



World Heritage UK

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
The Engine Shop, Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge Gorge WH Site
9th October 2017

Attendees: Chris Blandford, David Holroyd, Jane Gibson, Dominic Hare, Humphrey Welfare, D.Boden, Lesley Garlick, Paul Simons, Roland Evans, Natasha Downie, Anna Brennand, Lesley Woodbridge, Sarah France, Stuart West, Rebecca Hartley, Sarah Simmonds, Allen Forrest, Catherine McClymont, Enid Williams, W. Graham U'ren, Alice Lyall, Brigid Primrose, Sarah Philbrick, Joe Shoebridge, Judy Ling Wong, Michael Hurlow, Ben Dancer, Ashleigh Taylor, Don Gobbett, Liz Antonio, Ainsley Cocks, Justin Scully, Helen Daniels, Nicola Lowery, Brandi Hall, Ian Wray, Henry Owen-John, Neal O'Leary, Patrizia Riganti, Mohamed Gamal Monem, Chris Brayne, Michael Di Giovanni, Ruth Adams, Coralie Acheson, Christopher Young, Miles Oglethorpe, Jonathan Larwood, Nicholas Hotham, Grant Lock, Julia Peters, K Willows, Predencia Dixon, Beth Thomas, Gill Clarke, Sam Rose, Chris Mahon.

There were no apologies for absence.

1. Sam Rose, Chair of World Heritage UK welcomed everyone to the AGM.
2. The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting held on 10th October in Caernarfon were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.
3. **Chair's Report:** Sam Rose outlined the beginnings of World Heritage UK and praised the way in which site managers and other interested people had supported the new concept of the organisation. WH UK has held successful conferences and networking meetings and so far has delivered what it set out to do. WH UK tries to present a national voice for World Heritage and encourage others but in order to continue to do this, to stabilise and grow we have to cover costs. Members will see on the agenda a proposal to raise fees and it is hoped that you will be able to continue in your support. It is well known that the heritage sector is cash poor, but interest in tourism is booming. If we can work together the sector in general can benefit. It is hoped that members see WH UK as their organisation and that it can continue successfully.
4. (a) **Treasurer's Report** and Independent Examiner's Report (IER). Anna Brennand (Treasurer) reported that the IER was necessary to comply with Charity Commission requirements. The accounts were approved unanimously.

(b) The **Trustees Annual Report**, prepared essentially for the Charity Commission was also approved with no dissent.

5. Lesley Garlick (Membership officer for the Board) introduced the report on the Membership fees. It was agreed unanimously that the new membership categories and fees structure will be as follows:-
 - (i) Full Voting Membership for those organisations directly involved in Site management at £600
 - (ii) Associate Non-Voting Membership for smaller local authorities not directly responsible for management, corporates, NGO's, higher education etc. at £250 (though the reciprocal arrangement with ICOMOS –UK to remain)
 - (iii) Individuals at £25 (except Pay-pal payments at £26.50).

6. (i) There was a member request that future accounts, in addition to the normal figured report, are presented to show expenditure related to the aims of World Heritage UK, perhaps illustrated by diagrams or pie-charts. This was agreed in principle.
7. (ii) It was also agreed that volunteer time is recorded and presented to the AGM.
(iii) The Business Plan is expected to be made available to members following the December Board meeting.

8. The result of the Ballot for places on the Board of Trustees was announced. Sam Rose, and Jane Gibson are re-elected, and David Holroyd is elected, to the Board.