

**MINUTES OF THE 44th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE KENNETH ALLSOP MEMORIAL TRUST LIMITED**

(Registered Charity No. 270059)

Held at The Grand Atlantic Hotel, Beach Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 1BA

on Saturday 13th November 2021

Present

1.Tristan Allsop; 2. Rob Gillet; 3.Maureen Gillet; 4.Isobel Shute; 5.Anthony Smith; 6.Chris Maslen; 7.Jenny Smith; 8.Syd Brailey; 9.Graham Briscoe; 10.Stephen Parker; 11. Kevin Edwards; 12.Greg Avis; 13.Ed Catchpole; 14.Andy Watkins; 15.Peter Hammond; 16.John Watts; 17.Anna Bentley; 18.Joy Wilson; 19.Mark Harris; 20.Howard Smith; 21.Rosie Smith; 22.Timothy Illston; 23.Terry Gore; 24.Anthea Raines; 25.Pam Wallace; 26.Caro Barrett; 27.Tim Barrett; 28.Evia Soussi; 29.David Agassiz; 30.Marilyn Markall.

By Proxy Votes

Anthony Guy; Diane Guy; Paul Marshall; John Savery; Martin Parsons.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Stephen Parker welcomed trust members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence were received from 9 members

1.Ray Canham; 2. Barry Clarke; 3.David Reid; 4.Denise Shephard; 5.Roger Conway; 6.David Ray; 7. Patrick Smuts; 8. Sarah Norton; 9.Andrew Wilson

3. Minutes of 43rd AGM and any matters arising

The minutes of the 43rd 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 for the year ended 5 April 2021 were presented by the Chairman in the Treasurer's absence and 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

Graham Briscoe was re-elected as Director and Trustee for a term of three years. Stephen Parker, Jonathan Hartnell, Timothy Illston and Evia Soussi were elected as new Directors and Trustees for a term of three years.

7. Presentation of Reports

The Clerk of Works (Mark Harris) and the Warden (Chris Maslen) each gave a summary of the work over the last year.

8. - 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.

9. - Date of 2022 AGM

The expected date will be Saturday 24th September 2022. The formal meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

Chairman's Report

Just prior to the start of this financial year the UK became subject to the first Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown requirements in March 2020. The Charity Trust Board met via ZOOM and determined that all of the proposed public island sailings would be cancelled until further notice. When travel restrictions were first eased mid-year 2020, because of the continuing requirements for travel "social distancing" and the complications of boat travel a further determination was taken to cancel all public travel to the island for the remainder of the 2020 season, and that the Island would remain in visitor lockdown for the full year.

All this coincided with the resignation of the long-standing Charity Trust Board Chair at the AGM on the 26th September 2020. In the absence of a natural successor, it was decided to appoint an Interim Board Chair until a suitable candidate could be found for this important position. The new Interim Board Chair, Graham Briscoe recruited the services of MOON recruitment find a new Chairman and Company Secretary who had earlier indicated he wished to resign.

The Trustee recruitment through MOON was successful and four new Trustee were formally appointed by the Trustee Board at their meeting on 24 April 2021 Chair – Stephen Parker / Vice Chair and Fundraising – Jonathan Hartnell / Company Secretary – Evia Soussi / Trustee and Legal – Tim Illston.

During the year the Trustee Board were also advised of the sad death of David Wallace, a long serving Trustee and organiser of the "Steep Holm Shirkers" a mainland based social and fundraising group supporting Steep Holm.

Whilst no public visitor sailings were undertaken during this financial year, three maintenance visits were undertaken out under strict Coronavirus COVID-19 and boat sailing travel restrictions. This was complicated a little as the boat company being based in Cardiff had to work under Welsh Government restrictions.

The first visit was from the 19th to the 24 May 2020. This was a five-day trip to install the new water filtration system, new electrical supply for the lower end of the Barracks, installing and painting window frames along with other planned maintenance activities. The second visit a one-day trip on the 8th July 2020 was to check over the estate and buildings and to ensure a water supply was in place for the muntjac deer. The final visit on the 18th September 2020 covered more maintenance work – painting windows, bargeboards and soffit boards. Building stonework pointing and replacing window seats and closing down the Island until next year

There was no opportunity during the year to progress any of the more specific Island interests such as archaeology research, although there was the opportunity to bring back to the mainland a winch for restoration, and to undertake further web-based research on the history of the original Palmerston Fort military installation on the island.

The above Minutes were approved by the Members at the Annual General Meeting held on 24th September 2022.

Signed: (Chairman)

Dated: