



6th Civic Voice Annual General Meeting 2015 24th October 2015

St James Priory, Whitson Street, Bristol, BS1 3NZ

AGM (9am-9.30am)

The sixth Annual General Meeting of Civic Voice was attended by 61 people and 41 Civic Voice members.

1. **Welcome** – Freddie Gick, Chair of Civic Voice

Freddie Gick (Chair) welcomed everyone to the six Civic Voice AGM and reflected on the successful tours of Bristol on the previous day and the evening reception hosted by the Mayor in Bristol docks. He paid special thanks to Sue Mottram and all involved at St James Priory in helping to organise the Annual Convention.

2 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from 38 groups and 2 individuals - Aldershot Civic Society, Banbury Civic Society, Bath Preservation Trust, Buckingham Society, Chesham Society, Frome Society, Harrogate Civic Society, Market Harborough Society, Maidenhead Civic Society, Merseyside Civic Society, Newport and District Civic Society, Norwich Society, Nottingham Civic Society, Oxford Preservation Trust, Oxford Civic Society, Oxton Society, Portsmouth Society, Salisbury Civic Society, Scarborough Civic Society, Street Society, Sutton Coldfield Civic Society, Swindon Civic Trust Warwick Society, Wavertree Society, Windermere and Bowness Civic Society, Workington and District Civic Trust..

3 **To agree the minutes for AGM 2014 from Canterbury**

The minutes were proposed by the Oxford Society and seconded by **Marple Civic Society**

4 **Chair's Report** - Freddie Gick, Chair

Freddie Gick began the chair's annual address by talking about how everyone can build civic pride through all of Civic Voice's campaigns and further afield. He went on to tell delegates of the new projects Civic Voice had been involved in within the past year. These consisted of the manifesto's aims, parliamentary appearances, the Design Awards and the regional forum.

Freddie went on to describe what will be new for next year announcing that Civic Voice will be having a new expert panel, funding group and PR group all to help us get up to speed. He also described how we will be taking Civic Day and the Design Awards forward. He explained that Civic Voice face many challenges in the next year and called for members to be more active and become more engaged in what the civic movement is doing. Freddie went on to state that we have an opportunity with community engagement on everybody's lips at the moment but we have to seize the opportunity that is being presented to us.

Freddie finished by thanking the Civic Voice board, staff and members for all the support throughout the year.



5 Regional Chair's Update – Tony Fooks

Tony Fooks took to the stage to produce the regional forum report.

Tony described how the forum had got on in the past year and what plans he had for the regional forum in the coming year including helping to establish a regional network in the South West.

Freddie Gick then formally thanked Tony Fooks for his support in taking forward the regional forum and that he looked forward to working ever closer with him for the next 12 months.

5 Ratification of annual report and accounts 2014-15 – Martin Meredith, Treasurer

Retford Civic Trust proposed and Chelsea Society seconded the ratification of the Trustees' report and accounts for 2014-15.

7 Appointment of independent examiners – proposed by Martin Meredith, Treasurer

Martin Meredith proposed the appointment of Hargreaves and Woods as Civic Voice's independent examiners at a fee to be agreed by the Board of Trustees.

The resolution was seconded by the Chelsea Society and agreed unanimously.

8 Board elections – announcement of results – Freddie Gick, Chair

Freddie Gick announced the results of the ballot for Trustees to join the Board and welcomed Christine Furminger (City of Rochester Society), John Kershaw (Manchester Civic Society) and Phil Douce (Worcester Society) to the Board and thanked all those who had participated.

9 Ratification of Chair and Treasurer

Ratification of the chair and treasurer was next with both Freddie Gick and Martin Meredith retaining their positions as chair and treasurer respectively.

Freddie Gick thanked for members of the board in having the confidence in him in leading Civic Voice.

High Wycombe Civic Society proposed the ratification of Freddie Gick as Chair and Martin Meredith as Treasurer which was seconded by Marple Civic Society and accepted unanimously by the Meeting.

10 Any other business

There was no other formal business.

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