



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Devon History Society 8th October 2022 at 10.30 a.m.

This was held at Exeter Library. In total 35 members of the society and representatives of affiliated societies attended.

1. The President, Henry French, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the Society's Deputy Chair, Tim Lomas who apologised on behalf of Katie Findlay who had succumbed to illness at the last moment and was unable to attend. Tim noted that this was the first attempt at an in-person AGM since 2019 and was grateful to Exeter Library for holding over the booking for such a long time. The DHS Trustees were appreciative of the continuing support of members during these times of turbulence and hoped that this would provide a sound foundation for the future. A most positive start had been made with the appointment of Marie Leverett as Events Co-ordinator. It was thanks to Marie that a programme had been devised for the coming year. Tim referred to the sad death of Mitzi Auchterlonie. Her valuable contribution to book reviews in The Devon Historian was just one of her many and valuable contributions. The Society is delighted that her husband Paul has agreed to continue in her role.
2. **Apologies** were received from Frances Allwright, Katie Findlay, Michael Gee, Helen Harris, Maureen Harris, Bob and Anne Harvey, Robert Letcher, April Marjoram, Sue Price, Maggie Rice, Mike Sampson, Tim Sedgwick, Gillian Selley, Debbie Watson
3. The **minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 October 2021** were agreed as a correct record. It had been previously circulated. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
4. The **Devon History Society Annual Report for 2021-2022**. The Annual Report, which was available to read on the website was accepted nem con. There were no questions on the Annual Report.
5. **Financial Statement for 2020-2021**. This was available to read on the website. There were no questions and it was accepted nem con.
6. Election of **Council Members**

Three members of the Council have served their three-year term of office and were eligible for re-election. **Henry French, Tim Lomas and Debbie Watson** have been renominated to serve a further term. They were duly re-elected for a further term. No other nominations had been received although **Marie Leverett** who had been co-opted as a trustee was unanimously approved as an elected trustee.

7. **Changes in membership categories and rates.** Following earlier consultations regarding membership categories followed by Council discussion, it was proposed that there would be four categories of membership: Individual, Family, Affiliated societies, Non-affiliated societies and institutions. The membership rate for the year would be £20.00 per year for all categories. Existing Life Members will retain their membership status but this category would not be available in future. This was accepted. This proposal was accepted but members asked whether concessions might be available for students and the unwaged. It was agreed that this matter be discussed by the Trustees.

8. **Appointment of auditor.** It was proposed that the auditor for 2022-2023 will be Mark Hazell of Sovereign Accounting, Exmouth. This was accepted nem con.

9. **Book Awards 2022**

Local Society Award

WINNER *The Way of the Wharves: A history of East-the-Water, Bideford* by Michael Teare, Bob Kirby and Anthony Burt

Academic Award

WINNER *The Exeter cloth dispatch book, 1763-1765* edited by Todd Gray, published by Devon and Cornwall Record Society.

WG Hoskins Award

WINNER *The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters* by Helen Wilson

HIGHLY COMMENDED *Devon women in public and professional life, 1900-1950: votes, voices and vocations* by Julia Neville, Mitzi Auchterlonie, Paul Auchterlonie, Ann Roberts and Helen Turnbull

Devon Book of the Year

WINNER *The Remarkable Pinwill Sisters* by Helen Wilson

No prizes were awarded this year for Devon dissertations.

10. **Closing remarks.** Henry thanked everyone for attending the AGM. Marie summarised planned DHS events.

11. **AOB.** No further business had been raised. The meeting finished at 11.00

The minutes were agreed as a correct record at the AGM in 2023, signed.....