

**MINUTES OF THE 34th AGM OF THE THORNEY ISLAND SOCIETY
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE ON
10TH NOVEMBER 2020**

PRESENT : Sue Ball (Chair), Graeme Cottam, Victor Keegan, Juliet Shellabear, Lucy & Donald Peck, Louise Cartledge, Robert Timms & Karen Jeger, Catherine & Gordon Slater, Patricia Braithwaite, Janet & Gwyndaf John, Mark Wasilewski, Pat Shroff, Bob Reid, Colin Grant-Wilson, Mike Marriott, Penny Swan, Clare Annamalai, Hanna Nicholas, David Pearl, Chris Dawes, Nigel Isreal, Enid Ackers, Catherine Hill, Jürgen Fickentscher, Colin Podmore, Helen Donoghue, Frank Cranmer, Margaret & Stephen Bickford-Smith, Sally Padovan, Anne Pollen, Andrew Jones & Laura Hodgson, Peter Roberts and guest speaker Dorian Gerhold.

1. Sue Ball welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.
2. Minutes of the previous AGM 2019 were approved.
3. Annual Report: Sue Ball, Chair, gave a summary of the Annual Report and acknowledged the challenges that have faced the Society during Covid but that we had adapted imaginatively to changing circumstances. The work responding to planning applications continued and meetings with developers were held virtually. Sue reported that the Society will no longer be holding a Christmas Raffle and this year we look forward to an online quiz and carols to help raise funds.
4. The Financial Statements for 2019-20 were adopted nem con. Gordon Slater reported that TTIS still had a surplus, despite postponed events. Due to the £108,000 the Society held on behalf of SVTG, an independent examiner had been required and Gwyndaf John had stepped into the role. These funds would be put towards the legal costs of the Inquiry.
5. The nomination of Gwyndaf John to independently examine next year's accounts was accepted nem con.
6. Sue read personal statements from the 2 new nominations for Hon Treasurer and Hon Membership Secretary. All Officer posts were proposed and accepted nem con for the following: Chair – Sue Ball, Hon Treasurer – Robert Timms, Hon Secretary – Juliet Shellabear and Hon Membership Secretary – Louise Cartledge
7. Nominations were proposed and accepted nem con for the following Executive Committee Members: Peter Deakins, Rosemary Fitch, Victor Keegan, Lucy Peck and Graeme Cottam.
8. AOB: Tricia Braithwaite asked why a site in Hyde Park, where there was a small existing Holocaust memorial, couldn't have accommodated the new proposal. Lucy Peck replied that it had not been in the Holocaust Commission's proposal and many of the other suggested sites were not available. Lucy added that it was being discussed currently in the Campaign, whether alternative sites were for the Planning Inspector to consider at this time. Sue thanked Gordon for all his help and to her personally and Catherine Slater gave Gordon gifts from the Society.

Following the business of the meeting Dorian Gerhold gave a fascinating talk on The History of Victoria Tower Gardens, From Abbey and Palace to Public Park