

OLD DY'VORIANS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE YEARS 2020 and 2021
THURSDAY, 1st JULY 2021 AT 7-00 PM (BST) VIA ZOOM
DRAFT MINUTES

1 In Attendance:
Keith Ferguson (KF); John Walters (JW); Phil Stone (PSt); Steve Way (SW); Jeff Vaughan (JV); Francis Morgan (FM); Pete Samuel (PSa); Roger Williams (RW); David Taylor (DT); Lyn Thomas (LT); Pam Bashford (PB); Dudley Sinnett; Tudor Price; Bill Gibbs; Edgar McCarthy; Wynne Lewis and Paul Phillips. Selwyn Walters joined the meeting but had to leave due to a technical issue.

2 Apologies for Absence:
Paul Barker

3 **The Minutes of the 2019 AGM held on 4th July 2019 were accepted.**
These Minutes may be found on the ODA Website at:
<https://dynevorrevisited.org.uk/agm-documents/>

4 Matters Arising: There were none.

5 Officers' Reports for years ending 31/12/2019 and 31/12/2020
President (JW)
Treasurer (SW)
Communication (for Mailchimp, Website, Zoom and Facebook) **(KE and PSt)**
Membership (PSa)
Golf (PSa)
TOD (FM)

The Audited Financial Statements and Reports may be found on the ODA Website at:
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The motion to receive the Audited Financial Statements for 31/12/2019 and 31/12/2020, and other reports, was passed by the AGM.

6 Committee Officers for 2021-2022

a. **The motion to amend the Constitution so that "Communications Coordinator" becomes "Communication Coordinators" given the diversity of channels now employed; these include Facebook, Mailchimp, Zoom and the Archive/Website was passed by the AGM.**

b. To confirm the appointment of the following Committee Officers

President - Keith Ferguson ('58 - '63)
Vice-President - David Taylor ('68 - '02)
Past President - John Walters ('61 - '69)
Treasurer - Steve Way ('65 - '72)
Secretary - Pam Bashford ('74 - '02)
Membership Secretary - Peter Samuel ('59 - '66)
Editor of 'The Dy'vorian' - Francis Morgan ('56 - '63)

Communication Co-ordinators:

Mailchimp - Keith Evans ('65 - '72)
Website Administrator/Zoom Facilitator - Phil Stone ('59 - '66)
Website Administrator - Pam Bashford ('74 - '02)
Facebook – Steve Way ('65 - '72)

No other nominations have been received for Officers of the Association.

Members who have confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the Committee during the coming year include Lyn Thomas ('58 - '63), Roger Williams ('58 - '65), Jeff Vaughan ('58 - '63) and Rob Mitchell ('72 - '76).

- 7 The Association wishes to record its appreciation and thanks to the following:
 - a. Tudor Price ('58 - '65) – Tudor is stepping down from the committee after many years of unstinting service and has made an invaluable contribution to the work and successful operation of the ODA.

During his time on the Committee, Tudor has edited The Dy'vorian magazine and played a key role in the development of our online Archive; he has also had published two fascinating books commemorating the School and its pupils and staff who lost their lives in WW1 and WW2.
 - b. Robert Howells as Auditor to the Association, who has agreed to continue as such for another year.

- 8 **The motion to amend Point 9 of The Constitution (“Honorary Life Membership”) to include: “When an ODA member reaches the age of 90 their annual subscription will cease and they will automatically become a Life Member” was passed by the AGM.**
In other words, Life Members continue to enjoy the benefits of membership with no further financial cost.

- 9 Discussion of ODA Events:
 - i. Annual ODA Dinner – Update KF and JV

There will be little to report until Covid-19 regulations are relaxed. It is intended that a discussion will be held with the Village Hotel at the end of August, with members circulated in order to clarify attendance numbers.

ii. ODA Lecture - to be arranged; the lecture will again be delivered by Zoom to enable more members to attend, which is particularly beneficial to those not living locally. PSt noted that the last lecture held via Zoom was very successful.

10 Awards

The motion to confirm that the Phill Davies Award, a sum of £250, be presented to St Thomas Community Primary School in Phill's memory was agreed by the AGM.

11 Any Other Business – this section contains responses to questions submitted to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Bill Gibbs questioned whether the balance of money in the ODA account may be considered excessive. The Finance Officer recounted the historical reason for the decision to increase annual subscriptions from £5 to £10 and listed the sums of money owed to various creditors. Clear and robust consideration had been given to possible further expenditure, a major factor was whether the University's previous generosity would continue especially in regard to printing TOD. It is intended that an omnibus edition of the magazines which have been available only on-line during the pandemic will be printed and posted to members; this currently stands at three editions, but could be four, possibly more. Additionally, should it be decided to undertake a major project, this could be done without going cap in hand to members. In summary, the policy and reasoning were clearly outlined.

Bill Gibbs suggested additional opportunities to donate money to outside local agencies should be considered.

Bill Gibbs further commented that 90 years of age was too old for the commencement of honorary life membership and could be reduced to 80. Edgar McCarthy countered this; he will be 80 this year and is happy to continue paying subs. Additionally, 90 is the age at which honorary membership is conferred at another association of which he is a member.

JW wished it noted that he had received messages of thanks from some of the new life members who were recently notified of their honorary membership, one of whom expressed the hope that "The Dy'vorian" would again appear in print as he had no access to a computer.

Finally Bill Gibbs commented on the 'touching start' to the latest edition of TOD, edition 39.

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm.