

## **MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday October 3, 2024 at 7.30pm at The Refectory, Chester Cathedral.**

The Chair, Christine Russell, welcomed members and particularly the guest speaker, **The Bishop of Chester - Mark Tanner** who gave a talk reflecting on the challenge of curating communities and finding a shared meaning and understanding in the common inheritance to be found in the stories of a historic city like Chester. Following a break for refreshments, the formal business of the AGM commenced

**1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from 29 members.**

**2. To approve minutes of the AGM held on Thursday October 6, 2023, at 7.30pm in the Garrett Theatre, Storyhouse**

The motion was proposed by David Evans and seconded by Graham Catlin. **The meeting unanimously approved adoption of the minutes.**

**3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report 2023-24**

The Chair, Christine Russell introduced her Report on the activities of the Trust which had previously been distributed. The Annual Report **was unanimously accepted.**

**4. To receive and adopt the Treasurers Statement of Accounts**

To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023. The Financial Report was proposed by David Evans and seconded by John Herson. **It was unanimously accepted.**

**5. To Elect Officers**

Proposed by Andrew Pannell, Seconded by Karen McKay. **The following officers were duly nominated and elected unanimously:**

**Chair - CHRISTINE RUSSELL**

**Vice Chairs - PETER COCKER, DAVID EVANS, JOHN HERSON**

**Hon Secretary - GRAHAM CATLIN**

**Hon Treasurer - SUE HARRIS.**

**6. To elect Executive Committee Members**

The following valid nominations were received for available positions.

Ruth Davidson

Tony Barton

Nick Clarke

Karen McKay

Jane Harrad-Roberts

**They were elected unanimously**

**7. To Appoint the independent Examiner**

The Hon Treasurer recommended the appointment of **Hargreaves and Woods** as our examiner for another year. This was seconded by Graham Catlin. **This was agreed unanimously**

**8. To agree, in principle, a new Constitution for Chester Civic Trust based on the Charity Commission's 'Association' model for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**

On behalf of the Executive, Peter Cocker explained the benefits of updating the constitution of the Trust to conform to the CIO model and asked that the AGM approve the principle of such an update. **This was agreed unanimously.**

**9. To decide the level of subscriptions applicable from 1st September 2024**

The Executive recommended that subscriptions be increased by £5 per year for individual membership and £10 per year for joint Membership. **This was agreed unanimously**

**10. Any Other Business applicable to the AGM.**

Since no further items for discussion were raised, the Vice-President declared the formal meeting closed. He handed over to Christine Russell who proposed a vote of thanks to him for his conduct of the meeting.