

Annual General Meeting

Held on December 8th 2021 online

Draft Minutes

1. The following voting members attended:

Charlotte Andrews	Bermuda National Trust, as member of the Bermuda World Heritage Site Management Committee
Tony Crouch	Bath and North-east Somerset Council
Jenny Bruce	City of Edinburgh Council
Sally Weston	Cornish Mining Landscape WHS
Adrian Farmer	Derwent Valley Mills WHS Partnership
Jane Gibson	Durham WHS
Dr Steven Andrews	Flow Country Peatland Partnership
Justin Scully	Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal
Sarah France	Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal
Max Bryant	Giants Causeway
Paul Simons	Great Spa Towns of Europe
Hannah Joyce	Gwynedd Council
Mairi Lock	Lake District National Park Authority
Stephen Ratcliffe	Lake District National Park Authority
Jane Masters	New Lanark World Heritage Site
Allan Forrest	Pontcysyllte WHS- Wrexham County Borough Council
Sheena Campbell	Saltaire World Heritage Site, Bradford Council
Brandi Hall-Cosgrove	Telford and Wrekin Council
Peter Marsden	Maritime Greenwich WHS
David Holroyd	Trustee
Don Gobbett	Trustee
Gillian Clarke	Trustee
Graham U'ren	Trustee
Ian Wray	Trustee
Lesley Garlick	Trustee
Sam Rose	Trustee

2. **Welcome:** - Tony Crouch, Chair of WH UK welcomed members to the AGM and thanked them for attending. No apologies were received. Gill Clarke, Secretary, then outlined the voting procedure using the poll function, and the criteria for eligibility to vote.

3. **The Resolution** to agree the draft Minutes of the previous AGM held on December 7th 2020 as a correct record was proposed by Sam Rose and seconded by Lesley Garlick. The resolution was agreed with one abstention.
4. **The Chair's Report.** Tony outlined the activities of the last 12 months. During that time WH UK had bade farewell to Chris Mahon, and welcomed Alex McCoskrie as the new General Manager. Tony thanks all staff and the Trustees for their input. The full text of the Chair's Report is appended.
5. **The Resolution** to receive the Trustees Annual Report and the Finance Report (both for the period April 2020 – March 2021) was proposed by Paul Simons and seconded by Jane Gibson. The Resolution was agreed with one abstention.
6. **Membership Fees Report.** Sam reminded members that fees had not been raised for 2 years, as had been promised, and the proposed increase was in line with current inflation rates. The proposal is to raise fees for Voting members from £630 to £650 pa. for Associate members from £260 to £270 pa and to keep fees for individual members at £30 pa. The **Resolution** to approve the recommendations as stated in the report was proposed by Max Bryant and seconded by David Holroyd. The report was approved unanimously.
7. **Trustee Elections.** Under the CIO's Constitution a proportion of the Trustees must step down each year but are eligible for re-election for a further 3 year term. Four of the present Trustee are stepping down on this occasion and they offer themselves for re-appointment. They are Max Bryant, Gill Clarke, Lesley Garlick and Ian Wray. In addition there are 2 vacancies, therefore 6 altogether. Nominations were invited from the membership for persons that may like to stand for election to the Board. Nominations were received from Jane Masters (New Lanark WHS) and Justin Scully Fountains Abbey WHS). All the candidate statements were available with the Notice of the AGM. It was agreed that voting could take the form of an 'en bloc' vote

The Resolution: to approve the elections of the above named people 'en bloc' to the Board was proposed by David Holroyd and seconded by Don Gobbett. The resolution was agreed with 2 abstentions.
8. **A.O.B**
Tony announced that Allan Forrest (Pontcysyllte WHS) is retiring soon from his post at Wrexham Council. He was thanked for his excellent organisation of the Llangollen Conference in 2019 and we wish him well for the future.
A question was raised about the de-listing of Liverpool. We are planning an event in 2022 to discuss lessons learned. In addition Ian Wray was able to add that DCMS is preparing a 'Lessons Learned' paper; Ian himself is writing a number of articles to be published in the TCPA Journal and the IHBC Journal, and the Merseyside Civic Society is taking forward various ideas.