



**Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting of the
Hampshire Field Club and Archaeological Society
held at Peter Symonds College - Science Lecture Theatre
on Wednesday 10th May 2017**

1. Apologies:

- 1.1. Apologies had been received from Dick Selwood, Bill Fergie and Mary Oliver.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

- 2.1. The minutes were read and will appear in the next newsletter. Acceptance was proposed by Don Bryan, seconded by Steve Taylor and **agreed**.

3. Matters arising

- 3.1. It was noted that a second mention of Marian Gray under "Officers" should have read Robin Iles. There were no other matters arising not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

4. President's Report

- 4.1. Chris Elmer spoke of how many of the Council's objectives had been achieved in the previous year. Foremost of these was the implementation of a new website. Forced by the discontinuation of the hosting service by Hampshire County Council, it has allowed the implementation of Hampshire Studies online, which is now required by academic institutions and preferred by many of the commercial companies which use Hampshire Studies. Thanks are offered to the work of Mike Broderick in continuing to make this a success.
- 4.2. The aim of these initiatives is to keep the society fresh and dynamic and broaden and increase membership.
- 4.3. He also spoke about the work of the Sections, whose indefatigable volunteers continue to arrange a variety of interesting events.
- 4.4. It should be remembered that all the work done by Council, Sections and others (such as preparing the society's mailings) is voluntary. In thanking those volunteers he wanted to specifically thank Marian Gray who stood down from Council during the year. The redoubtable Sandy McKenzie would be standing down after 24 years' service after the 2017 accounts were completed. More immediately Chris Sellen was standing down from the secretary role from this AGM. No nominations had been received for his replacement so members were asked to keep an eye open for a volunteer replacement.

5. Treasurer's report

- 5.1. Sandy McKenzie presented the 2016 accounts. She thanked Jane King for all the work she does as membership secretary and explained one of the anomalies in membership income due to timing of standing orders.
- 5.2. She has tried to maximise income from investing funds in various short-term (1-2 years) accounts. While good returns had so far been worthwhile, companies continued to reduce their interest rates requiring continuous monitoring.
- 5.3. However, insurance costs had been reduced despite staying with the same company and enjoying the same level of cover.



- 5.4. Subscription costs had been rationalised and reduced, but the biggest expenditure had been in the issuing of grants. Specifically, the maturity of the OSL and WARG grants, although in an exceptional year, meant that a careful watch on available resources was required. Other exceptional expenditures had taken place in 2017 already included a grant to WEC and covering the expenses incurred by the new Hampshire Local History Writing Competition.
- 5.5. All Sections had performed well financially which gave them more flexibility in the variety and costs of events that they offered. This included Section funding for member-led projects.
- 5.6. The 2016 accounts were proposed by Chris Sellen, seconded by Julia Sandison and **accepted**.

6. Election of Officers

- 6.1. Four ordinary members were continuing their terms, Jo Bailey, Haighleagh Winslade, Karen Wardley and Robin Iles. Under the constitution there could be six ordinary members. No nominations had been received. However, Pauline Blagden and Alex Lewis had been co-opted during the year under rule 10.2 of the constitution to perform specific secretarial actions. It was therefore decided to formally put them forward as ordinary members.
 - Pauline Blagden: Proposer Chris Sellen, seconded by Sandy McKenzie – **Elected**
 - Alex Lewis: Proposed Chris Sellen, seconded by Sandy McZenzie - **Elected**
- 6.2. The re-election of other officers who agreed to stand for another year,
 - Treasurer – Sandy McKenzie
 - Chair of Editorial Board – Dave Allen
 - Membership Secretary – Jane King
 - Programme Secretary & Webmaster – Mike Broderick
 - Publications stockholder – Julia Sandison
 - Librarian – Jenny Ruthven of Hartley Library, University of Southampton

Proposed *en bloc* by Don Bryan, seconded by Briony Lalor – **Re-elected**

7. Any Other Business

Julia Sandison reminded members of the hard work of the various committees and their members. She proposed a vote of thanks which was greeted with an enthusiastic round of applause.

The AGM was followed by a well-received President's Lecture given by Andy Russel: "Hung in Chains: A late Saxon execution cemetery at Oliver's Battery".

After questions a vote of thanks was given by Chris Elmer.