

THE MOSELEY SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 16th MAY 2019, 7.30 p.m.
at The Moseley Exchange, The Post Office Building, Alcester Road,
Moseley.

Geoff Rees and Helen Minovi, in their roles as Co-Chair, welcomed all to the meeting, the 40th annual meeting of The Society. There were 54 members and 3 non-members present. The AGM began at 7.35 pm

1. APOLOGIES had been received from Eric Adams, David McGillivray, David Whittingham, Mike and Jan Marlow, John Dring, Ros Jamieson, Jane Howell, Henrietta Lockhart, Brian Kane, Paul Gaynor, Ann Burness, Janis Goodall, Jonathan Smith, Liz Garnett, Jacquie Williams, Alison Millward, David Sandison, Lawrence Moulin, Anne Gilbert, Jennie Brewer, John Rouse, Revd Duncan Strathie, Val Eskinazi and Clare Hinchliffe.

2. MINUTES of the last AGM held on 17th May 2018 were taken as read and agreed, on a motion put by Helen Minovi and seconded by Ray Tier.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS.

The Annual Review containing reports of the different aspects of the Society's work had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Geoff Rees drew attention to the length of time four particular members had served on the Committee and he presented framed certificates and a celebratory bottle to Fiona Adams (40 years), Roy Cockel (37 years), Robert Orme (37 years) and Paul Lindley (34 years.)

There were no questions about the reports.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS.

Copies of the full report and accounts to 31 December 2018 had been circulated in advance by email and were made available in paper format at the meeting.

Phil Williams presented the accounts and asked if there were any questions. There were none and the report and accounts were adopted on a motion put by Joyce Elliott seconded by Helen Minovi and supported unanimously.

5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

Geoff Rees confirmed that all the current Trustees were willing to continue to serve. They serve for terms of three years, can stand for re-election and retire by rotation according to the year that they became a Trustee. This year Sally Wright, Phil Williams and Ray Tier were offering themselves for re-election. He made a proposal to re-elect all three and this was seconded by Helen Minovi and approved unanimously.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

6.1 Linda Gresham asked if the book and music festival mentioned in the minutes of the AGM in 2018 had taken place. Fiona Adams said she thought that it had not.

There were no further questions and Geoff Rees closed the meeting at 7.45 p.m.

Helen Minovi added her thanks to her fellow Committee members and to the Society's members, many of whom are active volunteers, all of whom work so hard to make Moseley such a good place to live. She explained that it had been decided to hold a discussion about the last 40 years, led by the longest serving members of the Committee. Topics ranged from how the dovecote and icehouse became the responsibility of Society, were restored and how it is Paul Lindley who has kept them in good repair ever since. Roy Cockel described the creation of the garden at the dovecote. Fiona Adams described the changes in technology from when the first records of the Society were made using a typewriter and carbon paper, and before answer phones, let alone emails and websites, had been invented. She also described how she and Joyce Elliott had produced the Moseley Directory in 1981. It reveals that while there were only two hairdressers, there were five independent butchers in Moseley, compared with eleven hairdressers or barbers and no butchers today. The discussion was interspersed with questions from past Quizzes put by Robert Orme. Other topics included the problems caused by street prostitution which had led to the road closures of Park Hill and Augusta Road; and the campaign to have the underground toilets closed and new toilets built at the entrance to the car park – and the eventual removal of any public toilet in Moseley.

Meanwhile Geoff Rees organised for everyone to have a glass in their hand and a toast to the Society was drunk, and then canapés prepared by Maison Mayci were enjoyed by everyone. The exhibition prepared by Roy Cockel for the 25th anniversary of the Society was on view and members were able to continue to share reminiscences, and to celebrate the long history of active community involvement by the committee members and members of The Moseley Society.