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**Minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Kemp Town Society, held at EF Language School (1-2 Sussex Square) on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

**Committee Members present:**

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| Simon Smith         | Chairman           |
| Michael Bedingfield | CAG Representative |
| Lucy Dean           | Garden Party       |
| Adam Liversidge     | Membership Officer |
| Jayne Paulin        | Secretary          |
| Keith Paulin        | Treasurer          |
| Ann Wroe            | Newsletter Editor  |

Apologies were received from Vaughan Rees (Deputy Chairman) and Vanessa Minns (KTS Archivist and WBLIMH Editor). There were 18 KTS members present.

**Agenda item 1 Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the staff of EF for their hard work in helping to facilitate the first in-person meeting to be held in May since 2019.

**Agenda item 2 Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company**

The minutes of the previous AGM were received and approved. [Proposed by Roger Amerena. Seconded by Jill Sewell.]

**Agenda item 3 Accounts of the Company for the year ending 31/12/21**

Members received the accounts for 2021 and the Treasurer gave a presentation as follows:

- a) KP reminded everyone 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.
- b) It was noted that the Covid-19 pandemic continued to impact the Society's ability to hold fundraising events, resulting in an overall reduction in income of approximately £4k over the past two calendar years. Nevertheless, the financial position of the Society remains healthy with total assets amounting to approximately £20k.
- c) In response to a query from Elaine Evans, KP clarified that the Society does not receive any income from investments other than the interest received on the 'reserve' account.
- d) KP recommended the re-appointment of Plummer Parsons as the Society's Accountants.



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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 Roger Amerena. Seconded by Elaine Evans.]  
**Jayne Paulin** as KTS representative on the BHCC Commemorative Plaque Panel.  
[Proposed by David Jackson. Seconded by Roger Amerena.]  
**Vaughan Rees** as Deputy representative on the Commemorative Plaque Panel.  
[Proposed by Ann Wroe. Seconded by David Jackson.]

Directors/Trustees elected for a further period of three years:

- Michael Bedingfield.** [Proposed by Pip Tucker. Seconded by Janine Nahapiet.]  
**Vanessa Minns.** [Proposed by Elaine Evans. Seconded by Janine Nahapiet.]  
**Jayne Paulin.** [Proposed by Ann Wroe. Seconded by Jill Sewell.]  
**Vaughan Rees.** [Proposed by Roger Amerena. Seconded by Michael Bedingfield.]  
**Simon Smith.** [Proposed by David Jackson. Seconded by Jill Sewell.]  
**Ann Wroe.** [Proposed by Frans Blok. Seconded by Lucy Dean.] Note: previously co-opted.

Resignations: **Keith Paulin** did not offer himself for re-election as a Trustee/Director. The Chairman thanked him for all his hard work and dedication to the Society over the past seven years.

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

The Chairman highlighted recent updates to the report for the 2021 calendar year:

- a) Nick Holtam sought clarification from MB of the appeal procedures undertaken by AGHAST and others in respect of the nearby Gasworks development.
- b) Sue Craig expressed concerns over aspects of Kemp Town's heritage, particularly the Reading Room/Temple development and the replacement of lamp fittings on the estate, which have an ecological impact. She was referred to Roger Amerena (Chairman of CAG) for clarification on the latter.
- c) Members discussed BHCC's recent work on the East Beach/Boardwalks and plans for the restoration of the arches in the vicinity of the Madeira Drive lift. MB also reported that planning permission had been refused for a climbing frame at the site of the Jungle Rumble Adventure Golf and Café.

Acceptance of this was report was proposed by Patricia Beatty. Seconded by Jill Sewell.



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Agenda item 6                    **Alex Bruce Legacy**

The Chairman confirmed that an additional information board would be installed on the railings near Arundel Terrace and that planning permission had been granted for the historical relief map to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Estate in 2023. The lectern would be located next to a bench facing the enclosures where BHCC thought it would be less obtrusive to pedestrians.

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| Spent so far:                     | £10,500 |
| Committed (including the lectern) | £ 5,000 |
| Remaining:                        | £ 4,500 |

Following preliminary discussion with both the KTS committee and Tim Jefferies from BHCC, the Chairman proposed using any surplus funding to repaint the pillars on the seafront. Additional contributions for plaques to commemorate distinguished residents would also be considered. SS undertook to investigate costs.

Agenda item 7                    **KTS Platinum Jubilee Event 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

LD summarised plans for the forthcoming event. These included: a coffee van, ice cream stall plus entertainment from Morris Dancers and local musicians. SS stated that licensing requirements were tighter than normal, due to the nature of the Bank Holiday weekend.

Agenda item 8                    **Website and Communication Report**

AL reported that 86% of KTS member households now used email for receiving updates, with an encouraging open rate. AW reminded the membership that contributions to the newsletter were always encouraged.

Agenda item 9                    **Bicentenary 2023**

See item on Alex Bruce Legacy above. It was hoped that the Society would hold an event to commemorate the forthcoming installation of the map and lectern on the seafront.

Agenda item 10                  **Any other business**

Maggie Tattersall gave an account of plans for 'Seen from the Street' competition, due to be held at the end of June. Janine Nahapiet reminded everyone that KTE planned to open the South Garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

There being no other formal business the meeting was closed.

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