

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Civic Trust held on Wednesday, 2nd October 2024 at Burnley Town Hall.

The Chairman, **Mr. E. J. Walton**, occupied the Chair throughout the meeting.

PRESENT: Mr. E. J. Walton, Mr. R. Collinge, Mr. P. Hornby, Mrs. C. Stinton, Mr. G. Grimshaw, Mr. R. B. Frost, Mr. C. Shackleton, Mr. R. Crossley, Ms. N. Edwards, Mr. M. Cryer, Mr. A. Hollis, Mr. A. Lucas, Mr. S. Tate, and Ms. S. Barker. Also Mr. Lukman Patel, Chief Executive, Burnley Borough Council.

Mitchell Cryer was welcomed as a new member of the Trust

APOLOGIES: Mr. & Mrs. J. Livingstone, Mr. & Mrs. N. Fawcett, Mr. N.G. Ashworth, Mrs. R. Hay, Mr. I. Emo, and Mrs. J. Evans.

Before the business of the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Lukman Patel, Chief Executive, Burnley Borough Council, spoke to the meeting about his work for the Borough Council. The Chairman, in particular, discussed the list of the town's Grot Spots and Mr. Patel spoke about actions which might be taken to get rid of them. Questions were also taken from members of the committee. Finally, the Chairman thanked Mr. Patel warmly for what he had had to say.

MINUTES: The minutes of the AGM held on 4th October 2023 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: In his review of the past year - our 60th Anniversary year - the Chairman welcomed the enthusiasm shown by members in attending the meetings and expressing opinions. He also expressed his thanks to members of the committee for their hard work but also to everyone in the society. The society had been much to the fore in the past year with events such as: Pride of Burnley display boards, Clarets Collected images in the Library, planting of memory boards on trees planted at St. Peter's, Ightenhill Park Festival, a Highly Commended Award in the volunteer section of the 1st Burnley Cultural Awards in September, progress in the re-siting of the Unknown Shoppers statues, work with the Singing Ringing Tree legend board, Photographic work with HAPPA, and a favourable article in the new Burnley magazine, all constituting a very busy and favourable years activities .

ACCOUNTS 2023 – 24: Members were supplied with a copy of the Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2024, which Mr. G. Grimshaw explained in close detail. We have 39 members with 3 Life Members. The donations figure was the result of talks being given by the Chairman and other members. The treasurer proposed that subscriptions would remain at £15.

Mr. G. Grimshaw was thanked for the meticulous way in which he had continued to manage the financial affairs of the society and he was assured that the members greatly appreciated all his efforts.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: It was proposed, seconded and passed that the present officers be re-elected *en bloc* for the ensuing year:

Chairman:	Mr. E.J. Walton
Vice Chairman:	Mr. R. B. Frost
Treasurer:	Mr. G. Grimshaw
Secretary:	Ms. S. Barker
Asst. Secretary:	Mr. R. Collinge

Committee: All present members had expressed a wish to remain on the Committee, except Mr. D. Kilpatrick wished to stand down and Ms. N. Edwards was elected to the committee and as a Trustee.

PLANNING:

No urgent matters arose and time pressures prevented any discussion.

REPORTS:**ARCHIVES PROJECT:**

The project had suffered a sad loss with the death of Mike Smith.

The daily visits to the website were: July – 350; in August – 387; in September – 372.

Facebook followers of 887 were notified every time something was posted on Facebook and the Chairman did a lot of NOW & THEN with Brian Hall's, Matt Rochester's, Donald Barker's images and others.

Notable donations during the year were Rotary Club donations £250 Pendleside Rotary Club 2 x £250.

TREES FOR BURNLEY:

The report from Mrs. Evans read: "Since August, Trees for Burnley have been pruning trees overhanging Molly Wood Lane bridleway and collecting acorn and other seeds from Bank Hall car park and roadside to sow them on and grow plantlets.

Sunday 13th October is Nature Festival and Trees for Burnley will be at Towneley Park from about noon, rhododendron bashing. There are other events on in various parks. "

WEAVERS' TRIANGLE:

In the absence of the Chairman, the report was held over until the following month.

PADIHAM NEWS:

Mrs. C. Stinton gave a full report of events and concerns in Padiham.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, 6th November at 7 pm. at Burnley Town Hall.

CHAIRMAN

BURNLEY CIVIC TRUST 2024

Chairman: Edward J. Walton
 Vice Chairman Roger B. Frost (T)
 Treasurer George Grimshaw (T)
 Secretary Susan Barker
 Asst. Secretary Ramon Collinge (T)

COMMITTEE
 Peter Hornby (T)
 Carole Stinton (T)
 Geoff Ashworth (T)
 Nixie Edwards (T)
 Neil Fawcett
 Marjorie Fawcett (T)