

Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting of the YCCC

Meeting held Tuesday 4th July 2023, 6pm, Bedern Hall, York

Meeting chaired by Sir Ron Cooke, YCCC President. 18 Members were present.

Speaking:

Sir Ron Cooke (RC)

Martin Stancliffe (MS)

Elaine Philips (EP)

Gill Chitty (GC)

James Grierson (JG)

Item
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meeting held 16th September 2022</p> <p>a. RC confirmed that the minutes of the 2022 AGM were noted and approved.</p>
<p>2. Nomination of Vice President</p> <p>a. MS reported that Martin Marsh had accepted the role of Vice President of YCCC, highlighting his instrumental role in setting up the York Consortium and his extensive contributions. Members warmly welcomed this news.</p>
<p>3. Chairman's Report (MS)</p> <p>a. Overview:</p> <p>i. The YCCC had a productive year, returning to pre-pandemic formats with successful events and activities focused on promoting craftsmanship and conservation in York.</p> <p>b. Challenges:</p> <p>i. Progress in combining the Consortium and the Foundation into a single Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) has been slower than expected due to delays with the Charity Commission.</p> <p>c. Highlights:</p> <p>i. AGM: Held in September at St Andrew's Hall, featuring the John Shannon Memorial Lecture on "York Minster - A Sustainable Future" by Alex McCallion and Laura Cotter.</p> <p>ii. Webinar Series: Successful continuation with notable talks by Roland Ennos, Marcus Jacka, and others, organized by Kibby Shaefer, Bethan Griffiths, and Victoria.</p> <p>iii. Events:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit to Calverley Hall, a Landmark Trust property. 2. Participation in the York Rotary Dragon Boat Race, raising funds and winning the "best dressed" title. <p>d. Awards:</p> <p>i. Significant Achievement Award given to Louise Andrews for her dissertation on sustainable construction practices.</p> <p>e. Communications:</p> <p>i. Temporary pause in the newsletter production. Introduction of an E-news bulletin by Victoria.</p>

- ii. Planned introduction of a more robust Annual Review.
- iii. Continued success for the bursary scheme with the involvement of several trustees and donors in selecting bursary winners.
- f. Personnel Changes
 - i. Farewells to Susie Clark, Birte Walbers, Alex McCallion, Rebecca Thompson, Jim Spriggs, and Elaine Phillips.
 - ii. Welcomed new trustees: Duncan Marks, Katie Harrison, and Debbie Treece, with Debbie taking over as honorary treasurer.
- g. Acknowledgements:
 - i. Thanks to York Conservation Trust for their support, as well as to other donors, and members.
 - ii. Special thanks to Victoria Hellewell and the Merchant Adventurers for their contributions.
- h. Future plans:
 - i. A new membership drive planned for the autumn to expand the consortium's reach.

The Chairman's report was accepted by the membership.

4. Financial Report (EP)

- a. Overview:
 - i. Approval of accounts for the year 2022/23.
 - ii. Bursary funding mainly drawn from investments due to a lack of recent fundraising activities.
 - iii. Significant donor: York Conservation Trust, contributing to bursaries of around £30,000.
 - iv. Reported a stock market loss of £27,000, expected to be recovered.
 - v. Consortium benefitted from fundraising at the York Dragon Boat Race, raising just over £600.
 - vi. Overall expenditure in line with previous years, with a small profit reported.
- b. The accounts were accepted unanimously.
- c. EP announced stepping down as Hon. Treasurer and introduced Debbie Treece as her successor. GC led a vote of thanks to Elaine for her years of service.

5. Secretary Report (JG)

- a. CIO Progress:
 - i. JG reported on the progress of combining the YCCC and YFCC into a single CIO. The new CIO will adopt the Charity Commission's comprehensive form of constitution, with the YFCC's charitable objects remaining the same. The new board of Trustees for the CIO will consist of existing YFCC Trustees and YCCC Committee members.
 - ii. Challenges included the inability to directly absorb the Consortium into the CIO, necessitating a process where the Foundation is converted, the Consortium is wound up, and remaining balances are donated to the CIO. This process is expected to be completed in the next 3-4 months.
- b. New Trustees:
 - i. JG formally noted the appointment of new Trustees to the Foundation: Katie Harrison, Debbie Treece, and Duncan Marks.
 - ii. Trustee Terms
 - iii. The following Trustee terms were proposed:

Name	Proposed initial trustee terms (years)
Martin Stancliffe	1
James Grierson	3
Francis Downing	2
Alaina Schmisser	1
Kibby Schaefer	3
Tracy Wilcockson	2
Bethan Griffiths	3
Sarah Brown	1
Gill Chitty	2
Jonathan Bryant	2
Carole Milner	2
Katie Harrison	3
Duncan Marks	3
Debbie Treece	3

iv. RC asked for the list of proposed trustees following incorporation to be approved. The list was approved.

6. RC thanked the members and closed the meeting.