

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF OPEN SPACES SOCIETY
(limited company number 7846516, charity number 1144840)**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 9 July 2020

PROCESS

- 20/1 The Coronavirus pandemic meant that it was not possible to hold a physical meeting of members. The trustees, having taken note of the advice issued by the Charity Commission with regard to alternative arrangements for AGMs, had given notice to all members that they would receive all the information for the AGM and be invited to ask questions if they so wished. These would be answered before members were required to cast their votes. Voting was either via the website or on paper.

QUESTIONS RAISED

- 20/2 The following questions were raised.
- 1 Simon & Diane Pearson queried whether joint members had a vote each. The society confirmed that at present joint members have one vote but that the trustees are planning to review this prior to the 2021 AGM. The office subsequently confirmed that joint members will each have a vote from now on.
 - 2 Edward Bainton advised that he would be voting against appointing the same independent examiner as he felt it should be a different firm. The treasurer advised that the society reviewed the performance of Villars Hayward in 2018 and, in the absence of a members' vote to reject their re-appointment, it would be appropriate to review their performance again after five years, ie in 2023.
- 20/3 142 members cast votes, 43 of whom gave their proxy wholly, and 16 partly, to the chairman of the society. In line with the mood of those who voted, the chairman applied all votes in favour of the motions.
- 20/4 The results were as follows.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 11 JULY 2019

- 20/5 It was agreed that the minutes be approved and signed: 127 in favour, 9 abstentions and none against.

ADOPTION OF TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 2019

- 20/6 The annual report and accounts were adopted by 138 votes in favour, 2 abstentions and none against.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Vice Presidents

- 20/7 The following were elected as vice-presidents: David (Lord) Clark of Windermere, Mike Clarke, Roger de Freitas, Tony (Lord) Greaves, Richard Mabey and Ronald Smith, with 115 votes in favour, 11 abstentions and none against.

Trustees

- 20/8 The election of Tara-Jane Sutcliffe to the board of trustees was agreed by 125 votes in favour, 5 abstentions and none against.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS FOR 2019

- 20/9 The appointment of Villars Hayward, chartered accountants and registered auditors of Henley-on-Thames, for 2020 was approved by 131 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions.

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