



# VENTNOR BOTANIC GARDEN FRIENDS' SOCIETY

## Annual General Meeting – 21 February 2019

held in the Echium Room at Ventnor Botanic Garden at 1900 hrs  
37 Members present

**Welcome** Sally Peake, Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the members.

**Apologies** were received from:- Brian Kidd (President), John and Lesley Gulliver, Gilly Drummond, Eric Everitt and Jennifer Hayne.

### **The Minutes of the AGM on 20th April 2017**

The Minutes were distributed and agreed as a true record with no matters arising.  
Prop: Jonyth Hill Sec: Caroline Peel.

### **Chairman's Report**

Sally Peake gave her report, copy attached. Sally announced she would be stepping down as Chairman after 3 years and the Committee recommended John Bagshawe to take over.

### **The Financial Report and Accounts up to 30 September 2018**

Members were given a copy of the accounts submitted to the Charity Commission for the period and Tim Woodcock, Hon treasurer presented his report, attached. A vote was taken to accept the accounts and for Roger Sims to continue to independently check and agree the accounts.

Prop: Jean Kelley Sec: Peter Coleman Unanimous vote.

### **Membership Report**

Mrs Peel reported membership to stand at 480 at the end of September 2018. She said recruiting new members remains difficult, but hoped that the 3 free entries to the Garden annually now given to all members would help. She pointed out that Friends who already have annual passes can use these to encourage others to join.

Sally Peake stood down as Chairman. Jane Clarke, Vice Chairman took over for the election of the Trustees, officers and Committee members of the CIC.

### **Appointment of Trustees of VBGFS**

Sally Peake, Tim Woodcock, Caroline Peel and Jane Clark stood down as required at the first AGM of the CIO and offered themselves for re-election.

Prop: Peter Coleman Sec: Chris Kershaw passed with a unanimous vote

John Bagshawe, Rosemary Stewart and Jenny Parker offered themselves for election as Trustees.

Prop: Sally Peake Sec: Caroline Peel passed with a unanimous vote.

### **Election of Officers for the Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

Chairman, John Bagshawe

Vice Chairman, Jane Clark

Hon Secretary, Jenny Parker

Hon Treasurer, Tim Woodcock

Prop: Chris Parker Sec: Jonyth Hill passed with a unanimous vote.

**Other serving members of the Committee** were re-elected

Sally Peake, Caroline Peel, Colin Smith, Rosemary Stewart, Ros Whistance

Prop: David Kelley Sec: Peter Coleman Passed with a unanimous vote

**New member of the Committee**

Peter Coleman Prop: John Bagshawe Sec: Sally Peake passed with a unanimous vote.

**Chris Kidd and Colin Pope remain Ex officio members of the Committee requiring no election**

**Any other Business**

Peter Ewbank asked why the Friends were not raising more interest on cash held in the bank. Tim Woodcock replied he intended to review interest earned this year but decent rates were very hard to find if cash is to remain readily available.

**The meeting closed at 19.35**

**Chairman .....**