

**THE BYRON SOCIETY**

**CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (CIO)**

**Charity No: 1197293**

Annual General Meeting

16th May 2024

MINUTES

1. Welcome from the Chairman, Kenneth Robbie
2. Minutes of 2023 AGM. Approved.
3. Matters arising
   1. President outlines proposed distribution of assets from the former Newstead Abbey Byron Society (the replica skull cup be donated to Newstead Abbey, the portraits of John Hanson and his wife remain on loan to Geoffrey Bond for the duration of their life then revert to the Society). Proposal approved.
4. Thanks from Chairman to Trustees and Committee for activities over the past year. Especial thanks to David as outgoing Treasurer. Elections for coming year
5. President and Deputy Chairman (and Trustee): Robin Byron (proposed and seconded by Kenneth Robbie and David Woodhouse – approved)
6. Chairman (and Trustee): Kenneth Robbie (proposed and seconded by Robin Byron and David Woodhouse – approved)
7. Treasurer (and Trustee): Gillian Woodcock (proposed and seconded by Robin Byron and Kenneth Robbie – approved)
8. Secretary (Director) (and Trustee): Emily Paterson Morgan (proposed and seconded by Robin Byron and Kenneth Robbie – approved)
9. Other Trustees: Roderick Beaton, Chris Kenyon Jones, Karen Caines, Richard Deakin, David Woodhouse, Bernard Beatty (proposed and seconded by Kenneth Robbie and Robin Byron – approved)
10. Financial Position and Accounts
    1. The Society approves Gillian Woodcock being made a signatory to the Metrobank account 50810372.
    2. The Society approves Kenneth Robbie being made a signatory to the Metrobank account 50810372.
    3. The Society approves Emily Paterson Morgan to remain a signatory to the Metrobank account 50810372.
    4. Update on opening of additional account, at Lloyds Bank, for statue funds. David Woodhouse is the existing signatory. The Society approves Robin Byron and Gillian Woodcock being made a signatory to the Metrobank account 50810372.
    5. Update on financial position from outgoing Treasurer
       1. Proposed moving the AGM to September to facilitate timely presentation of accounts for approval
       2. Proposed change in accountant
       3. Update on accounts
       4. Resolve to have an EGM to approve the accounts on 19th September prior to submission to the Charity’s Commission
11. Update on the Statue
    1. Update on fundraising appeal process from the fundraiser, Astrid Treherne
       1. Need £360,000 in total
       2. Received/pledged approx. £150,000
       3. Aiming for £250,000 from Lottery Fund – strategy for a successful application outlined
       4. Alternative strategy outlined
    2. Update on logistical elements from the President
       1. Planning applications for removal and relocation
       2. Requirement to hire a project manager to oversee the project
       3. Update on logistical issues to continue to raise B2C funds from the wider community
12. Update on past and future events
    1. Overview from the Chairman on Bicentenary activities
    2. Overview from Secretary/Director on Newstead events
13. Update on *The Byron Journal* from the Chairman
14. Update on the PhD Bursary from the Chairman
15. Any other business
    1. Secretary outlines proposal of IABS regarding donating their funds to the Society, provided we disburse certain amounts on their behalf until funds are exhausted. Further discussion required.
    2. Jake Phipps outlines request from National Centre of Armenia, agreed the Society will support the project but not financially
16. Date of next meeting – decide in September 2024