

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 **Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7pm** in the Brighton Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton BN1 1UF.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the 2021 annual general meeting held on 8 September 2021 (below)
To approve the minutes and consider any matters arising.
(See Note 1 below)
2. Annual reports and accounts
To receive and consider the annual reports of the trustees and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.
(See Note 2 below)
3. Election of officers
To Elect the Chairperson and the Honorary Secretary
(See Note 3 below)
4. Election of ordinary members of the committee
To elect up to 7 other members of the committee to serve until the 2025 annual general meeting
(See Notes 3, 4 and 5 below)
5. Any Other Business (at the discretion of the Chair)
(Notice of other business must be sent in writing to Roger Hinton, 12 Abbots, 129 Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 2FA, to arrive by 5pm on 29 August 2021.)

The meeting will be followed by the John Small Lecture, an illustrated talk by David Fisher on the history and architectural development of public houses in Brighton and Hove.

NOTES

Note 1

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

Note 2

The annual reports and accounts for 2021 will be circulated to members as part of the "Report of the Trustees" booklet. Further copies of the booklet will be available at the AGM. 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 Chairperson, Mary McKean and the Honorary Secretary, Roger Hinton were both elected at the AGM in 2019 and are therefore required to stand down at this AGM. Mary McKean has indicated that she will not be standing for re-election. Roger Hinton has indicated that he is willing to be nominated for re-election. Helen Walker and Jamie Wright were both elected as trustees in 2019 and are therefore required to stand down at this AGM, but may be nominated for re-election if they are willing. The current trustees who will be continuing in post after the AGM without need for election are Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (honorary treasurer), Angela Devas, David Fisher, Alasdair Glass and Paul Zara

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. Please find the nomination form 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.

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 18th April 2022** 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 be valid only 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
- A *fit and proper person* declaration signed by the nominee
- 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, 30th March 2022

Regency Society of Brighton and Hove

ELECTION of OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS at the 2022 AGM
(to hold office until the 2025 AGM)

NOMINATIONS - Please be sure to complete all 6 parts

<p>Part 1 Details of the 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 chairperson / honorary secretary / 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 the nominator (to be completed by the nominator)</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Email or 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 honsec@regencysociety.org.

Completed nomination forms must reach the honorary secretary by 5pm on **Monday 18th April 2022** at the following address:

Roger Hinton, 12 Abbots, 129 Kings Road, Brighton BN1 2FA

or as a scanned email attachment to honsec@regencysociety.org

Receipt will be acknowledged by e-mail within 24 hours of the deadline

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 that the charity's funds, and charity tax reliefs received by this organisation, are used only for charitable purposes.

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

Minutes of the Regency Society of Brighton & Hove's 2021 AGM

The Brighthelm Centre, North Road, Brighton

19:00, Wednesday 8 September 2021

Present: There were 39 members present, including Mary McKean (Chair), Roger Hinton (Honorary Secretary) and Rupert Radcliffe-Genge (Honorary Treasurer).

Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Gibbings, John McKean, Chris Noonan, Iain Noonan, Hazel Orchard, Steve Piper, Sue Tatton-Brown, Janet White, Richard White and Paul Zara.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

She noted that there had been no AGM in 2020 because of the Covid Pandemic and therefore the current meeting would be asked to receive the annual reports and accounts for both 2019 and 2020.

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting of the Society, held on 3rd April 2019, were accepted as a true record, subject to correction to a mis-print under "Apologies for Absence" where "rah Gibbings" should read "Sarah Gibbings".

2. Annual report and accounts 2020

The Chair introduced the annual reports for 2019 and 2020 and drew attention to some of the significant activities during those two years.

The Honorary Treasurer introduced the accounts for 2019 and 2020, drawing attention to the fact that although there had been a small deficit in 2019 there had been a somewhat larger surplus in 2020.

The Chair invited questions or comments: a member reminded the meeting of the Society's significant donation towards the cost of restoring of the Madeira Arches and asked for an update on progress with the project. Rupert Radcliffe-Genge explained that since the donation was made, he and fellow trustee Alasdair Glass have represented the Society on the Council's consultative group. He reported that a planning application was about to be submitted for the restoration of a first batch of arches, and consultants have been appointed to advise on the works. He explained that £6.8m is currently available and a further £6m is promised. The first stage of the work will be repairs to a single group of 40 arches, to the west of the Madeira Terrace reading rooms/Concorde 2. The restoration will also include installation of lifts to improve pedestrian access between Marine Parade and Madeira Drive. The renovated arches should be good for at least 40 years.

The Chair thanked Rupert for his report and for his answer to the question. She then asked members to receive the reports and accounts for the two years 2019 and 2020. This was agreed nem. con.

3. Election of Honorary Treasurer and four other trustees

The chair drew attention to the fact that even if all candidates were to be elected, there would still be vacancies for additional trustees. She encouraged members who may have an interest in becoming a trustee, to contact her for more information.

She then invited members to vote for the five members who were standing for election. It was noted that the Society's election rules require that even though there were more vacancies than

candidates, each candidate would still need to receive “approval” by at least one third of those voting, in order to be appointed. Completed voting papers were collected by Helen Walker and Allison Minns who had volunteered to act as tellers.

The Chair then adjourned the meeting and invited Suzanne Hinton to present the annual John Small Lecture which, this year, had the title “The Twittens and Cat Creeps of Brighton and Hove”. The lecture was followed by questions and discussion.

The Chair thanked Suzanne for her talk and then announced the election results: all candidates standing for election had been elected as follows:

Rupert Radcliffe-Genge elected as the honorary treasurer

Angela Devas elected as a trustee

David Fisher elected as a trustee

Alasdair Glass elected as a trustee

Paul Zara elected as a trustee

The chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed,

Roger Hinton

Honorary Secretary

10th September 2021