

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Held on Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 730pm, at Holborn Studios, 49/50 Eagle Wharf Road, N1 7ED

The AGM was preceded by a tour of the of the building and the many wonderful photos of various celebrities by various famous photographers, which was gratefully received and thoroughly enjoyed.

Present: Trustees - Lisa Shell, Ray Blackburn, Laurie Elks, Monica Blake, Margaret Willes, Tony Gillett; Director - Nick Perry; Independent Financial Examiner - Dave Harris; and circa 20 members.

Agenda Items	Discussions and Decisions
1. Introduction/ Apologies for Absence.	Everyone present introduced themselves and Trustees explained the role they played within the Society. Apologies were received from: Julia Lafferty, (Trustee) and Colin Brooking, Jens Hills, Rossana Tich, Alan Limbrick, David & Rowena Altheer (members).
2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM	The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 15 November 2016 were approved - proposed by Lisa Shell and seconded by Tony Gillett.
3. Annual Report of the Executive Committee	<p>Nick Perry, Director, presented the report for the year ended 31 March 2017, with contributions from other Trustees on the areas they cover. The main activities had been round fundraising for our book in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Hackney Society, <i>Hackney: portrait of a community 1967 - 2017</i>.</p> <p>Ray Blackburn, who along with Laurie Elks, is the Trustee responsible for events explained that they liked to balanced spread of walks, talks and building tours but would love to receive suggestions for future events from members, who can email suggestions to the Society.</p> <p>Lisa Shell reported that the Planning Sub-Group, with its several professional members, is thriving and continues to have the respect of the Planning department. Indeed, one of the recent professional members has been appointed Head of the Planning department.</p> <p>Tony Gillett thanked those members who assisted him and Spaces editor Monica Blake in hand delivering copies (and thus saving 76 pence per item) Wendy Forrest, Steve Szytko, Rosie Barker, John Hooper, Laurie Elks and especially Michael Rank who had sadly died earlier this year.</p> <p>Nick then spoke briefly about the current financial year explaining that insufficient funds have been raised to meet all the costs of <i>Hackney: portrait of a community 1967 - 2017</i>. The design and printing costs, and the expenses of the official launch have been, but 3 Trustees have agreed to wait for the substantial amounts they have paid out until the income generated by sales is sufficient to cover their expenditure, Eventually it is hoped to raise enough money from sales to fund further publications,</p>

	<p>if possible. There will be further events later this month at local bookshops to publicise the book. The Society to have further events around the book in the new year.</p> <p>The report was approved - proposed by Fiona Darbyshire and seconded by Tony Gillett.</p>
4. Report of the Independent Financial Examiner for the year 2016/17	<p>Nick Perry and Dave Harris, the Independent Financial Examiner spoke to the report.</p> <p>Nick explained that on Dave's advice the Trustees have sanctioned a write-down of £2,000 in the valuation of books, as the stock value had been over £8,000 and it was unrealistic to expect to sell sufficient of them to meet that valuation</p> <p>Dave was pleased that the Trustees has accepted his advice, and thanked Tony Gillett, the Treasurer for providing clear accounts for him to examine.</p> <p>The accounts were approved - proposed by Tony Gillett and seconded by Ray Blackburn.</p>
5. Election of Independent Financial Examiner.	<p>Fiona Darbyshire proposed that David be re-appointed as Independent Financial Examiner to the Society for the following year.</p> <p>Tony Gillett seconded. The proposal was agreed unanimously.</p>
6. Election of Trustees	<p>Tony Gillett took the chair for this item.</p> <p>Nick Perry who had previously formally resigned as a Trustee (and instead took on an unpaid non-Trustee role as 'Director' of the Society, which while it did not carry with it the formal duties and powers of the Trustees, allowed him to remain heavily involved in the facilitation of meetings and responding to external enquiries, including press requests) is now able to take up the role of Trustee, and is thus putting himself forward. In his nomination form, he set out: <i>I am IT manager for a legal publisher; lived in London since 1996 and Hackney since 2001; elected to Management Committee of Growing Communities (non-profit sustainable food organization based in N16) between 2005 and 2016; Chair of Clapton Conservation Areas Advisory Committee (CAAC) since 2011; member of Stoke Newington CAAC since 2011; Hackney Society Trustee, 2012-15 & 2017- present & Director (non-Trustee) 2015-17. Deal regularly with the Council and Councillors on matters I have an interest in and knowledge of - especially housing, planning, technology and publishing.</i></p> <p>He was elected unanimously.</p> <p>Finally, Nick gave thanks, and a bouquet of flowers, to Margaret Willes who has been a Trustee since 2011 who has decided to stand down. She has been responsible for publishing 2 of our recent publications, and the re-issue of another.</p> <p>He went on to invite anyone who feels they could assist the Society by becoming a Trustee to get in touch, and attend a future committee meeting to see what it involves. Additionally, anyone who wants to assist in any way at all, short of becoming a Trustee, would be very welcome.</p>

After the formal meeting an invitation was extended for more volunteers to help sell books at the De Beauvoir festival, and there was a suggestion that flyers inviting purchasers to join the Society be inserted into books on sale at bookshops.