

MINUTES OF THE 43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE KENNETH ALLSOP MEMORIAL TRUST LIMITED

Registered Charity No. 270059

Held as a virtual online meeting using Cisco Webex

on Saturday September 26th 2020

Present

1.Thursa Lamoon; 2.Jasper Lamoon; 3.Sarah Williams; 4.Tristan Allsop;.5. Peter Hammond;
6.Ed Catchpole; 7.John Moon; 8.Graham Briscoe; 9.Sandy Hinks (Moon); 10.Daisy Allsop;
11.Anthony Guy; 12.Pam Campbell; 13.Carol Hughes; 14.Glyn Wellington; 15.Greg Avis;
16.Mark Harris; 17.John Humphries; 18.Howard Smith; 19.Rosie Smith; 20.Chris Maslen;
21.Jenifer Smith.

1. - Chairman's Welcome

Chris Maslen welcomed trust members to the meeting.

2. - Apologies for absence were received from 14 members

1.David Brown; 2.Pamela Wallace; 3.Marjorie Longstaff; 4.Marilyn Markhall; 5.Sandra Allen;
6.Michael Clarke; 7.Diane Guy; 8.Ed Catchpole; 9.Sarah Norton; 10. Ray Canham; 11.Jeff Robinson;
12.Terry Gore; 13.Patrick Smuts; 14.Maureen Gillet.

3. – Minutes of 42nd AGM and any matters arising

The minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting were approved and signed by the chairman as a true record of that meeting. There were no matters arising from the last meeting other than any included in the Agenda for today's meeting.

4. - Annual Accounts

The Annual Accounts were presented by the Treasurer Carol Hughes, adoption was approved unanimously by the meeting.

5. - Appointment of Independent Examiners

The appointment of Mendip Accounting Solutions was approved unanimously by the meeting and the directors were authorised to set their level of fees.

6. - Appointment of Directors and Trustees

The chairman paid tribute to the late David Wallace for all his enthusiasm , work on the island and running the Shirkers for many years, condolences were expressed to his widow Pamela Wallace.

Carol Hughes, Mark Harris and Maureen Gillet were re-elected as Directors and Trustees for a term of three years.

Thursa Lamoon and Jasper Lamoon were elected as new Directors and Trustees for a term of three years.

The chairman explained that following his resignation as a director and trustee (which would take effect at the close of this meeting) a search company had recently been employed to recruit a new chairman to take his place. Chris would continue his role as Island Warden.

They would also search for a new secretary as Anthony wished to be relieved of the role for health reasons. He would continue until a successor was found.

7. - Any Other Business

There was no other business and questions were invited now which are shown below. All volunteers were thanked for their help over the year.

This year Chris had prepared a summary of work over the last year which is given below.

8. - Date of 2021 AGM

The expected date will be Saturday September 25th 2021. The formal meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

Selection of questions asked by members during the meeting

Appreciating that a 12 hour day was inevitable because of the tides was it not possible to find some dates when a later start might be possible? In reply Chris summarised the problems caused by the tides and the string flows of water around Steep Holm island and how about every ten days there is a four day window of opportunity. However he would look at trying to get some later weekend starts although the low number of volunteers to assist in manning the island also presented difficulties.

Chairman's Report

Trustees

You will all have known Dave Wallace who has died recently, if not personally then by sight. Big in stature, big in spirit, big in heart. A staunch supporter of the trust.

Running the Shirkers, our land based support organisation. Raising funds & organising volunteers, always ready to give an enthusiastic hand whatever the task.

He will be greatly missed. Our condolences go out to Pam who has graciously offered to keep the Shirkers organised & ticking.

I would also like to thank Greg Avis for his work with the trustees over the last year. He also wished to become a trustee but due to his employer, Avon & Somerset Constabulary, regarding our activities such that they could bring the force into disrepute he has unfortunately had to withdraw.

Current trustees who wish to stand for re election are Carol Hughes, Mark Harris and Maureen Gillet. Also two members who have been of great assistance to the trustees with information technology and social media development, Thursa & Jasper Lamoon, wish to stand as trustees and are recommended by the board.

The trust website and social media

Those of you online will already be aware of and experienced Tristan's efforts, there are still some significant changes to be made and the site will continue to develop over the coming months. Jasper has kindly consented to oversee.

Thursa & Carol are looking after the social media side of things.

Work programme

Maintenance continues at a restricted pace. Numbers on the boats are severely restrictive but we have managed a couple of trips to carry out essential work.

Planning for the future continues Carol & Glyn are itching to get back to site with their new toy with xray vision (sounds like something out of a marvel comic).

Mark is planning to install hand rails on 208 steps to enable visitors safe access and wishes to re-instate to original condition a powder magazine at one of the gun batteries.

Next season?

We are planning for a full schedule and the selected dates have been put to our ferry operators for adjustment & confirmation.

Staffing requests will then be sent out and it will all come down to the lifting of restrictions on the boats.

If social distancing is still in place the some further planning will need to be made on the use of facilities.

Flora and Fauna

Thank you to all the members & shirkers who so generously donated towards the new flail it has had its maiden outing. Needless to say the vegetation is getting out of hand but botanically the island is blooming, henbane, hemlock, houndstongue, caper spurge & mullein abound, pretty much everything apart from the peony is in fine fettle.

The presence of gull & pigeon carcasses would indicate that the peregrines had probably bred but no confirmation of whether successfully or not. I suspect that gull numbers were down again this year but that is purely based on the number of dead. Ironically in normal years the higher the number of dead equates to the higher number of gulls

The above Minutes were approved by the Members at the Annual General Meeting held on 13th November 2021.

Signed: (Chairman)

Dated: