

NORTHUMBRIAN CAMBRIDGE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, October 7, 2022
Literary and Philosophical Society of Newcastle upon Tyne.

MINUTES

Documentation was sent to members on email in advance (and made available on the website at <http://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk/2021-AGM.php>):

1. Apologies for absence

NCA President welcomed members to the AGM and thanked them for attending.

Apologies for absence were received from George Astbury, Liz Atkin, Peter Atkin, Sue Austin, Roger Baker, Jay Bosanquet, Ray Brown, Peter Cleland, Colin Dunnighan, Arnold Fairless, Ian Fells, Paul Gailiunas, Ian Lawley, Jenny Lewis, Jane McKnight, Graham Ridley, Robert Tindall, Alan Townsend, Candida Whitman-Fells and Andrew Young.

2. Minutes of previous AGM, September 17, 2021.

Minutes of the previous meeting had been sent out to members on email, posted on the website, and included in the AGM papers.

Heather Cordell proposed that these minutes be accepted, and Margaret Wilkson seconded this. This was passed nem. con.

3. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising that were not dealt with under subsequent Agenda items.

4. President's Report

Heather Cordell drew attention to her report and other officers' reports distributed before the AGM. Please refer to these reports at:

<https://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk/resources/NCA%20AGM%20Final.pdf>

Heather then noted the terribly sad passing of Andrena Telford. The sympathies of all NCA members remain with Bill.

The NCA executive committee is currently quorate, but we would welcome expressions of interest at any time to let us manage future successions.

4. Hon. Secretary's Report.

The Hon. Secretary's Report had been circulated in advance. It covers the previous year's events (including the recent Freshers events), the production and distribution of event flyers and newsletters.

Dates, venues, and flyers for the remainder of 2022 and early 2023 are on the NCA website. Details for further meetings in 2023 will be added as they are finalised.

5. Membership Secretary's Report.

Heather Cordell covered this item in the absence of Sue Austin. She thanked members who had paid their subscriptions for 2022 and invited those who have not yet paid their £10 to do so soon to the new NCA Lloyds bank account. Teresa Saunders asked when 2023 subscriptions would be due. Gilbert Cockton confirmed that this would be March 1st, 2023. Existing standing order and bank transfer details would need to be removed and replaced with the new details, which are Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-98-97; account number 87980962.

Bill Telford was made an honorary NCA member in recognition of his many years of faithful service with his late wife Andrena.

6. Hon. Treasurer's Report.

Heather Cordell covered this item in the absence of Sue Austin. Questions arising from her report can be emailed to Sue (committee email addresses can be found at <https://www.northumbrian-cambridge.co.uk/who-to-contact.php>).

Our main financial goal is for events to breakeven overall. This requires some guesswork, with our reserves supporting adverse cash flows and advance payments and deposits for events.

7. Auditor's Report.

The Hon. Auditor, Vinny Holden, had audited our accounts, and his statement to that effect had been circulated in advance. The auditor has confirmed that the balance sheet and income and expenditure account presented by the Treasurer were accurate and reflected the current position of the bank account.

No comments, questions, or suggestions in relation to the Association's finances were received by email from members, and the Treasurer's report, the financial statement for 2019-20 and the Hon. Auditor's report can all, therefore, be accepted. On behalf of the Association, we record our thanks to Sue Austin for her excellent work as Treasurer, and also to our Hon. Auditor.

8. Election of Officers and Executive Committee.

All officers and ex-officio members have indicated their willingness to continue as Executive Committee members. A new member, Joanna Quinton, has volunteered to

join the committee. Information about Joanna was included in the AGM papers for members. Heather Cordell shared this again at the AGM.

The President asked members to approve the continuation of the existing committee. Teresa Saunders proposed that members approve, seconded by Margaret Wilkson. This was passed nem. con. Michael Lewis expressed his gratitude for the work of the committee on behalf of NCA members. Joanna Quinton was proposed as a new member by Bill Telford, seconded by Teresa Saunders. Her appointment to the NCA executive committee was passed nem. con. The existing committee will thus continue, joined by Joanna as a new ex-officio member.

9. Any Other Business.

There was no A.O.B., so all present retired for the buffet

Professor Heather Cordell, President

Emeritus Professor Gilbert Cockton, Hon. Secretary