

**MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GRANTHAM & DISTRICT DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY HELD ON TUESDAY, 20<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2017 AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE GUILDHALL CENTRE, GRANTHAM.**

**Welcome.** The Chairman, Glenda Rousseau welcomed 130 members and thanked them for their attendance.

**Apologies for Absence** were received from Peter Sheardown, Tina Webb and Molly Kidd.

**Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>th</sup> June 2016.** These had been circulated to members before the meeting and on a show of hands were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Report of the Committee to the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman.** The Chairman reported another very successful year for the Society with, in general, lectures of high quality and covering a variety of interesting subjects. The name change to **The Arts Society Grantham**, the most significant occurrence this year, and the impact was explained. The Golden Anniversary of NADFAS/The Arts Society and the celebration activities for our Society for this event were mentioned. The Chairman thanked the Committee for their hard work during the year. A special thanks was made to Judy Higley for her hard work with the Young Arts projects, highlighted on future powerpoint slides. The Chairman mentioned that this will be her last year, and reminded members of vacant positions of Vice Chairman and Publicity Officer.

**To receive and approve Accounts and Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer referred members to his report and accounts. Income had been £10,993, expenditure £9,881. Total member's funds at the year-end were £17,089 and with running costs for the year about £10,000, this means an unallocated reserve of about £7,000. Subscription charges have been held the same for the coming year. The Treasurer's accounts were proposed by Diana Platts and seconded by Judith Woolf.

**Election of Financial Examiner.** Alan Pizzey, the Financial Examiner to date, has resigned and the Treasurer, Derek Fisher, proposed Nigel Brown to be appointed as the new examiner. The Members agreed by a show of hands.

**Election of Committee and Officers.** Glenda Rousseau, Derek Fisher, Barbara Lawry, Christina Thompson, Janice Ferguson, Maggie Rogers, Judy Higley and Penny Whitbread had been nominated and seconded to serve on the Committee and were willing to stand. Their appointments were proposed by Delia Hearmon and seconded by Sandra Barker, and approved by a show of hands.

The Committee proposed the following to be elected as Officers of the Society for 2017/2018 and be the nominated signatories of the Melton Mowbray Building Society account:

Chairman: Glenda Rousseau    Treasurer: Derek Fisher    Secretary: Barbara Lawry

Diana Platts proposed, and Elizabeth Holmes seconded approval, agreed by a show of hands.

**Submission for approval of the Society's new name as 'The Arts Society Grantham' and the associated changes in the Constitution.** This was approved by a unanimous show of hands.

**Any Other Business.** The Chairman proposed to the Members to change the guest fee back to £5.00 and this was approved by show of hands.

The formal business of the AGM was concluded and the meeting closed at 10.20.

The Chairman thanked outgoing members of the Committee, Lucienne Bennett and Neil Bennett and Judith Woolf and Tina Webb (absent) for their many years of duty at the signing-in desk and made a presentation to them.