
Draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th March 2011
At The Stenning Hall, Horn Lane, Hallaton Leicestershire

The meeting opened at 12.50 pm, with Kevin Leahy, Chairman, in the Chair and Celia Morris, Secretary, recording the minutes. 52 other members were in attendance.

Kevin Leahy welcomed the members to the 2011 Annual General Meeting of Group 14 East Midlands, and gave thanks to the co-hosts of this meeting, the Hallaton Field Walking Group.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Marilyn Palmer, Pearl Wheatley, Graeme Guilbert, Graeme Walker, Rachel Walker, Jen Eccles, Sue Cotton, Brian Waters, Freda Waters, Paul Ash, K Hollanby, Ann Graff, Hilary Healey, Pauline Beswick and Ruth Strong.

2. **Minutes of the AGM**

Minutes of the AGM held at the Lowdham Village Hall, Nottinghamshire on 27th March 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed that they be signed as a correct record; this was approved by Clive Hart and seconded by David Mills.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were none.

4. **Trustees Report**

The Trustees Report for 2010 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Kevin Leahy said it was a good summary of our activities over the year. As Chairman Kevin thanked the committee for their support during the year.

There were no comments on the report.

5. **Statement of Accounts**

The audited accounts were circulated prior to the meeting. Catherine Wells, the Treasurer, explained the accounts to members. Receipts totalled £2,123.64, payments out £1,992.62; excess of receipts over payments during year was £131.02. Reconciliation of the bank balances gave a credit balance as at 31st December 2010 of £11,140.93. During the year two grants had been made towards publication costs, one to the Thoroton Society for £525.00 for publication of an excavation report of a coin hoard, and one for £550.00 to Archaeopress towards publication of "Archaeology of the Upper Witham Valley".

Catherine said the Accounts had been audited by Mr Temple and registered her thanks for his help. The members approved the Accounts and Kevin gave Catherine thanks for her excellent work with the Accounts.

6. **Appointment of Auditor**

Stuart Temple, our current Auditor was at the meeting and confirmed he was willing to continue in this post, and this was accepted by the members. Kevin thanked Mr Temple for his continuing help which was much appreciated by the committee.

7. **Election of Ordinary Members**

Three Ordinary Members were required on the committee and three nominations had been received, being Daryl Garton (Nominated by K Leahy, seconded by S Cotton), Andrew Jefferson (Nominated by J Eccles, seconded by J Clark) and Peter Allen (Nominated by D Garton, and seconded by G Guilbert).

The members accepted these three Ordinary members to be elected to the committee.

8 **Election of Officers**

Five Honorary Officers had confirmed they were happy to continue in office. These were Kevin Leahy – Chairman, Clive Hart – Vice Chairman, Catherine Wells – Treasurer, Celia Morris – Secretary and David Burton – Membership Secretary, together with all the other members of committee who have not come up for re-election. It was proposed by David Mills that these members should remain in their respective posts, and this was seconded by Alan Morris.

As the Meetings Secretary had served her full term, a nomination for this post had been received of Debbie Frearson (Nominated by E Jones, seconded by C Jones) and this was approved by the members.

All the above positions were confirmed by the membership present.

Kevin said there was one other position required to be filled, being that of Publicity Officer and he asked the members if any were willing to take on this post but did not receive a volunteer at the meeting.

9. **To fix date for 2012 AGM**

The date of the 2012 AGM was fixed for 24th March 2012 at a venue to be decided.

10. **Any Other Business**

As an additional item to the Agenda, Kevin Leahy wished to draw the attention of the members present to two communications. The first was a report by our Group Representative on Council, Marilyn Palmer, regarding CBA Group Funding following the loss of the £300,000 annual grant from the British Academy. The second report was from Mike Heyworth, the Director of Council for British Archaeology, describing the problems CBA Central is experiencing and the possible solutions. Kevin urged the members to read these reports.

The meeting closed at 1.10 pm.