

**The Arts Society Nottingham**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 11 October 2023**  
**At Broadway Cinema, Nottingham**

**Apologies** had been received from 3 members. 47 members attended the meeting.

**Minutes of the last annual meeting** held on **12 October 2022** had been made available to members and no objections had been raised. It was proposed by Chris Castleden, seconded by Marianne Streets, and confirmed by a show of hands that the minutes should be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**Farewell and Welcome** – The Chair, Ilanah Dance, referred to the sad death in July 2023 of a previous committee member, Lynne Morgan. Maureen Devlin and Phil Glanfield are leaving the committee. Phil was thanked for the sterling job he had done on communications over the past year. Sheelagh Glanfield was welcomed as the new Membership Secretary, and welcomes were given to Jackie Goode, working with Lynette Harris on Young Arts, Janet Pether, taking over from Phil, and Liz Thomas who will become Honorary Secretary.

**The Chair's Report** - Ilanah Dance referred to her report which had been circulated to members. The year has seen a full programme of live lectures, a course, study days and a visit to Compton Verney. Attendance was back to pre-Covid levels and 42 new members had joined recently. Ilanah was grateful for all the support from members and welcomed feedback from them.

She thanked the technical staff at Broadway who do so much to ensure the high standard of the lectures. She thanked Steve Dance, Sheelagh, Phil and Margaret Morris for technical improvements. The entry to lectures using barcodes had gone live today, members now had unique membership cards, and the programme leaflets were popular. Barcodes can now be sent to a phone and anyone interested should email Steve to get this.

Our charitable purpose has been fulfilled by Vivienne Jarvis and the members who work on the projects carried out by Heritage Volunteers and for which we obtained a grant of £250. A trip to Bromley House Library which will include seeing some of their work will take place in 2024. Lynne and Jackie have been ensuring the Young Arts work with NTU continues. Irene Milburn is organising a trip to Umbria in June 2024.

**The Treasurer's Report** - Members had received the report prior to the meeting, together with the annual accounts for the year ending 30 June 2023. Post-Covid the membership fee was set at £48 in the knowledge that a subsidy from our reserves would be needed. This was just less than £4,000. We are fortunate the society has a sound financial base and we expect this year's fee of £55 will also need to be subsidised. Renewals so far have been excellent and have generated income of £23,000.

**Receival and acceptance of the accounts** was proposed by Monica Booth, seconded by Rita Wynne, and passed by a show of hands.

**Appointment of Chesapeake and Associates as the independent financial adviser for the ensuing year** was proposed by Lynette Harris, seconded by Liz Holden, and passed by a show of hands.

**The subscription fee of £55 for 2022/23 and a guest fee of £8** was approved by a show of hands.

**The election of the committee** was passed by a show of hands. Monica Booth, Chris Castleden, Ilanah Dance, Steve Dance, Sheelagh Glanfield, Ann Hall, Lynette Harris, Margaret Morris, Rita Wynne, and Lynne Wolliscroft were all re-elected. Liz Holden and Jackie Goode, who had been co-opted to committee in the past year were elected. Liz Thomas, Janet Pether and Vivienne Jarvis had been nominated and were elected by a show of hands.

**The election of the officers** was passed by a show of hands. Chair – Ilanah Dance, Vice Chair – Lynette Harris, Treasurer – Steve Dance, and Secretary – Liz Thomas.

**Any other business** – Louise Smith, a member for 22 years, thanked the Chair and committee for their excellent work.

**The Chair closed the meeting** by thanking everyone, members and committee, for their support in enabling the society to go forward and grow. She hoped the lectures and other activities this year would be even more successful than last.