



SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

General Meeting

Held on Saturday 16th July 2022 at 10:30

Taunton Friends Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton, TA1 4EP

MINUTES

Present

Lizzie Induni (Vice-Chair), Martin Salzer (Hon. Treasurer), David Reid (Trustee), Christine Webster (Trustee), Emma Turk (Trustee), Gerardine McHugh Soliman (Trustee), Christopher Chanter (Chair), Harriet Induni, Bruce Induni, David Bromwich, Nigel Pearce (President), Michael Hicks, Christopher Webster, Jill Strobridge, Mary Siraut, Trevor Rees, Mary Ewing, Robin Cloke, Sue Goodman, Christine Jessop, Keith Gould, Louisa Gillett (minute secretary).

21 members present

Michael Hicks voted Yes to the 3 proposals and left the meeting early.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Adrian Webb, David & Vicky Dawson.

2. Proposals

2.1. To change point 9 of the SANHS Constitution – proposed changes are highlighted in red.

Membership of the Board of Trustees shall be the Executive Officers of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary, each of whom shall have been nominated by Honorary or Ordinary Members and elected by ballot at ~~a the Annual~~ General Meeting, together with **not more than** twelve Members also elected by ballot at ~~a the Annual~~ General Meeting after nomination by Honorary or Ordinary Members, not less than six weeks before the date of that meeting. Such elected members shall serve **initially** for a period of up to three years. ~~Four of these members shall retire annually by rotation and~~ **but** shall be eligible for re-election subject to no elected member serving for more than ~~6~~ **7** years consecutively; a fallow period of 12 months shall be required before such members become eligible for re-election.

Proposer: Martin Salzer

Seconder: Harriet Induni

Adopted *nem con.*

2.2 To confirm the appointment of SANHS Holding Trustees, Steven Pugsley, and John Acland Hood.

Proposer: Lizzie Induni

Seconder: Nigel Pearce

Adopted *nem con.*

2.3 To elect Emma Turk to the Board of Trustees.

Proposer: Mary Siraut

Seconder: Sue Goodman

Adopted *nem con.*

Chris Chanter took the chair. He thanked all members for attending the meeting, some at short notice. He gave an update on the society's activities.

- *CIO*. The Executive has established a CIO Working Group which has met and started work. Vicky Dawson is leading the project. CC thanked Vicky in her absence.
- *Castle Garden*. The Castle Hotel has paid its rent and the garden is being maintained.
- *Wyndham Hall*. The Executive has started the process to exercise the option to take Wyndham Hall back under management of the society. Somerset County Council has agreed to pay the society £7000 towards repairs to the hall and Nigel Pearce, SANHS President, has conducted a repair survey. The SANHS gardening team will clear up the garden next to the hall. There is a possibility of running the hall as an independent cinema in the future. The immediate plan is to bring the hall to a useable state so that it can be opened during Heritage Open Days in September 2022. A flyer is being prepared. Volunteers are needed to prepare the hall and to help on the day. Contact Lizzie Induni.
- *Programme of events*. The autumn and winter programme is being compiled.
- *Membership*. Some of the trustees are working on encouraging lapsed members to re-join the society.