



FRIENDS OF PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Saturday the 14 September 2019 at 4.00 pm in the Knights Chamber

Present:

Chris Dalliston	<i>Dean</i>
Stephen Crane	<i>Chairman</i>
Derek Lea	<i>Secretary</i>
Stephen Harrap	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mary Boyall	<i>Membership Secretary</i>

31 Members

139 Welcome and Prayer

The Dean welcomed everyone to the meeting and said a prayer.

140 Apologies

An apology for non-attendance was received from the Mr A Ball, Mr G Brock, Mr & Mrs K Cotton, Mr R Fellows, Rt Rev J Flack, Mrs R Groome, Mr D Hartside, Mr G Hopkinson, Mrs A Kilsby, Mr D Owen, Mr & Mrs J Portlock, Rev Canon B Ruddock, Mrs M Shirville, Mr J Teggerty, Mrs J Vajda and Mr & Mrs I Williams

141 Minutes of Meeting held on the 13 September 2018

The Minutes were approved and signed.

142 Matters Arising

Chris Dalliston said that work on the Infirmarers Hall has been completed with close benefits being available with it being attached to the Deanery.

Various events have been held during the year. It is proposed to hold a Friends event to enable Members to see the work which was carried out.

Work on the Friends loyalty card is still in progress.

143 **Chairman's Report**

Stephen Crane said a warm welcome and apologised for the mistake on the notice which gave the wrong time for Evensong. This should read 3.30 pm.

He said that in his report for 2018 he mentioned that work was about to begin to bring the Infirmarers Hall back to life after many years of neglect.

In 2019 he said he was pleased to report that with the Friends continued support the refurbishment has been completed. Improved heating, a new floor, refurbishment of the wooden ceiling and 'pace' lighting are fully restored.

The Council was given the honour of being the first organisation to hold its meeting in the hall.

In the 2019 Journal a picture has been included which gives a feel of the work undertaken.

He said that he is conscious that the social evening, mentioned in the last report to thank the Friends for their support is still to happen. He has charged the Council to bring this to fruition as soon as possible.

The highly praised Friends Journal shows the Soyuz space craft in the north transept on its cover. Without the Friends involvement welcoming visitors this would not have been possible.

He said that regretfully social activities have been curtailed during the year. The rising cost of transport meant that even the smaller trip has not happened.

However, looking ahead over the weekend of the 11/12 October 2019 the Friends are hosting the National Conference for Friends.

Some seventy delegates have booked from over thirty-five Cathedrals, as far away as Northern Ireland. This is an opportunity to meet colleagues from across the country and to learn how they work with their own Cathedral.

Our Council is in attendance, involved with the workshops and providing hospitality over the weekend.

He said that on behalf of the council he is taking this opportunity to thank the operations team in the Cathedral office, in particular Linda Dowell and Maria Elsey, who have schemed and put together an interesting event.

Equally thanks are due to:

- ✚ The Council members who are retiring at this AGM – Thank you
- ✚ The Council Members
- ✚ The Dean and Chapter
- ✚ You the Members – without you many things would not be possible

Your Cathedral is at the heart of the City and continues to support its community. It continues to grow and change – the beauty of holiness, a place for everyone.

144 Treasurer's Report

Stephen Harrap referred to page 2 of the accounts giving details of Membership of the Council.

He said that pages 3 to 7 gives details of the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2019. Apart from subscriptions and investment income the other main sources of income are donations and legacies.

During the year a legacy of £11,000 was received, which was used as a contribution towards the cost of the refurbishment of the Infirmary Hall.

The Journal is currently a substantial part of the overhead costs. It is reported that this is considered good value.

The Balance sheet shows an increase of £3,026.15 at the year end.

It was agreed to accept the accounts as presented.

145 Membership Secretary's Report

Mary Boyall referred to her report saying that she nothing further to add.

She is asking Members for an email address to assist with reducing costs when contacting Members. Members who change their email address are asked to report the change.

Q: What is the overall total number of Members.

There is approximately 500 Members with Life Members being approximately 20%.

The Membership number has been stable for a period of time. Attempts are being made to draw in more members.

146 Elections

Derek Lea said that two Council Members have reached the end of their term of office, creating two vacancies.

Nominations have been received from John Grubb and Ruth Groome.

There being no further nominations they were deemed to be elected to fill the vacancies.

Chris Dalliston said that with the retirement of Stephen Crane and June Vajda, who are appointed by Chapter, that Chapter have nominated David Way and Ian Harper to fill their positions.

He thanked everyone for their work for the Friends.

147 Any Other Business

The Council is looking at producing a membership card to be used in conjunction with other benefits.

A Commercial director has been appointed by the Cathedral who will be approached with attempting to obtain a discount on purchases made by the shop to Members.

The AGM next year may be changed to June 2020.

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