

Eastbourne Arts Circle Annual General Meeting

Towner Gallery, Eastbourne

Friday 17 March 2017 1pm

Notes

Present:

Helen Rufus Ward
 Elizabeth Muir Lewis
 Philip Anson
 John Hayden
 Claire Patterson-Snell
 Stephen Lloyd
 Monique Cantin
 June Hickmen
 Jess Baker
 Lynsey Harman
 Barbara Walters
 Helen Elliott
 Anne Johnson
 Dorothy Hobden
 Jackie Alexander
 Wendy Bishop
 Valerie Blaber
 Simon Thomas
 Audrey Albury
 Robin and Anne Gregory
 Robin and Shirley James
 Roger and Yvonne Burrell
 Marilyn and Anthony Millner

	Item	Presenter
1	Helen Rufus Ward, Chairman, introduces the Committee members and thanked for their hard work over the last year.	HRW
2	Apologies for Absence : Christine Gawad, Nicola Williams, Sybil Longson, Mr & Mrs Nicolas Chrisholm, Elizabeth Yule, Mr & Mrs Millner, Gordon Funnell, Enid Wayman, Moira McMillan, Kathleen Spencer-Smith.	CPS
3	Minutes of last AGM (2016-17), accepted as accurate	



<p>4</p>	<p>Chair Report for 2016-17</p> <p>The last year had been a satisfactory year for our organisation, and looking forward to the coming year. Helen and Elizabeth have recently viewed the building work underway at Towner for the new Auditorium to be completed in May/June. The Eastbourne Arts Circle will shortly be handing over a contribution of £100,000 towards the project. We look forward to holding our lectures in the new auditorium, until this time lectures will continue in the Junction Box. Refreshments this year have been chaotic but the situation has been rectified. The decision has been made not to hold events at the Birley Centre due to high cost of venue hire, and ticket sales for music events had not sold well.</p> <p>The Geoffrey Williams Bursary has not been continued this year due to difficulties to arrange, Helen thanked our Treasurer Philip Anson and Linda Salway of Eastbourne College for their work making this event happen. It is hoped a new award will be created for up and coming artists linked to current ongoing events at the Towner. Helen is currently in discussion with Brian Cass head of Exhibitions at Towner.</p> <p>Helen thanked Elizabeth for arranging some excellent events for 2017. The committee have decided to increase the fee payable to our speakers from £100 to £150 plus £25 expenses, once the lectures move to the new auditorium. Thanks go to Claire for producing the excellent newsletters, and John Haydon for selling advertising space in the newsletter, the revenue stream supports the cost of the publication.</p> <p>Last year our members reached 300, and Christine Gawad has been working hard with membership renewals. Helen thanks all the committee for their hard work in 2016.</p>	<p>HRW</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Honorary Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Philip gave advance notice of accounts by placing them on the website the previous week. Copies of accounts were handed out during the AGM to members. Event costs have now been separated out to show performer costs, room hire and catering. Cost for AGM printing and mail-outs are now shown as Admin Costs rather than 'advertising and printing'.</p> <p>Philip reminds us that online tickets and the AGM minutes from last year can also be found on the EAC website.</p> <p>Helen asks for a proposer to accept the Treasurer's report: Stephen Lloyd is proposer, and this was seconded by Robin James, all are in favour with a show of hands.</p>	<p>PA</p>

<p>6</p>	<p>Election of Officers; Helen asks Elizabeth as vice chairman to take the chair for the election of Chairman. The meeting asked for a show of hands to elect Helen as Chair all agreed, Helen takes back the Chair. Nominations forms have been returned with the following nominations: One nomination received for Elizabeth Muir-Lewis for Vice Chair – proposed by Helen, and seconded by Philip, show of hands, all agreed. One nomination received for Christine Gawad as Membership secretary - proposed by Helen, seconded by Claire, show of hands, all agreed. One nomination received for Philip Anson as Treasurer - proposed by Helen, seconded by Claire, show of hands, all agreed. One nomination received for Claire Patterson-Snell as Committee Member - Proposed by Helen, seconded by Elizabeth, show of hands, all agreed. One nomination received for Stephen Lloyd as Committee Member – proposed by Wendy Bishop, seconded by Barbara Walters, show of hands, all agreed. One nomination received for Wendy Bishop as Committee Member – proposed by Helen Elliott, seconded by Dorothy E. Hobden, show of hands, all agreed. Stephen Lloyd gave thanks to the Committee and said what a professional look the Newsletters have which enhances our profile, thanks to Claire’s design. A vote of thanks to the Committee was received by one of the members.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>AOB None notified prior to AGM. However topics discussed were: 1) Can the Friday lectures be alternated with another day of the week. 2) Would there be further music events or Jazz 3) Visits to local places of interest such as Farley Farm, Charleston House or National Trust venues. Meeting closed.</p>	