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Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting of the Kemp Town Society, held at EF Language School (1-2 Sussex Square) on Saturday 11th May 2024

Committee Members present:

Simon Smith	Chairman
Michael Bedingfield	Conservation
Jeremy Browning	Treasurer/Membership
Jayne Paulin	Secretary
Vaughan Rees	Deputy Chairman
Ann Wroe	Newsletter

Agenda item 1 **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Eder Ignacio from EF for all his work in helping to set up the venue.

Agenda item 2 **Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting of the Company**

The minutes of the previous AGM were received and approved as a correct record of the meeting. [Proposed by Janine Nahapiet. Seconded by Michael Bedingfield.]

Agenda item 3 **Treasurer's Report for 2023**

Jeremy Browning reported that Plummer Parsons ceased to provide accountancy services to the Society at the end of 2023. It was agreed to appoint James Todd & Co. as their replacement. [Proposed by Vaughan Rees. Seconded by Ann Wroe.]

Formal accounts* for the year ending 31 December 2023 will be produced later in the year. In the meantime, Jeremy gave breakdown of income and expenditure and reported that KTS has a healthy balance of approximately £12K overall.

The Society made donations to local causes from the proceeds of the 2023 Garden Party raffle as follows: Monday food bank at St John the Baptist Church in Kempton and a support group for Ukrainians at All Saints Church in Hove.

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

There were no resignations or elections. The chairman reminded the meeting that three Directors/Trustees [Simon Smith, Vaughan Rees and Jayne Paulin] would reach their recommended maximum term of office in 2025.

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Michael Bedingfield also expected to stand down in the near future, due to the pressure of other commitments.

In view of these impending changes, Michael Bedingfield and Jayne Paulin did not seek re-election on the BHCC Conservation Advisory Group or Commemorative Plaques Panel. Michael explained that KTS remains part of CAG, but as a non-represented member. He also assured the meeting that the committee would continue to respond to queries and concerns about listed buildings on the KT Estate, but that any issues would be taken up with BHCC directly.

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

Simon Smith gave a report as follows:

- i. Last year marked the Bicentenary of the KT Estate and the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Society.
- ii. The projects associated with the Alex Bruce Legacy (remaining information boards, publication of Hidden Treasures and the production and installation of the seafront lectern) were all completed in 2023.
- iii. The Garden Party was particularly successful, thanks the efforts of Vaughan Rees, Debra Erskine, Ann Wroe, Vanessa Minns and Kate Drohan. The annual quiz continues to be popular.
- iv. The 'Kinderfest' event at Christmas (organised by Lucy Dean) and the 'Seen from the Street' award (judged by Maggie Tattersall) will both continue in 2024.
- v. Simon Smith asked whether any members of KTS would be interested in joining a rota of local residents to facilitate public access to the hospital chapel in the Louiza Martindale building.
- vi. Vaughan Rees reported that had written to BHCC about the 'Ibiza Proms' on 29th June, to express concerns that residents in the immediate vicinity of seafront events were often overlooked.
- vii. A further announcement on the Madeira Arches is expected shortly, although the cost of the repair of the lift is expected to be prohibitive. Work has been completed on the Reading Room and Temple although there is still no sign of a tenant
- viii. Michael Bedingfield gave an update on the Gasworks Development, indicating that the revised planning application is due for consideration by BHCC on 22nd May. KTS has commented on the latest proposals.
- ix. A reminder that membership is now £15 per household per annum.

Agenda item 6 **Summary of Fund Raising Events**

The chairman stated that the committee could not sustain the Garden Party in its current format and so the event would be replaced by 'Midsummer Night's Drinks on the evening of 21st June, with bar and live music.

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Agenda item 7 **Communication Report**

The Chairman thanked Ann Wroe and Keith Paulin for all their work in writing and producing three issues per year, with the subject matter helping to fulfil the objects of KTS.

Agenda item 8 **Any other business**

Janine Nahapiet reminded everyone that KTE plans to open the South Garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme on 5th June 2024. This year the event will be organised by Jason Saul, with walk-ins alongside the usual pre-booked tours.

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

Appendix

KTS Members present:

Nigel Anthony, Prof Anne Boddington, Ben Borrett, David Horwell, David Jackson, Rita McCormack, Herb Nahapiet, Dr Janine Nahapiet, Julie Nerney, Hilary Skelton.

Apologies for absence were received from:

Roger Amerena, Debra Erskine, Elaine Evans, Jackie Fuller, Vanessa Minns, Brian Ogilvie, Keith Paulin.

***Note:** *Full accounts for the Society's financial year ending 31 December 2023 were prepared on time. See the [Companies House](https://www.companieshouse.gov.uk) website for details.*

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