

REGENCY SOCIETY OF BRIGHTON AND HOVE

(Registered Charity Number 210194)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of the society will be held on **Wednesday, 1 April 2020 at 7pm** at the Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton BN1 1AF. The following business will be transacted:

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2019 annual general meeting held on 3 April 2019
To approve the minutes and consider any matters arising.
(See Note 1 and attached minutes below)
2. Annual report and accounts
To receive and consider the annual report of the trustees and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019
(See Note 2 below)
3. Election of officers
To elect the Honorary Treasurer of the Society
(See Note 3 below)
4. Election of ordinary members of the committee
To elect up to 7 members of the committee to serve until the 2023 annual general meeting
(See Notes 4 and 5 below)
5. Any other business (at the discretion of the Chair)
(Issues to be raised under Any Other Business must be sent in writing to Roger Hinton, 12 Abbots, 129 Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FA, to arrive by 5pm on 26 March 2020)

The meeting will be followed by a talk by David Fisher:
Behind the Front: The Expansion of Brighton and Hove 1875–1914.

NOTES

Note 1

The constitution and adopted rules for elections may be found on the society's website at <https://regencysociety.org/constitution-and-election-rules/>

Note 2

The annual report and accounts are available on the society's website. Printed copies will be available at the annual general meeting. Anyone requiring a printed copy may receive one by sending a C5 size stamped addressed envelope to Roger Hinton, 12 Abbots, 129 Kings Road, Brighton BN1 2FA.

Note 3

The Honorary Treasurer of the Society is Rupert-Radcliffe-Genge who was elected at the AGM in 2017 and is therefore standing down this year.

Note 4

In accordance with the constitution and adopted election rules, a notice must invite members to nominate candidates for election and specify a period of not less than fourteen clear days from publication of the notice for such nominations to be received by the honorary secretary. The nomination form is attached below.

Information about the candidates will be published on the society's website as soon as practical and in any event not less than seven days before the meeting.

The election rules, which are available on the Society's web site, state that any candidate can only be elected if they are approved by at least one third of those present and voting. An election is therefore required for each candidate even if they are unopposed.

Note 5

In accordance with the constitution and the adopted election rules, to be nominated for election as an officer or a committee member a person must be a member of the society, must be proposed in writing by another member and the nomination must reach the honorary secretary by **5 pm on Monday, 16 March 2020** at the latest.

Nominations may be submitted on paper by post to the address given in note 2 above or as a scanned, email attachments to honsec@regencysociety.org.

Any nomination will only be valid if it is accompanied by the following items in writing:

- A statement signed by the nominee to show his or her willingness to be appointed (see below)
- A *fit and proper person* declaration signed by the nominee (see below)
- A personal statement of not more than 125 words consisting of a short biography of the nominee setting out his or her relevant qualifications and / or experience
- A personal statement of not more than 125 words consisting of an explanation of how the society would benefit from his or her appointment
- This applies both to existing trustees who wish to put themselves forward for re-election, and to any new nominations for election as officers or committee members.

Roger Hinton
Honorary Secretary
21 February 2020

Regency Society of Brighton and Hove

ELECTION of OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS at the 2020 AGM
(to hold office until the 2023 AGM)

NOMINATIONS – please be sure to complete all 6 parts

<p>Part 1 Details of candidate (to be completed by the nominator)</p> <p>I the undersigned being a fully paid-up member of the Society hereby nominate</p> <p>Title Full name</p> <p>for election as honorary treasurer / committee member</p> <p>(delete as appropriate; you may nominate a candidate for more than one post in which case, they will be appointed only to the first post for which they receive sufficient votes.)</p> <p>All officers and committee members are trustees of the society</p>
<p>Part 2 Details of nominator (to be completed by the nominator)</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Home address</p> <p>Signature.....</p>
<p>Part 3 (to be completed by candidate)</p> <p>I declare that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) I am a fully paid up member of the society, b) I am willing to accept both the nomination and the responsibilities of a trustee if elected. <p>Signature.....Date.....</p> <p>Personal details</p> <p>Home address</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Telephone..... Mobile.....</p> <p>Date of birth.....</p> <p>Email address</p>

Part 4 Each candidate must submit a short statement of not more than 125 words outlining his/her background and relevant experience.

Part 5 Each candidate must submit a short statement of not more than 125 words outlining how the society would benefit from his or her appointment. Candidates who have served as trustees in the past may like to include information about the contribution they have made.

You may, if you wish, also supply a recent photograph of yourself for the website. This can be emailed to chair@regencysociety.org.

Completed nomination forms must reach the honorary secretary by 5.30pm on Monday, 16 March 2020 at the following address:
Roger Hinton, 12 Abbots, 129 Kings Rd., Brighton BN1 2FA or honsec@regencysociety.org
Receipt will be acknowledged by e-mail.
Candidate statements will be posted on the charity's website <https://regencysociety.org>

Part 6 Each candidate must complete the following 'fit and proper person' declaration
I, the undersigned, declare that:

- I am not disqualified from acting as a charity trustee
- I have not been convicted of an offence involving deception or dishonesty (or any such conviction is legally regarded as spent)
- I have not been involved in tax fraud
- I am not an undischarged bankrupt
- I have not made compositions or arrangements with my creditors from which I have not been discharged
- I have not been removed from serving as a charity trustee, or been stopped from acting in a management position within a charity
- I have not been disqualified from serving as a company director
- I will at all times seek to ensure the charity's funds, and charity tax reliefs received by this organisation, are used only for charitable purposes

Signature.....Date.....

Minutes of the AGM of the Regency Society of Brighton and Hove

Brighton Metropolitan College, Pelham Street, Brighton

19:00, Wednesday 3 April 2019

Present: There were 55 members present, including Roger Hinton (Chair), Richard Carroll (Hon Secretary) and Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (Hon Treasurer), David Fisher (Trustee, minute taker).

Apologies for absence: Julian Arkell, Sandy and David Botibol, Douglas Chamberlain, Sarah Gibbings, John McKean, Mary Nixon, Margaret and Andrew Polmear.

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the 2018 annual general meeting of the Society held on 18 April 2018 were accepted as a true record.

Proposer: Dr Helen Walker

Seconder: Dr Geoffrey Hatcher.

There were no matters arising.

2. Annual report and accounts

In opening his review of the highlighted activities and achievements of the Society in pursuit of its objectives, the Chair recalled Audrey Simpson, who had recently passed away. She had played a major role in the Society and been a Trustee for many years.

He reminded members that the report is for the calendar year 2018.

Conservation, protection and improvement of the city's physical and built environment.

- The joint planning forum with Hove Civic Society met 12 times throughout the year and commented on a number of planning applications, including:
 - objecting to a seven-storey block of council flats in Lewes Road, Moulsecoomb, which was approved;
 - objecting to the Sea Lanes scheme in Madeira Drive because of the enabling development, which was initially refused for similar reasons but has been resubmitted and to which the Society is re-objecting;
- We met developers and council officers to discuss issues including:
 - restoration of the Madeira Arches;
 - restoration of the Saltdean Lido building, to which the Society contributed £7,000;
 - the Waterfront Project, for which the city council recently signed a conditional land agreement with Aberdeen Standard Investments.

Education, events and publications.

- The lecture programme covered a range of topics, including discussion forums on housing and the Madeira Arches; the Antony Dale lecture in the Music Room of the Royal Pavilion was given by Piers Gough;
- An issue of the RS Journal was published on the housing crisis, thanks to John McKean;
- Work continued on the project to refresh and enhance the James Gray photographic collection, for which thanks go to Mary McKean and the volunteer team of members and non-members;

- We held a coach tour of Sussex country churches and a guided walk of Valley Gardens;
- There was no longer study tour during the year but preparations are in hand for a tour of Merseyside to take place in June 2019;
- The annual garden party, at the Secret Garden in Kemp Town, was attended by the Mayor of Brighton, Cllr Dee Simson, and the Society's President, Sir Simon Jenkins and his wife.

Membership.

- At the latest count there were 358 members, a slight increase on the corresponding number a year ago.
- Thanks to Suzanne Hinton as Hon Membership Secretary and to all members who have continued to support the Society during the year.

Accounts.

- The Hon Treasurer presented the annual accounts. He noted a drop in the value of investments.
- He thanked Steve Pavey as the Society's independent examiner and all who had completed Gift Aid forms.
- He responded to a question from the floor about what happens to donations made to projects that may not be carried forward: such a case has not yet arisen but would depend on the circumstances.
- The accounts for 2018 were received unanimously by members.

Proposer: Michael Fisher

Secunder: Helen Walker.

The Chair thanked his fellow officers and trustees, especially Richard Carroll, who was standing down as Hon Secretary, and Mary Nixon, who has been the Trustees' Minutes Secretary, and all members who have helped the Society in various ways throughout the year.

Questions from the floor.

- Paul Tofts asked what was the purpose of retaining funds; would it not be better to use them? The Chair replied that membership fees only keep the Society ticking over; the funds are available for campaigning.
- A new member asked how the furniture in the Royal Pavilion referred to as an asset in the annual report had come into the Society's possession. The reply was that it was bought by the Society in the 1950s with the proceeds from the sale of two carpets that had been bequeathed to the Society and used to set up a reserve fund.

4. Election of officers and trustees.

As he was standing for election as Hon Secretary, the Chair handed the conduct of the meeting to the Hon Treasurer.

The unopposed nominations of Mary McKean as Chair and Roger Hinton as Hon Secretary were approved by 52 votes and 55 votes respectively.

There were three vacancies for Trustees and two candidates. Helen Walker and Jamie Wright were approved, each with 54 votes. They will serve for three years.

[The meeting had been adjourned for counting of votes, during which the John Small lecture was given.]

The AGM closed at 20:45.