



REPORT ON OUTCOMES OF 51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 29th July 2023

The Arts Society Horsham held its 51st Annual General Meeting on the notional date of 29th July 2023.

Notification was given in the Newsletter of Summer 2023 distributed in early June 2023. AGM Papers were circulated to all members, either by Mailchimp on 7th July 2023 or by post to the 37 members who elect to receive correspondence by post. A verbal reminder was given at the lecture in the Capitol on 12th July 2023.

All members received the agenda, the outcomes of the 2022 AGM, the Chair's report, the Treasurer's report with certified accounts for 2022/2023 and a Voting paper.

Members were invited to raise questions by email or post and to vote for or against the various proposals.

The deadline for returning votes, views and any objections was 29th July 2023.

No votes against or objections to any proposals were received.

No other business was raised.

OBJECTION TO AGM procedure

One member Mrs X submitted a written objection to the conduct of the AGM by email and post only and formally requested the AGM for this year 2023 be held in person at the Capitol Theatre. She indicated that she wished to see all the Committee members and ask questions.

Mrs X was advised by the Chair that the AGM for 2023 would proceed by email and letter on 29th July, that all Committee members were present in the Capitol every month and that she was invited to submit any questions in writing and that they would be answered in writing in the 'outcomes' document produced after the AGM. Mrs X was advised that her written objection would be noted in the 'outcomes' document. Mrs X has not submitted any written questions. The Chair undertook to invite a 'show of hands' vote at the September 2023 lecture to indicate the memberships' wish regarding the 2024 AGM, i.e. whether it be held in person or by email and letter. This will be done on Wednesday 13th September 2023.

Another member, Mr. Y also verbally requested the AGM be held in person at the Capitol Theatre.

At the date of the AGM, no other written or verbal questions or representations were received by email, letter or telephone.

The outcome of the 51st AGM was, therefore, that all proposals were agreed.

The Report of the 50th AGM (July 2022) was accepted.

The Society's Accounts for 2022/2023 were adopted.

For the year 2023/2024 **Ann Rattray** was elected as Chair.

Vice-Chair – vacancy, **Ken Runcorn** elected Treasurer, **Jean Grainger** elected Secretary.

2023/2024 Committee Members were elected as nominated: **Pat Trout** (Membership), **Jane Wilcock** (Lectures), Vacancy (Special Interest Days)

Vivien Smith (Visits), Vacancy (Arts Volunteering), **Stephen Sandham**. (Publicity)

Greg Hobbs I.T Manager

John Clayton was appointed as Competent Person to Examine the Society's Accounts – now known as the Financial Examiner (see Constitution & Rules approved 31st July ss8.2) for 2023/2024.

Jean Grainger, Secretary

The Arts Society Horsham.

August 2023