

FRIENDS OF CHICHESTER HARBOUR – AGM Minutes 2011

Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting of the Friends' held on Thursday 27th October 2011 at Chichester Yacht Club, Chichester Marina, Birdham.

1. WELCOME

Bernard Clarke, Chairman of the Friends, opened the meeting at 7.45 am welcoming 87 members and guests. Apologies were received from 18 members.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting held on 28th October 2010 were agreed and signed by the Chairman. (Proposed by Paul Fergusson and seconded by Brian Russell).

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not included in the agenda.

4. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman, Bernard Clarke, presented his summary report. His more detailed report was circulated at the meeting and will be placed on the Friends website, www.friendsch.org. In his report the chairman highlighted the fact that the membership numbers continue to show a healthy trend with over 3,000 members, Friend's finances are on a sound footing as a result. During the past year we have raised the Friend's profile in as many ways as possible through the press and other media and see the need to increase this activity to help raise public awareness of the Friends work and attract more members. The members only activities have proved popular and we intend to further develop these events and also try to reach out to those members who may not use email regularly.

On the financial and practical front the Chairman reported that the Friends had provided for 8 projects concerned with public enjoyment of the Harbour, 9 projects for maintaining and improving the Harbour and AONB environment, 6 projects to help maintain and improve public access and 6 projects providing education for young and old. In addition 44 work parties were organised to assist the work of the Rangers on those projects.

The Chairman gave a huge thank you for all of those who helped to organise and participate in the Friends work and all members for their continued support. The Chairman made a special mention of Ian McIntyre who after more than eight years was stepping down this year as our Newsletter Secretary and editor

5. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, Richard Evans, reported on the accounts for 2010/11. A copy of the accounts had been provided to all members with the agenda for the meeting and a summary copy will be placed on the Friends website, www.friendsch.org. On the circulated copy there was a formatting error that had caused the figure for surplus of Receipts over Payments for 2010/11 to read £23,928 when it should have been minus (-) £23,928. The Treasurer pointed out that the figure for annual subscriptions 2010/11 showed £8k, half of that in 2009/10. This was due to a cheque from the Conservancy for £8k covering subscriptions they had collected on our behalf arriving after the cut off date on which the accounts had to be based. That £8k will now show in this financial year as a result. Membership donations are down this year possibly due to the current financial situation.

The meeting approved the accounts as submitted. (Adopt accounts proposed by Bill Woodman and seconded by Michael Sayers).

6. ELECTION OF HONORARY EXAMINER

Members were advised that Mr George Nash was willing to continue as Honorary Examiner, having carried out these duties for over twenty years. There being no other nominations, this was proposed and agreed. (Proposed by Duncan Paterson and seconded by Val Evans).

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2010/11

Members were advised that the following officers had served on the Friends' Executive Committee during 2010/11:

Chairman:	Bernard Clarke
Vice Chairman:	Nigel Roper
Treasurer:	Richard Evans
Secretary:	Chris Punnett
Membership Secretary:	Valerie Evans
Newsletter Secretary:	Ian McIntyre
Members:	Ray Cuthbert, Brian Field, Peter Henshaw, Norman Payne, Duncan Paterson and Catherine Jones.

The Secretary Chris Punnett had resigned as Secretary after the last Committee Meeting and was thanked for all his hard work in that role. Robert Wiggins had been co-opted onto the Committee to fill the Secretary's role. Norman Paine also stepped down during the year. Members were advised that Mike Gilpin had been nominated to join the Executive Committee. The only other change was Duncan Paterson agreeing to become the Newsletter Secretary/Editor in place of Ian McIntyre. All other current members of the Committee had indicated their willingness to stand for re-election.

No other nominations had been received by the Hon Secretary. As the number of nominees did not exceed the number of posts to be filled it was not therefore necessary to hold a vote.

It was agreed by those present at the AGM that the Executive Committee of the Friends for 2011/12 shall be:

Chairman:	Bernard Clarke
Vice Chairman:	Nigel Roper
Treasurer:	Richard Evans
Secretary:	Robert Wiggins
Membership Secretary:	Valerie Evans
Newsletter Secretary:	Duncan Patterson
Members:	Ray Cuthbert, Brian Field, Peter Henshaw, Catherine Jones, Mike Gilpin and Duncan Paterson.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The formal meeting ended at 8.12 pm.

Following the formal meeting members received a short briefing from Richard Craven, Harbour Master, on current Harbour issues; Tim Knight Chairman of the Conservancy Committee; Siun Cranny, Conservancy Director, on her new role; and by Alison Fowler and Nicky Horter, from the Conservancy, on Harbour and AONB projects that the Friends had provided for during the past year

The Chairman thanked all speakers for their presentations and the members present for their attendance. The evening closed at 9.30 pm.