

Bexhill Heritage Members AGM Thursday 13th June 2024 at 7pm.

SJ welcomed members to the AGM.

**1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest** – Diane Johnson; Val Hunnisett; Paul Dyer; John Tyson; Vernon Findlay; Phil Howard-Knight; Roger Elias; Caroline Smith; Rhoda Beales; Anne & Chris Bryen; Denise Turley

**2. Declarations of interest** – None

**3. Approval of minutes and matters arising from the 2023 AGM**

Approval of minutes – The minutes were agreed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

**4. Trustees Report (including governance and finance)**

Highlights of the year - The restoration of the Coronation bandstand was completed in April 2023. The bandstand is now the venue for frequent summer concerts and groups such as knit and natter and a book club. Shelter 3 has been repainted and will be repainted every three years. The restoration team are now restoring Shelter 4 and it is hoped to be able to open it in late summer. The RNLI collecting box has been restored and will feature a QR code for information. Restoration has begun on the concrete mural on the side of the Sainsbury's store.

Financial review – Income totalled £11,832. The main source of income is membership subscriptions, £2000 is Gift Aid refunds and donations totalled £3000. Expenditure - £5500 has been spent on project costs, £1340 on event costs, other costs included insurance for volunteers, phone, internet and storage costs all totalling £8914. Total funds are £15,190. This amount will be used to carry on with restorations including two bus shelters and the K6 phone box at Norman's Bay. Shelter 2 will be very expensive to renovate so funding has been requested from the Levelling Up fund and also for the West Parade Clock Tower renovation.

Members vote carried to send the report to the Charities Commission.

**5. To appoint auditors for the 2023/2024 accounts** – Richard Porter Associates of Bexhill – Members vote carried to appoint auditors.

**6. To elect trustees from 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for 1, 2 or 3 year terms under the charity's revised constitution following our registration with the Charities Commission** – Steve Johnson

a. To elect Simon Allen as a trustee for a three-year term -

Proposed – Ian Hollidge Seconded – Christine Bayliss Vote carried.

b. To endorse trustees' co-option of Samantha Barber – Vote carried

c. To elect Samantha Barber for a two-year term – Vote carried

d. To consider the nomination of additional trustees – no nominations received

**7. To elect officers for the year June 2024 to June 2025**

SJ handed over to AM for the next item

a Chair – Steve Johnson is current Chair and willing to be nominated as Chair for one further year

Proposed – Simon Allen Seconded – Dave Hatherell Vote carried.

No other nominations.

b.Vice-Chair - Alexis Markwick willing to be nominated

Proposed – Keith Rhodes Seconded – Steve Hall Vote carried.

No other nominations

- c. Treasurer – Steve Johnson currently in post and willing to hand over the role  
No nominations. SJ to continue in role. Proposed - Paul Lendon Seconded Jeff Webb Vote carried.
- d. Charity Secretary – Yvonne Menzies willing to be nominated - Proposed Steve Johnson Seconded Jeff Webb Vote carried
- e. Minutes Secretary - Lorraine Parkes agreed to continue in role. Proposed Jeanette Eason Seconded Hilary Rhodes Vote carried
- f. I.T. Support Officer - Alexis Markwick agreed to continue in role. Proposed Yolanda Laybourne Seconded Simon Allen Vote carried
- g. Membership Secretary – Diane Johnson agreed to continue in role on a temporary basis
- h. Responsibility for East Parade – Yolanda Laybourne agreed to continue in role, Proposed Alex Markwick Seconded Keith Rhodes Vote carried
- i. Health & Safety Officer – currently held by Natasha Hamblin. Natasha agreed to continue in role. Proposed Hilary Rhodes Seconded Paul Lendon Vote carried
- j. Project co-ordinator – Simon Allen agreed to continue in role. Proposed Steve Hall Seconded John Gardner Vote carried
- k. Media & marketing officer - YM agreed to continue in role. Proposed Steve Johnson Seconded Sarah Filleul Vote carried
- l. Planning Officer – currently held by Steve Johnson who is willing to continue on a temporary basis.
- m. Museum Liaison Officer – Dave Hatherell Agreed to continue in role.
- n. Transport Liaison - Paul Lendon. Agreed to continue in role.
- o. Event coordinator including bandstand events – currently held by Steve Johnson on a temporary basis. Post will be vacant from April 2025.
- p. To consider further nominations to the committee and for other officer posts  
There were no further nominations

## 7. AOB

### Trips and visits – Steve Johnson

Keith Rhodes will be available in the break for any member who wishes to book for the Winchelsea trip on 19<sup>th</sup> June. The Rye Harbour trip will be on 4<sup>th</sup> October, details to be sent to members.

### Christmas cards – Yolanda Laybourne

Members were shown some photos of the Izzard family model railway at the museum. Members voted on their favourite photo to be included in the Christmas card pack along with the image of the bandstand. The cards will be in packs of six and will be available from the end of August.

### Blazing Saddles – Ian Hollidge

This is an exhibition being held at Bexhill museum that celebrates Bexhill's women cyclists. Exhibits include displays of clothing and there will be a walk around the town on Sunday to points of interest.

Paul Lendon asked for a round of applause for all the volunteers who support Bexhill Heritage.

## **Refreshment Break**

### **Presentation and discussion:**

#### **Bexhill's Second World War -with special reference to D Day –**

##### **Dave Hatherell of Bexhill Museum**

DH gave a informative presentation on Bexhill during the second world war. His talk was illustrated with many photographs that showed aspects of life in the town during the war.

SJ thanked DH for the interesting presentation.

SJ thanked all the members who support Bexhill Heritage to enable the volunteers to carry on restoring buildings in the town.

There being no other questions or business SJ thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 21.10