

## MINUTES FOR 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

### Extraordinary General Meeting

10:30 Friends Meeting House

The Littlehampton Society (TLS) & the Littlehampton Local History Society (LLHS) merger meeting

Apologies: Janet Crosley, Jennifer Schneider, Anita Bateup

#### 1. Chairman's welcome and short address (Danny SurrIDGE)

Good morning, our group will merge with officials from both committees, continue until AGM in September when all details will be finalised.

The new society will continue the aims of both societies and hopefully be stronger for it. Be the voice of the community in a totally non-political manner.

#### 2. Resolution: name of new society to be voted upon by the membership only

Executive committee member Michael Dolphin – from member Anita Bateup (apologies given). She feels the new name should have 'History' within it.

##### 1. The Littlehampton Society – Past, Present and Future

##### 2. Littlehampton Society – History and Future

##### 3. Littlehampton Community & History Society

##### 4. Littlehampton Society – History and Community (Executive committee member Liliias: Sounds like it is only about the 'Society')

Member Michael Jordan – Should have 3<sup>rd</sup> option with The in it. 3<sup>rd</sup> option flows, but maybe swap middle 2 words.

Vote:

Option 1: 0

Option 2: 0

Option 3: 14 (with The in front)

Option 4: 0

This vote is a recommendation to put to the AGM in September.

#### 3. New logo, to be designed once name is agreed, possibly to include drawing(s) of local features

Suggestions:

a) Lozenge shape with pepper-pot lighthouse on left, name in middle, clocktower on right

b) The old fountain

c) On the river – should have a ship

Member Angela Broughton offered to design logo if paid service.

#### 4. Constitution: is in process of being vetted for Charity Commission, but will have very little variance from the present two

Constitution is being vetted by VAAC, the details to be revealed at a later meeting as we are awaiting feedback

## 5. Current financial report(s)

Treasurer Sarah Tyrrell: 1<sup>st</sup> day of the financial year. £2500 (TLS). No debtors. Very soon, the LLHS money will be moved across with new signatories. This is ongoing. Not much else to report. Michael Dolphin – Will be transferring large majority of money across, leaving £50 in current accounts to maintain them. Secretary is very ill, want this all to be moved across asap. Even during name change.

Danny Surridge - The new society is solvent. Not much outgoing so shouldn't be any financial issues

## 6. Secretary's report(s)

Secretary – Apologies, very much looking forward to joining forces. (Elizabeth Marogna)

Membership secretary –

24 – LLHS

60 – TLS

Joined up = 84

Membership will be £10 across the board going forward. Membership will start in September. (Lilias Cheyne)

## 7. Future meetings and activities

Town Show (Rosemead Park) – have applied

Waterfront Festival – have applied

Events Secretary Carlo Marogna – has been events secretary for 3 years. “Has anyone got anyone they want to see/hear?” DS – a talk on local railways. MD – Nick Gibb MP to give a talk. He came 2 years ago for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Society. EH – Are you paying for these speakers? DS – pay expenses, but do not think we can justify paying a large sum of money. Friends Quakers

Meeting House – October. Have asked Julia Edge – maybe May (Confirmed 5 July since EGM).

AK – RNLI? MD – with LLHS always held an outing – maybe Fishbourne Palace, or Southwick House this year. LLHS used to meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday afternoon of the Month. TLS will be 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning of the month. Try both until then, and then fix it at the AGM once we know numbers and preferences. Carol Allen – Littlehampton, Rustington Photographic Society (Camera Club). DS – do we try to do alternate months – put to a vote? Both Societies usually have between 20 & 25 attendees. ACTION: Secretary to put out a vote on mailchimp to paid up members.

Vote for meeting days:

Friday: 13

Saturday: 4

Alternate: 9

Vote for outing:

Fishbourne Palace: 0

Southwick House: 10

Perhaps June, July or August. Asking for donation (coaches are £400 and tickets are £14 each (approx.) the Society paid half of the expenses)

## 8. Call for temporary sub committees helpers until September AGM

Janet Crosley reads TC reports and shares these.

Call for help on the sub-committees. People who can write a good letter, keep an eye on what is going on. Anyone who can commit to our brief. Stellar can approach Nick Gibb. Secretary: Send out mailchimp asking for help for sub-committees

9. A.O.B.

LC: disheartened with wars, only God can deal with it. How many churches are in Arun?

DS: The Society is non-political and non-denominational

LC: There are Muslims in Littlehampton and they are proposing to build a mosque

DS: That is for the membership to vote upon – if there is a planning application

JB: Muslims meet in a church on Saturday

Local councillor Marilyn May (LTC, ADC): Come to meetings. Now there is a food recycling Government directive by 2026. Not easy to make decisions about things, especially about planning. They are formed by Government directives.

DS: our membership have been attending many council meetings for years

MJ: Looking at Community or History it is relevant to talk about the history of churches. Potential presentation. That would include history, architecture and art.

LC: Speakers: Music and theatrical, RNLI, etc. All groups of people.

MJ: Our community today is the future.

LC: Churches Together group could be approached for a talk.

Councillor Marilyn May: Would you be interested in hearing from someone from Arun Youth Group? Yes please.

Meeting closed: 11:30am

IN MEMORIAM: Littlehampton community champion Margaret Boulton has passed away, age 88. Margaret shared her great energies for good, including helping to improve healthcare standards, aiding Littlehampton In Bloom and assisting with the U3A groups. Littlehampton has been blessed to have her support in the town.

Presentation by Carlo Marogna on Marine Archaeology