

Annual General Meeting 2020

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Lymington Society will be held on online Monday, November 30th at 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Online on Microsoft Teams

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Agenda

**Monday the 30th of November 2020 at 6.00 pm
Online Microsoft Teams**

- Introduction & welcome to the Mayor Clive Sutton, Chairman
- Apologies, Minutes of the 2019 AGM Clive Sutton, Chairman
- Chairman's Address Clive Sutton, Chairman
- Treasurer's Report Heather Burrell, Treasurer
- Nominations for, and Election of, Members of the Executive Committee:
 - Present Committee members standing for re-election are:
Clive Sutton, Donald Mackenzie, Peter Stone,
Pam Morrissey, James Bull, Heather Burrell, Roger Liley, Oliver Dunne
- Social Secretary's Report
- Any Other Business
- Close of Business

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**Wednesday 27th March 2019**

Members and guests were welcomed with a glass of wine.

Introduction and Welcome to the Mayor: Dr Ivor Johnston, President.

Ivor opened the meeting and thanked the committee and chairman.

Apologies, Minutes of the 2018 AGM: Roger Liley, Hon Secretary.

Neil Eccles, Andrew and Sue Sutherland, Tom and Barbara McEwen, Michael and Carolyn Derrick, John and Liz Thunhurst, Richard Jenner, Ann Corbridge, Peter Stone.

Chairman's Address: Clive Sutton, Chairman.

Clive spoke about people, planning and projects. He first thanked the committee and explained their roles; he also spoke warmly about Valerie Shepherd, past president, who had recently died. Under projects, he mentioned the Burrard Neale monument project, in particular, which involved a lot of work including a launch event at the museum. Planning he described as 'our bread and butter work' and mentioned the contribution made by the society to the plans for replacement buildings opposite the Quay, our relationship with other organisations such as PALLS and our success in resisting creeping development on the entrance to Lymington. There was sometimes a balance to be found between worthy causes, such as the relocation of the Food Bank, and the requirements to maintain the unique character of Lymington.

Treasurers Report: Heather Burrell, Treasurer.

Heather began by thanking Bill Madden for once again auditing the accounts and giving so generously of his time and expertise. She reported an overall surplus of £581 compared with £59 in 2017 and also that there had been a slight rise in subscription income in 2018. Pam Morrissey's excellent programme of social events was well supported generating a profit of £607. Heather thanked committee members.

A question was asked about the Lymington Society's charitable status and the chairman replied that it was with the HMRC and was taking longer than expected, but 'we are getting there'.

Nominations for and Election of Members of the Executive Committee:

Present committee members standing for election are: Clive Sutton, Donald Mackenzie, Nigel Seth-Smith, Peter Stone, Pam Morrissey, James Bull, Heather Burrell, Roger Liley, Oliver Dunne.

Whole committee proposed by Liz Lewis, seconded by Yvonne Mackenzie. All agreed.

Social Secretary's Report: Pam Morrissey.

Pam listed various interesting events of 2018 including a talk at the museum, one on Beaulieu SOE during the war, RNLI safety, Blue Marine oyster bed project, New Forest Rangers, Solar farm visit, summer garden party at Chawton House and a visit to Fibre Mechanics who are building 37 yachts for the New York Yacht Club. She looked ahead to opportunities for the coming year including an open art exhibition private viewing and a visit to the Verderers' court, although this could occur in 2020. Pam reminded those present that the summer garden party this year would be held on 13 June in the garden at Moore Blatch at 6pm.

Planning Report: James Bull.

A separate four-person sub-committee has been set up, reporting to the main committee, and looking specifically at planning. We have made 30 planning submissions during the year including: warding off two major developments on Milford Road; housing on Ridgeway Lane and Lower Pennington Lane; refusal of proposed bus station development and now a much improved proposal drawn from our recommendations; we are in communication with Network Rail about the Redrow development bridge; most of the issues we have raised over the Haven Marine development will be taken into account as conditions of the planning approval.

James also pointed out the conflict between worthy causes and preserving the character of the area: two planning applications – for a play centre at All Saints Church and a new building for the Food Bank are two examples. We have done a survey of the high street and seen where trees could be planted to improve the street scene and have discussed possible opportunities to improve the paved area outside the Post Office with PAD architects.

Daphne Johnston pointed out that the play centre at All Saints Church was in fact a much-needed day care resource used by working families. The plan still maintains the church as a place of worship.

Regarding Redrow, the firm is required to build the railway bridge, much needed by new residents, and also provide facilities for the rowing club, funding for which is in place.

Newsletter/website Report: Nigel Seth-Smith.

We aim for two newsletters a year, plus flyers for social events, with a budget of about £1,000 print and postage. Emails cut costs, and members are encouraged to ensure that we have their email address. This

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is the community interface on web and print. Not all information is on the web version for legal reasons. Nigel reminded people about the new feature on the website where subscribers can receive notifications as emails. There is also a mechanism for joining online. Comments sent via the website are always dealt with. Nigel explained the importance of data security and the role of the online form.

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Press Officer's Report: Donald Mackenzie.

Don said our aim was to keep the Lymington Society in the public eye and we had had several successful press releases which had achieved this. For example, the walk-ashore development on the Quay, action over the sea wall by the yacht club, the Burrard Neale gas lamp, the PALLS development and objections to the McCarthy and Stone proposals.

Burrard Neale Report: Donald Mackenzie.

The Burrard Neale monument restoration is now complete to great acclaim. The only disappointment is that the planned ceremonial entrance has been turned down by the conservation officer. As a condition of funding the Heritage Lottery Fund required an interpretive sculptural element. The cleaning of the monument cost less than expected and we still hope to divert funds to a redesigned entrance. Development of the pond is in progress and we are still using community pay-back people to keep the site tidy. We were awarded a gold star from HLF for our school involvement work.

Matters arising from previous minutes: The Chairman.

It was encouraging to see from last year's minutes how many issues we had dealt with in the past 12 months. For example, good press coverage of the monument.

Any other business: The Chairman.

Clive opened the meeting to the floor.

Question 1: future of the post office site? The post office is relocating to the old Jaeger store. Clive stated as a society we are reactive, not pro-active, though we can be constructive if developers approach us first. Our aim would be to encourage a conversation before plans are put forward to secure a better outcome for all parties. It was agreed that it was a prime area for the community.

Question 2: All Saints Church development? Daphne stressed that the church had not abandoned the idea of its conversion for use, but they had merely stood back to give time to tweak the design in the light of comments.

Question 3: Condition of High Street buildings? to what extent can the Lymington Society draw attention to this. Roger said that to win the support of major brands in the High Street brand we should alert their headquarters. Some thought we should 'name and shame' those who do not maintain their properties. However the society's approach is to work with the conservation officer and do a walk-through of the high street. It was now time to do this again with the newly appointed conservation officer.

Question 4: What to do about the weak link? elderly residents may be pressured into selling land to developers, eg on Belmore Lane, giving them access to the town. Chairman said the society had been largely successful in preventing the build up of suburban office blocks on the town approaches. It was to be commended that Jonathan Hutchinson's document on local distinctiveness had been incorporated at the very top of local planning guidance.

Question 5: What is being done about the 'small things' in the high street? These all add up to create a bad impression, eg, buildings painted black or green, rubbish bins overflowing, pavements cracked, lampposts not repainted, graffiti. The Chairman agreed we ought to look at the use of colour; bins are the NFDC's responsibility and the high street bins are going to be replaced. Questioner said they did not need replacing, they just needed painting and regularly emptying.

Question 6: Is Lymington Market part of our remit? The market is recognised as being successful but people have had problems with the management. Too much overlap of types of businesses; problems with parking and loading. However, revenue has gone up and number of stallholders is up, buses into Lymington bring cruise passengers, and the 119 bus is being reinstalled. Don asked is there money for the town council to help with money for the high street.

Chairman agreed that the questions had raised useful comments and would be minuted and looked at in committee.

Refreshment Break

Address by local architects PAD Studio A very interesting talk about their award-winning approach to architecture. PAD illustrated their work with examples of recent projects. The firm is on the shortlist of architects for redesign of the Quay, for which work is due to start in October/November and be completed by March 2020. The NFDC has agreed for the toilet block to be rotated, which will allow a better design. Concerns that nothing is done in phase 1 which would prejudice phases 2 and 3. The number of walk-ashores will rise from 27 to 49 and a long pontoon will bring space for events into the centre of the town.

The Lymington Society

Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31st December 2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Subscriptions	2597	2748
Interest: Nationwide	11	11
Surplus on Social Events	-54	607
Sale of Merchandise	229	-
	2783	3366
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Meeting Expenses/Room Hire	559	478
Hon Sec./ Treas. Expenses	15	20
Printing/ Newsletters	445	725
Subscription/Affiliation Fees	45	42
Insurance	368	368
Donations	25	327
Advertising/Publicity	780	677
Purchase of Merchandise	181	-
Other	18	148
Total Expenditure	2436	2785
Surplus for the Year	347	581

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2019

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Nationwide Building Society	10666	10655
Lloyds Bank Current Account	2901	3025
Stock Merchandise at cost	460	-
	14027	13680
<u>CAPITAL & RESERVES</u>		
General Funds as at 1 Jan 2018	13680	
General Funds as at 1 Jan 2017		13099
Prior Year Adjustment	-	581
Surplus for the year	347	
Balance at Year End	14027	13680

Heather Burrell Treasurer January 2020

Independent Examiners Report

In accordance with your instructions I have examined the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet together with the books and records submitted to me.

I have checked the figures to the underlying information supplied and found them in accordance herewith.

W F Madden, 2 Twynham Place, Lymington.

Friends of Sir Harry

Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31st December 2019

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Donations	510	2100
Friends of Sir Harry membership	365	340
Income from Talks	1981	-
Grant	1150	-
Total	4006	2440
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Advertising/PR	1756	-
Hall Hire/Speaker Expenses	506	-
Landscaping	80	310
Restoration of Monument	-	23500
Total Expenditure	2342	23810
Surplus [Deficit] for the Year	1664	[21370]

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<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Lloyds Bank Current Account	3543	1879
<u>CAPITAL</u>		
Balance as at 1 Jan	1879	23249
Deficit/Surplus for the year	1664	[21370]
Balance at Year End	3543	1879

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