

THE CINQUE PORTS MAYORS' ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the Cinque Ports Mayors' Association Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 1ST June 2024 in the Jury Room, Sandwich Guildhall.

1. Apologies for absence were received prior to the meeting as noted below:

Mike Holding, Peter Coe, John Rivers, Iris Johnston, John Lissamore, Robert Bezkorowajny, Lisa Lovelidge, Richard Stevens, Martin Salmon, Belinda Walker, Nicola Keen, Roger Tabor, David Merrifield, Peter Ball, Patricia Moore, Trevor Fentiman, Mark Wilby, Sid Farmer, Ruth Farmer, Frank Pomroy, Chris Turner, Charles James, David Owen, Margaret Knight, Trevor Abram, Clive Wire.

2. The Minutes of the AGM held in Dover 2023 having previously been circulated were Proposed by Roger Neves, Seconded by Nick Tomaszewski and unanimously agreed.

3. Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023, as presented to the Executive Committee meeting in March 2024, were received. They were Proposed by Paul Carter, Seconded by Paul Graeme and unanimously agreed. The Chairman and the meeting applauded the work and commitment of the Treasurer and also that of the Auditor. They were thanked for their service and it was noted that Ken Neame had been in the Treasurer role since 1987.

4. A report was given by the Honorary Secretary as to the meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) held on 21st March 2024. Amendments to the Constitution and Rules of the CPMA proposed at that meeting were discussed as Agenda item 5. In response to a question from the floor, the Chairman gave an update on the Chairman's Collar/badges and it was noted that the EC had recommended that the Association should pay for the new badges, if the members did not.

5. The proposed amendments to Paragraphs 2, 8 & 10 were discussed by Members and these amendments were subsequently Proposed by Paul Carter, Seconded by Paul Graeme and the Members unanimously agreed to their adoption.

Two additional paragraphs were proposed at the EC meeting by the Vice-Chairman.

Paragraph 17 on Ex-Officio Members was rejected by the EC and was not presented to the AGM for discussion.

Paragraph 18 on Privacy was presented to the AGM by the Vice Chairman, Rochelle Saunders. Members debated the proposed amendment to the Constitution and after lengthy discussion it was proposed by Trevor Shonk, Seconded by Paul Carter that only the first sentence should be adopted.

"The Association regards Members personal data and contact information as confidential and manages it with due regard to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)."

This amendment was unanimously agreed by Members.

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6. The Chairman of the Association gave a verbal report to the AGM but no written report was presented.

7. The Election of Officers as recommended by the Executive Committee were:

Chairman	Rochelle Saunders	Lydd
Vice-Chairman:	Paul Carey	Rye
Hon. Secretary:	Paul Thomas	New Romney
Hon. Treasurer:	to be determined at the meeting	
Membership Secretary:	Roger Neaves	Winchelsea

It was Proposed by Nick Tomaszewski, Seconded by Paul Graeme and unanimously agreed by all Members that the recommended Officers be elected for 2024/25.

8. The Executive Committee were elected for the year 2024/25 were elected en bloc, as Proposed by Paul Carter, Seconded by Paul Graeme and unanimously agreed by Members.

The incoming Chairman, Rochelle Saunders to the Chair at 12:05.

9. At the meeting, Trevor Martin (Faversham) offered his services as Honorary Treasurer. This nomination was Proposed by Sue Jones, Seconded by Jeff Franklin and unanimously agreed by Members.

There were no nominations for the role of Honorary Auditor.

There were no nominations for the role of CPMA Shop Manager.

10. Roger Neaves, Membership Secretary noted that we had 6 new members last year and 3 Mayors' declined to join. The membership now stood at 194 Members. Roger asked all members to encourage new Mayors to join.

11. Janet Thomas said that the lunches in Brightlingsea in June and Deal in March had been very enjoyable. Janet also noted that we have 114 members on the email distribution list, of which we hear from only 60-70 for the luncheons.

12. There was no report from CPMA Shop Sales. The outgoing Chairman thanked Ruth Farmer for her service. The outgoing Chairman, Mike Melvin agreed to run the CPMA shop until a permanent replacement could be found. This was unanimously agreed by all members.

13. Mike Melvin provided a verbal report on the CPMA Bowls tournament which will not take place in 2024 but in 2025 he will contact the clubs first before contacting the Mayors.

Members discussed the benefit of having a one-day tournament against a two day tournament. However, a two day tournament will still be proposed in the future.

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14. Jo Kirkham provided a verbal report and asked Members for any books they may have to be donated to the Archive. Jo also asked for photographs of Mayors, which should be sent to her directly.

15. Janet Thomas asked for recommendations for future venues noting that 8th September (Folkestone), 1st March (Tenterden) were already agreed, with the AGM in June 2025 at Hastings.

No further luncheon venues were discussed.

16. There was no AOB.

The meetings started at 11:07 am and concluded at 12:32 pm.

Prepared by Paul Thomas – Honorary Secretary.

Signed by CPMA Chairman : Date:.....