this period. Similarly, KTS members extended a vote of thanks to Simon Smith for contribution to the work of the Society.

Agenda item 6 **Alex Bruce Legacy**

Vanessa Minns gave a report as follows:

The KTS Committee decided to commission a lectern displaying a relief map of the original 19th Century Pigott-Smith map of the Kemp Town Estate, to be cast in bronze and mounted on a Portland stone base. The proposed location is on the seafront, opposite the enclosures on the south side of Marine Drive. It is hoped that the installation would be ready in time for the forthcoming bicentenary in 2023.

An additional information board will provide text and illustrations on the 40 bas reliefs found in some of the Cubitt houses on the Estate, many identified as being after the work of the Danish sculptor Bertel Thorvaldsen. Photographs provided by Keith Paulin will form part of a booklet on the same subject. The publication will be lodged with both the Thorvaldsen Museum in Denmark as well as the local archives at The Keep.

The Chairman thanked Vanessa Minns for initiating and completing the extensive research involved in both these projects.

Agenda item 7 **Fundraising events 2020/21**

The meeting noted that no fundraising events had been held since the BYO Concert in February 2020. The Chairman reported that next event will be the Quiz on Friday 4th March, followed by the Garden Party on 25th June.

Keith Paulin presented a copy of the 2022 KTS Calendar, designed by Sally Henry on the theme ‘Alice in Kemp Town.’ [Each calendar costs £15 plus postage.]

Agenda item 8 **Website and Communication Report**

Adam Liversidge presented some key statistics for the past 12 months:

1. KTS website visitors amounted to 2550 vs 1009; the comparable KTS Estate histories figure was 5015 vs 3123.
2. Ten email communications have been sent to KTS members, with an encouraging 85% open rate.
3. There are now 146 subscribed email addresses on the mailing list, and members who have not supplied a current email address are still encouraged to do so.
4. Finally, the database of contact details has been updated to ensure it reflected fully paid up members.

Agenda item 9 **Bicentenary**

Following discussion, the Chairman reported that there were no plans for collaborative events or other projects with KTE. [Note: please see item 6 above for current KTS plans.]

Agenda item 10 **Any other business**

Janine Nahapiet gave a report on plans to open the South Garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme on 25th May 2022.

There being no other formal business the meeting was closed at 1145.

**Appendix**

**KTS Members present**:

Roger Amerena, Roger Carr, Mark Eynon, Patricia Hartgrove, Derek and Sally Henry, Janine Nahapiet, Peter Seddon, Maggie and Bruce Tattersall, Pip Tucker and Frans Blok, Elizabeth Wells.

**Apologies for absence** were received from: Rupert Bagilhole, David Horwell, Sally and Ken Richardson and Stella McCrickard

No proxy voting forms were submitted on this occasion.

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