

The Chapels Society



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Minutes of the Thirty-Third Annual General Meeting of the Chapels Society, held on Zoom on Thursday 1 July 2021

1. The meeting began at 6 p.m. The President, Dr W.M. Jacob, welcomed members to the AGM. Twenty-three members attended (see appended list); apologies for absence were received from Moira and Peter Ackers, Mary Bryceland, Gerard Charmley, Michael Hopkins, John and Joan Turner, and Christopher and Marianne Wakeling.

2. The minutes of last year's AGM had been circulated and were approved without amendment.

3. The Annual Report for 2020, circulated with *Newsletter 77*, was presented. The President and Hon. Secretary spoke about another year's curtailed activities due to Covid-19. The Hon. Treasurer gave a summary of last year's accounts, noting a useful surplus in preparation for the next issue of the *Journal* and reporting receipt of two significant donations. The Hon. Editor observed that it has been possible to sustain the *Newsletter* through the period of the pandemic and outlined plans for the next *Journal*.

The adoption of the Report was moved by Ted Royle, seconded by Clyde Binfield, and agreed *nem. con.*

4. The Hon. Treasurer proposed that subscription rates should remain unchanged for the ensuing year, viz., £15 for individual membership, £20 for joint, overseas, and corporate membership, and £8 for students. This recommendation was approved *nem. con.*

5. Three of the Hon. officers were re-elected:-

Hon. Secretary: Martin Wellings, proposed by Bill Jacob, seconded by Roger Holden;

Hon. Treasurer: John Ellis, proposed by Kate Tiller, seconded by Chris Skidmore;

Visits Secretary: John Anderson, proposed by Stuart Leadley, seconded by Martin Wellings.

Chris Skidmore retires as Hon Editor, and was warmly thanked for his tireless work for the Society. Matt Davis was elected to fill this role, proposed by Chris Skidmore and seconded by Martin Wellings.

Kate Tiller, proposed by Bill Jacob and seconded by Roger Holden, was elected to a second three-year term on the Council.

Ian Serjeant, welcomed as the new Casework Officer, was also elected to the Council, proposed by Martin Wellings and seconded by Kate Tiller.

The officers and Council for the coming year therefore comprise:-

President:: Bill Jacob;

Hon. Editor: Matt Davis;

Hon. Treasurer: John Ellis;

Hon. Secretary: Martin Wellings;

Hon. Visits Secretary: John Anderson.

Council members: Kate Tiller and Ian Serjeant (until 2024); Roger Holden, Caitriona McCartney, Gerard Charmley and Edward Royle (until 2022).

Stuart Leadley continues as Membership Secretary.

6. The re-appointment of Dr Alexander Calder as Independent Financial Examiner was proposed by Rod Ambler, seconded by Mark Watson, and agreed *nem. con.*

7. Under other business Kate Tiller reported on plans for the day conference to be held at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, on Saturday 30 October. This promises to be a congenial and important gathering, reflecting on the history of chapels and chapel communities, and also strengthening networks of those concerned for the heritage and conservation of chapels in the twenty-first century.

8. In his closing remarks the President looked forward to resuming a programme of visits from the autumn of 2021 and to next year's AGM taking place in London.

9. The meeting closed at 6.33 p.m.

In attendance:-

Rod and Margaret Ambler; John Anderson; Timothy and Judith Bartlett; Clyde Binfield; Matt Davis; David Dawson; Christine Denwood; John Ellis; Rachel Godden; Roger Holden; Bill Jacob; Lynn Jones; Stuart Leadley; Caitriona McCartney; Ted Royle; Ian Serjeant; Chris Skidmore; Kate Tiller; Mark Watson; David Watts; Martin Wellings.