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Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting of the Kemp Town Society, held at EF Language School (1-2 Sussex Square) on Saturday 13th May 2023

Committee Members present:

Simon Smith	Chairman
Michael Bedingfield	CAG Representative
Jeremy Browning	Incoming Treasurer/Membership (Co-opted)
Jayne Paulin	Secretary, Blue Plaques Representative
Vaughan Rees	Deputy Chairman/KT200

Agenda item 1 **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the staff of EF for hosting the meeting once again.

Agenda item 2 **Minutes of the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Company**

The minutes of the previous AGM were received and approved.

[Proposed by Janine Nahapiet. Seconded by Michael Osborne.]

Agenda item 3 **Accounts of the Company for the year ending 31/12/22**

Members received the accounts for 2022 and Jeremy Browning gave a presentation as follows:

The society's accounts for 2022 reflect the return to normal activities after the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021, with a corresponding £3,000 increase in the Society's income.

Since 2018, the Society has been spending the very generous donation of £20,000 from the estate of the late Alex Bruce. The last of this money has now been spent, meaning that once again there is a deficit against regular income of nearly £8,000. Next year's accounts should show a surplus of income over expenditure to ensure the society maintains its reserves.

The Society approved the accounts and reappointed Plummer Parsons for 2024 to ensure independent oversight of the society's finance in 2023.

[Proposed by Vaughan Rees. Seconded by Michael Bedingfield.]



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

KTS members approved appointments as follows:

Jeremy Browning as a Director/Trustee of the Company for an initial period of three years.
[Proposed by David Jackson. Seconded by Michael Bedingfield.]

Michael Bedingfield as KTS representative on the BHCC Conservation Advisory Group.
[Proposed by Bruce Tattersall. Seconded by Vaughan Rees.]

Jayne Paulin as KTS representative on the BHCC Commemorative Plaque Panel.
[Proposed by David Jackson. Seconded by Janine Nahapiet.]

Vaughan Rees as Deputy representative on the Commemorative Plaque Panel.
[Proposed by Michael Bedingfield. Seconded by Mike Osborne.]

KTS members noted the following resignations since the last AGM: Lucy Dean, Adam Liversidge and Vanessa Minns. The Chairman thanked all three for their contributions to the Society in recent years: Lucy for introducing the Christmas 'Kinderfest', Adam for his IT skills and Vanessa for WBLIMH and her substantial contribution to the Bicentenary initiatives.

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

The Chairman summarised the year's activities outlined on pages 1-3 of the Society's Annual Report.

Michael Bedingfield also gave an update on the Gasworks Development, indicating that the revised planning application is due for consideration by BHCC later in the year. He thanked everyone who had taken time to comment on the latest proposals. Meanwhile, work continues on the Reading Room and Temple although there is no firm date for completion.

Jeremy Browning reminded everyone that the recommended annual membership donation now stands at £15 per household.

[Acceptance of the report was proposed by David Jackson. Seconded by Herb Nahapiet.]

Agenda item 6 **Alex Bruce Legacy**

Please see item 9 below.



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Agenda item 7 **Summary of Fund Raising Events**

The Chairman reported that the popular quiz returned to full strength in March 2023 while the Garden Party, held to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, was particularly successful. The Society continues to donate proceeds from the raffle to local causes.

Agenda item 8 **Website and Communication Report**

Following the resignation of Adam Liversidge, Jeremy Browning has assumed responsibility for the KTS website alongside other KTS duties. He reminded the meeting that suggestions for new content are always welcome.

Members agreed to keep the popular newsletter in hard copy format. The Chairman thanked Ann Wroe and Keith Paulin for all their work in writing and producing three issues per year.

Agenda item 9 **Bicentenary 2023**

The Chairman reported that income from the Alex Bruce Legacy has covered expenditure for production and installation of the information boards/lectern, publication of the 'Hidden Treasures' monograph and repainting of the Estate's seafront pillars.

Vaughan Rees reminded everyone that the Garden Party will take place on 24th June in the North Garden, with a 'Regency Era' theme. There will be the usual food stall, bar, raffle and cakes stall. Additional attractions include an enhanced children's area, brass band and jazz band, silhouettist, and participation from local artists.

Agenda item 10 **Any other business**

Maggie Tattersall reported that all doorways and patios on the Estate and Clarendon Terrace will be eligible for the David Morris/Seen from the Street award in future, with judging based on informal observations throughout the Spring and Summer. Janine Nahapiet reminded everyone that KTE plans to open the South Garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme on 14 June 2023.

The Chairman congratulated Michael Bedingfield on his recent appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant for East Sussex. Vaughan Rees proposed a vote of thanks to Simon Smith for all his work as Chairman.

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