

FRIENDS OF STROUD DISTRICT (COWLE) MUSEUM

Minutes of the 3rd AGM held at 11.15am on Saturday 5 November 2016
The Learning Pavilion, the Walled Garden, Museum in the Park.

1. Welcome and apologies

The chair thanked all those attending (53 members) and welcomed them to the Learning Pavilion. Apologies were received from Hazel and Andrew Crook and Delia Perry.

2. Approval of ^{2nd} AGM minutes

This AGM is the third since the change from an ordinary charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Minutes from the second AGM have been available on the website.

3. Matters arising

There were no comments or matters arising, and the minutes were accepted unanimously.

4. Report of Trustees – Fred Ward, Chair

Another year of major achievements:

- The garden is no longer hidden
- The project has won a Gloucestershire Campaign to Protect Rural England award
- Friends' membership has increased

Aims and Objectives of the Friends:

- Encouraging and appreciating the Museum.
- Raising funds for improvements.
- Providing funds for acquisitions and conservation.
- Providing practical help.

He extended his thanks to the previous year's committee, Margaret Lister, Alison Long, Kirsten Mugford, Delia Perry, Juliet Shipman, Nichola Snobel, Margaret Ratcliffe, Diana Humphrey and Marion Hearfield, and welcomed two new trustees, Sallie Gleed and Caroline Denny.

Challenges for 2016-17

- Recognise difficult financial times facing the Museum as local government budgets are under scrutiny.
- Promote the museum to family, friends and far and wide to boost visitor numbers.
- Friends to attend events, recruit new members and volunteer to help.

5. Election of Trustees 2015-16

There are no trustee vacancies and no trustee is required to stand down. At the next AGM in 2017, four trustees' positions will become vacant.

6. Annual Accounts 2015 / 2016 Fred Ward and Margaret Lister, Treasurer

The chair ran through the accounts, copies of which were circulated to the meeting and had been available on the website prior to the AGM. There was one query asking if Friends events ever ran at a loss and answered that careful attention is paid at the planning stage to ensure that this is not the case.

The Annual Accounts were passed nem. con.

7. Appointment of Auditors

The Chair proposed Randall and Payne continue as auditors. There were no objections.

8. AOB

There were no items raised.

9. Museum Report by Kevin Ward, Museum Development Manager

An illustrated presentation outlining key events and achievements over the year was well received by the meeting.

Close of Meeting 12.00 pm