



London and Middlesex Archaeological Society

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Minutes of the 164th LAMAS Annual General Meeting Clare Learning Centre, Museum of London, 11th February 2020

On platform: President: Taryn Nixon (TN), Chair: Harvey Sheldon, (HS) Hon Secretary: Karen Thomas (KT - taking minutes), Treasurer: Malcolm Mac Lellan (MM).

Approximately 55 members attended (a total of c. 65 members and non-members attended)

1. Apologies: Leanne O'Boyle, Fiona Haughey

2. Minutes of AGM 12th February 2019: No corrections or comments were received. Minutes proposed by Richard Gilpin and seconded by Jane Sidell.

There were no matters arising. The minutes were confirmed and signed by TN as a correct record.

3. Annual Report and Accounts: HS introduced the Annual report by remarking on how the hard work of the Council had kept LAMAS at the forefront of heritage matters in London. It was also pleasing to see that membership was increasing and getting a bit younger. The Committees had also been working hard and the coming year may see the Society challenging the plans for Heathrow to make sure archaeology, local history and the built environment are all taken into consideration by the developers. We have also been looking at ensuring that Local Authority planning teams heed the advice given to them by GLAAS and the local societies following several reports to the contrary. Finally HS reminded those present that the Archaeology Conference was coming up and there were still tickets available at the Early Bird price until the end of February and he ended by thanking the Secretary for her work during the year.

MM then summarised the Accounts, explaining that the surplus was down a little this year at £3,035 as a number of outstanding Research Grants had been completed during the year. All in all, everything ticks over very well and the Society continues to be viable going forward.

Laura Schaaf proposed the Annual Report and Accounts, Robert Whytehead seconded and both were accepted unanimously by a vote of members.

4. Election of Officers and Members of Council: TN thanked the following Officers of Council for their work during the year:

Chair: Harvey Sheldon
Hon. Treasurer: Malcolm Mac Lellan
Hon. Secretary: Karen Thomas

and asked for someone to second Council's nomination for their re-election which Joanna Clark did with all members present voting in favour.

TN then thanked the Council members for all their hard work including Robert Whytehead and Michael Johnson who were standing down from Council this year. Also, she welcomed Luisa Duarte to the role of Publicity Officer who will be assisted by several other members of Council in this post.

It was agreed that the following members of Council be elected *en bloc*; all were proposed for re-election by Council and seconded by John Clark

Barney Sloane
Jane Sidell
Kathryn Stubbs (Lectures)
Richard Gilpin (Hon. Editor, *Newsletter*)
Richard Ward
Fiz Chattin
John Price
Luisa Duarte (Publicity)
Stephanie Ostrich
Lucie Altenburg
Leanne O'Boyle

KT introduced the following 2 new proposed members of Council who were seconded by Richard Gilpin for election to Council:

Stuart Forbes
Niamh Carty

All the Officers and Council members were unanimously elected.

5. Appointment of Auditor(s): TN announced that after many years as our Independent Examiner this would be the last set of accounts examined by Stuart Forbes who was standing down in this role in order to join as a member of Council. TN thanked Stuart for all his hard work for the Society in this role over the years and welcomed him to Council. Ms Hazel Thomas was then proposed by Council to take on the role of Independent Examiner which was seconded by ?????? **Stacey.**

6. Announcement of new President

HS then introduced Gillian Tindall as our new President for the next 3 years who introduced herself to those present. Gillian said she was honoured to be asked to become the Society's President although she was surprised to have been asked as, despite being a member of the Historic Building and Conservation Committee for many years, she considered herself more of an urban historian than an academic. Her first degree was in English literature and she has published many books on place ranging from the French countryside to the East End of London and more recently the, still to be operational(!) Crossrail route.

HS then thanked TN for her work in the three years she had been President and hoped that she would keep in touch with the Society in the future.

7. Any other business:

TN thanked Joanna Clark for organising the catering and then declared the AGM closed.

HS then introduced Taryn Nixon who gave her final Presidential address '**Fifteen Decisive Battles for Archaeology**'