

# THE BENSINGTON SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF THE BENSINGTON SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Parish Hall at 7.10pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Presiding:** David McGill, Chairman

### **Opening Remarks**

The Chairman welcomed members and their guests and thanked them for attending the first meeting of the Society since the Covid lockdown.

### **AGENDA ITEM**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - These were duly noted.

2. **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 26TH FEBRUARY 2021.**

There were no requests for amendments.

#### **RESOLUTION 1:**

*To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 26th February 2021.*

**Proposer:** Sue Brown                      **Seconder:** Barbara Verdon

**Result:** Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

3. **THE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman stated that all members had been sent a copy of the report and asked for questions. No comments or questions were raised.

4. **THE BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (Addendum 1)**

The Chairman pointed out that all members had received the two items within the Annual Report. There were no requests for a discussion and so resolution 2 was moved.

#### **RESOLUTION 2:**

*To approve the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Statement for the financial year ended 31st December 2021, both examined and approved by the IFE.*

**Proposer:** Pete Eldridge                      **Seconder:** Rodney Davis

**Result:** Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

## **5. VOTE OF THANKS AND ELECTION OF THE EXAMINER FOR 2022:**

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Examiner which was warmly supported by members. The Chairman then announced that Heather Emmerson had volunteered to continue in the role of Examiner for 2022.

### **RESOLUTION 3:**

*To appoint Heather Emerson as the Independent Financial Examiner for 2022.*

**Proposer:** John Tchighianoff      **Seconder:** George Verdon

**Result:** Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

## **6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS (Addendum 2)**

The Chairman explained that the proposed members were the only people nominated for the roles and asked for other people to volunteer to fill the vacant position of Secretary.

**Note:** [At this point the Chairman handed over to the President to conduct the election of the Committee.](#)

The President, on behalf of the members, thanked the Management Committee members for all their hard work in keeping the Society going since the first Covid-19 Lockdown and particularly the Membership Secretary, John Tchighianoff, for his work in keeping members updated and in touch with all relevant matters.

### **RESOLUTION 4:**

*To elect the Officers and Ordinary Members of the Management Committee, as shown in Addendum 1 to the Agenda.*

**Proposer:** Peter Clarke      **Seconder:** Liz McGill

**Result:** Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

[Having presided over the election the President handed back to the Chairman to conduct the remainder of the meeting.](#)

## **7. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

The Chairman explained that Martyn Spence wished to resign and that only one nomination for the Presidency.

### **RESOLUTION 5:**

*To elect George Verdon as President (being the only person nominated).*

**Proposer:** Martyn Spence      **Seconder:** Janet Burr

**Result:** Passed unanimously with no abstentions

Following his election, the new President, George Verdon, thanked members for electing him and said it was a privilege to serve the Society. He also proposed a thank you to the Committee for their hard work to sustain the Society during the difficult two years of Covid. Members applauded the Committee.

## **8. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION (Addendum 3)**

The Chairman explained the reasons for the proposed changes, previously circulated to all members. He then asked for comments or questions. There were none,

### **RESOLUTION 6:**

*To amend paragraphs 32 to 35 (inclusive) of the Constitution to the wording as shown in Addendum 2 to the Agenda.*

**Proposer:** David McGill                      **Seconder:** Jean Eldridge

**Result:** Passed unanimously with no abstentions

## **9. CHARITY DONATIONS**

The Chairman explained how the suggested Charities were chosen. Past President Janet Burrtt requested an explanation of Music for Autism and, following a request by the Chairman, a Society member, Dr John Richer, gave the explanation.

### **RESOLUTION 7:**

*That the Society makes a donation of £100 each to the following charities.*

Millstream Day Centre              Thames Valley Air Ambulance              Music for Autism

**Proposer:** John Richter                      **Seconder:** Frank Farqueson

**Result:** Passed unanimously with no abstentions.

## **There followed a presentation to the outgoing President (Addendum 4)**

The Chairman paid tribute to the work of the outgoing President, Martyn Spence, for his dedication to and work for the Society over many years and presented him with a farewell gift on behalf of the members. The tribute is attached as an addendum to these minutes

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7.45pm.

George Verdon  
Acting Secretary

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022

David McGill  
Chairman

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022