



**LEOMINSTER
MUSEUM**



Leominster Museum CIO: Registered Incorporated Charity Number 1162600

**Annual General Meeting
Thursday 13th June 2017 at the Museum at 7.00pm
Minutes**

Members Present: Suzy Barton; Stephen Barton; Peter Ellis; Christopher Jarman; Deborah Jarman; Glenn Jones representing Discover Parks Ltd; Jimmy Lindsay; Sue Lindsay; Felicity Norman; Ben Sladen; Wendy Sladen; Nigel Thompson; Michael Walker; Margaret Ware; Malcolm Mason; Geoffrey Crofts; Sue Morgan; Pauline Davies

Members Present By Proxy: Maggie Waldman; Jon Waldman; Will Pridie; Wendy Pridie;

Others Present: Jim Airey; Eve Barratt; Terry Collier; Mark Redmond

Apologies for Absence: Those present by proxy, and Lesley Brook; Terry Carver; Judy Stevenson; Angela Vaughan Parry; Maurice Morgan; Frank Ware; Susie Dunkerton

1. Welcome

Geoffrey Crofts took the chair & welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Resolutions

The following resolutions were made

- i. **To agree the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 2016.**
Agreed unanimously.
- ii. **To receive and adopt the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period from 1st April 2016 to 30th November 2016.** Proposed by Pauline Davis; seconded by Felicity Norman. Agreed unanimously.
- iii. **To receive and ratify the Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March 2016.** Proposed by Peter Ellis, seconded by Deborah Jarman. Agreed unanimously.
- iv. **To re-elect Mrs Ermerlinda Deborah Besley Jarman as a charity trustee.** Proposed by Felicity Norman, seconded by Ben Sladen. Agreed unanimously.
- v. **To re-elect Mr Glenn Powell Jones as a charity trustee.** Proposed by Jimmy Lindsay, seconded by Suzy Barton. Agreed unanimously.
- vi. **To re-elect Mr Malcolm Mason as a charity trustee.** Proposed by Peter Ellis, seconded by Wendy Sladen. Agreed unanimously.

3. Any Other Business – Brief Record

Geoffrey Crofts expressed thanks to Richard Lello, the recently resigned curator, for the tireless work he and his team of volunteers had done over the winter on the redisplay of objects.

He also reported that the mission and governance groups set up at the January Creative Museums meeting with Gaby Porter, and supported by Hilary McGowan under the AIM Prospering Boards programme, were about to start their deliberations, and that there would be a consultation meeting on their proposals, to which all stakeholders would be invited, in October 2017.

Stephen Barton asked whether the lessons learned during Richard Lello's term of office as curator would be used in drawing up the job specification for the new curator. Geoffrey Crofts said that the specification would be discussed at the next trustee meeting on July 11th.

Eve Barrett asked whether Richard Lello would be "allowed" to mentor the person who replaced him as curator, or whether the desk volunteers would have to organise his/her induction themselves. Geoffrey Crofts said RL had left what appeared to be comprehensive handover notes; as to mentoring, if RL was willing that would be very welcome.

Eve Barrett directed a number of questions to Deborah Jarman about the education offer at the Museum. She asked why schools were not more involved, and was told that strenuous efforts had been made to encourage more schools to visit, including personal visits to staff meetings at all primary schools within a ten mile radius of the town, but that schools appear to have other priorities these days. Eve was invited to make her own efforts to attract school visits if she felt there were shortcomings in this respect. Deborah described the involvement of the Leominster Town Cadets at the Museum and the part they played in the Rifles & Spades Project and the Trails of the Unexpected event. Eve said that she thought students from Herefordshire College of Arts should be offered placements at the Museum, and Deborah said that a Year 10 student from Weobley High School would be undertaking a work experience placement at the Museum the following week.

Jim Airey asked if a copy of the Minutes of each trustees meeting could be placed in the desk diary for volunteers to read. Several concerns were raised about the security of this practice as these are not public documents. Chris Jarman pointed out that there is now a standing request for trustees' meeting Minutes to be emailed to all desk volunteers, after a request made at the March training morning. Jim said that not all volunteers were email users, and Deborah Jarman said that she would undertake to deliver to Jim's house paper copies of all communications issued by her.

Glenn Jones offered thanks to Deborah Jarman for the outreach work she had done, and this vote of thanks was echoed by many present.

4. Geoffrey Crofts closed the meeting at 7.50