

**Minutes of the Seventeenth Annual General Meeting
of The Arts Society Grantham
held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at The Guildhall Centre, Grantham**

Welcome: The Chairman, Glenda Rousseau, welcomed 137 members and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies: No apologies had been received.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 20 June 2017: These had been circulated to members before the meeting and one small amendment was made. After this they were unanimously approved by a show of hands and signed by the Chairman.

Report of the Committee to the Annual General Meeting: Glenda Rousseau, chairman, reported that it had been another successful year for the society. She highlighted various points. The administration associated with the change of name had gone well, as had planning for the Golden Anniversary celebratory lunch. It was recognised that GDPR was now being followed. It was a great help that 70% of members were now paying their subscription by standing order. More members were accessing the website for information. It had been an active year for Young Arts with grants given to four schools; also, learning from an archaeological dig had been included for the first time. New committee members were settling into their roles; however, a new Vice-Chairman and Visits Organiser were still needed. Christina Thompson, the out-going visits organiser, was thanked for all her hard work. The trip to Barcelona last November had been most successful. It was hoped in future to serve coffee to members before meetings in the Newton Room, but this would only be possible if a small Coffee Committee could be formed and she asked for volunteers. Finally, she thanked the member-ship for their support during her three years in office.

To receive and approve Accounts and Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer referred members to his report and accounts. Income had been £11,972 and expenditure £10,628. The change of name had caused minimal expense. The income from events had exceeded their costs by £1,043. He itemised amounts spent on Young Arts grants. The increase in members paying by standing order had helped to keep costs down. Total members' funds at the year-end were £18,433; this meant that unallocated reserves stood at about £8,000. Tina Webb proposed accepting the accounts, Diana Platts seconded the motion and members agreed by a show of hands.

Election of the Financial Examiner: Derek Fisher proposed the current Examiner, Nigel Brown, who was prepared to continue in the role. Members agreed by a show of hands.

Election of Committee and Officers: The following members had been nominated and seconded to serve and were willing to stand: Kate Midgley, Barbara Lawry, Derek Fisher, Carole Brownridge, Janice Ferguson, Judy Higley, Maggie Rogers and Penny Whitbread. Delia Hearmon proposed these people, Joan McHale seconded them and members agreed by a show of hands. The Committee proposed the following to be elected Officers of the Society for 2018/2019 and be nominated signatories of the Melton Mowbray Building Society account:
Chairman: Kate Midgley Treasurer: Derek Fisher Secretary: Barbara Lawry
Proposed by Peter Norton, seconded by Judith Woolf and agreed by a show of hands.

Any Other Business: Kate Midgley gave a vote of thanks to Glenda Rousseau, the outgoing Chairman for her 3 years of service to the society and Derek Fisher presented her with vouchers from Majestic on behalf of all members. The members were again informed of the opportunity for social interaction over coffee in the Newton Room at 10am prior to meetings. However, this would depend upon a volunteer Coffee Committee being convened.

The formal business of the AGM was concluded and the meeting closed at 10.43am. There followed a celebratory Golden Anniversary Lunch in the ballroom of the Guildhall, which was a great success.