



AGM MINUTES 2018

Old Cryptians' Club

Saturday 24 March 2018

Present

Charlie Hannaford (President and Chairman of the Meeting)

Jason Smith (Vice President)

Howard Allen

Steve Mace

Adam Ashby

Duncan Miller

Damian Atkinson

John Mitchell

Richard Briggs

Mike Neal

Richard Browning

Nino Pelopida

Jeremy Chowings

Peter Roberts

Ken Gleed

Gordon Roach

Greg Hickman

Ivor Smith

Peter Hobbs

Tony Stevenson

Robert Hughes

Bob Timms

Helena Cornish (Minute Secretary)

Apologies

- Mike Beard, John Bramley, Rich Brooks, John Hughes, Paul James, Simon Smith, Eric Stephens, Clive Thomas

Approval of Minutes of the 2017 AGM held on 18 March 2017

Proposed by Peter Hobbs
accepted

Seconded by Jason Smith, the minutes were unanimously
accepted

Matters Arising

- none

President's Report

- Charlie Hannaford reported that he had met with the Head and Sue Wales to finalise details of his book, The History of The Crypt School. Charlie will proof read the last chapter written by the Head then it's 'all systems go' with publication in time for Founder's Day on 25 June. 500 to be printed with costs being shared between the OCC and the school. Charlie commented that this

book should stand the school in good stead for the next 20 years and he is the happiest bunny in 3 years!

- The President thanked Richard Briggs, Howard Allen and Peter Hobbs for their continued support throughout the writing and proof reading of his book. Charlie thanked Jason Smith for chairing the OCC committee meetings in his absence and commented that with a new committee they could push forward new ideas
- The President thanked Duncan Miller for his work with The Cryptian. Unfortunately, Duncan has not received any articles since September 2017. Howard Allen expressed his unhappiness that The Cryptian failed to be published in 2017. He commented that the committee owe it to the members to keep them informed about tributes to past OCC members identifying OC obituaries as an example

New Honorary Members

- The President, who nominated Dave Reeves, Gene Burgham and Richard James, as Honorary Members of the Old Cryptians' Club then gave a summary of their backgrounds before seeking ratification from members

Proposed by John Mitchell Seconded by Peter Hobbs that Dave Reeves, Gene Burgham and Richard James be accepted as Honorary Members - unanimously accepted

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's Report was read out in the absence of Rich Brookes and the draft Balance Sheet together with the draft Income and Expenditure Accounts were discussed. The financial situation has improved compared to last year due mainly to Richard Briggs chasing outstanding subscriptions
- The President thanked Richard Briggs for his continuing efforts to encourage members to settle their subscriptions annually

Proposed by Richard Briggs Seconded by Bob Timms that the 2017 accounts should be accepted subject to audit approval

- Nick Bishop has been appointed Financial Examiner for 2018 - 2019

2001 Centenary Bursary Fund

- Richard Browning summarized the position of the Centenary Bursary Fund. Clive Thomas has prepared the annual accounts

Proposed by Howard Allen Seconded by Damian Atkinson that the Centenary Bursary Fund annual accounts 2017 are approved subject to them being audited as soon as possible - unanimously accepted

- The balance of the fund at 31 December 2017 is £63937
- No change for 2018 - the Bursary Committee will repeat the allocation that has been established, i.e. 8 bursaries of £250 in these subject areas – Academic achievement, Music, Drama, Art, and Sport.
- Nino Pelopida has decided to stand down as a Trustee for the Centenary Bursary Fund
- Richard Browning thanked Nino for his contribution and is keen to find a replacement

Discover DeCrypt

- Richard Browning presented his annual report for the Discover DeCrypt Project (see attached)

- Richard added that one of the pews removed from St Mary de Crypt church has now been sited at the school in the Crush Hall beneath the picture of the Crypt School Founders John and Joan Cooke
- Richard encouraged members to support the project
- It was suggested that a memorial to Old Cryptians' might be sited in the Schoolroom

Election of Officers

- The following members offer to serve for 2018 - 2019

President	Jason Smith
Vice President	Jeremy Chowings
Honorary Treasurer	Rich Brooks
Acting Secretary	Helena Cornish
Membership Secretary	Richard Briggs
Financial Examiner	Nick Bishop

Proposed by John Mitchell Seconded by Mike Neal that the above officers were duly elected and will take office after Founders Day - this was unanimously accepted

Election of Committee

- According to the requirements of the Constitution, the following offered themselves for election for a period of two years:

Adam Ashby	Steve Knibbs	Duncan Miller
Peter Hobbs	Steve Mace	Simon Smith

Proposed by Jason Smith Seconded by Richard Browning, the above were duly elected

Events Diary

- The diary of events for 2018 were noted:

Monday 25 June	Founders' Day Service, Gloucester Cathedral and Founders' Day Supper in the Parliament Rooms
tbc	London Old Cryptians' Dinner
Friday 9 November	Memorial Service The Crypt School, Podsmead
Sunday 11 November	Cenotaph Parade and March, London

Any Other Business

- none

Date of next meeting (decided outside the AGM)

- 2019 AGM date to be decided

Helena Cornish
Minute Secretary
27.03.18

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AGM Treasurer's Report

Old Cryptians' Club

Annual General Meeting 24 March 2018

Accounts as at 31.12.2017

Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2017, assets for the club are up by around £2,200. This is mainly due to the increase in the bank account.

The Reserves have also increased due to the surplus that was made in the year. This surplus arose largely from an increase in subscriptions.

Income

Subscriptions received in 2017 were £3,516. This is £549 higher than last year. This comes from the increase in the cost of the annual subscription, and the work done by the people who chased in arrears.

The sale of ties made a loss during the year due to the ties that are sold at a loss to the school leavers.

Expenses

Expenses are higher than last year. This is mainly due to an increase in admin costs and also the Presidential nameplates.

Richard Brooks
OCC Treasurer
March 2018



2017 Annual Report

Discover DeCrypt Project

Discover DeCrypt Project 2017/18

Background

Discover De Crypt was registered as a charity (1167097) on 16/05/2016 to deliver the project regenerating St Mary de Crypt Church and the adjacent Old Crypt Schoolroom in Southgate St and operate the integrated facilities to provide a centre for community activities in Gloucester through provision of education, creative and leisure opportunities which explore the heritage of the site.

Ownership of the Old Crypt Schoolroom and assets of the former charity scheme were transferred to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in March 2017. The regenerated St Mary de Crypt Church remains a consecrated church within the parish of Hempsted together with St Mary de Lode and administered by a Parish Church Council (PCC). The renovated facilities are scheduled to reopen on 22 March 2019 staffed by a Centre Manager and a Caretaker.

As reported earlier the project acceptance resulted from a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant of £1.36 million awarded in December 2016 towards the total cost of £2.2 million. The difference is being made up by match funding organised through various trusts and public donations. At present there is a deficit of £85,000 for loans needing to be repaid. Following detailed design work by the Project group, the main renovation contract was tendered and awarded to Croft Building and Conservation in December 2017. This includes new heating systems and enhanced accessibility through the provision of a lift. Work on these changes commenced in January 2018.

Current situation and plan for 2018

The project is being overseen by the appointed staff reporting to the CIO Trustees: Project Manager, Nicola Dyer; Community Engagement Officer, Jessica Gordon; Project Office Assistant, Jenine de Vries. Monthly Progress reports are issued by the Project Manager and eNews (available on the OC's website). Further updates will regularly appear on the social media Twitter and Facebook. Recently BBC's Points West were on site for a news item on the project and featured a latest find of a collection of Whitefield's sermons from 1742. A large proportion of the pews have been removed and sold, one of which is in Crypt School. Whitefield's pulpit has found a safe place at St John's Northgate Church until completion. One of the earliest events brought in Avon Archaeology to excavate the schoolroom in preparation for the underfloor Jupiter heating to be installed. The many small finds included

medieval coins, floor tiles, clay pipes, pottery and bone fragments. The churchyard is now closed with the area being used by the contractor to provide welfare facilities and safe storage for the construction materials. At the same time historic monuments and ledger stones will not risk being damaged.

The appointment of an Evaluation consultant (Earthen Lamp) will manage the creative and cultural part of the project. This will continue until the Spring of 2022 and will coincide with the 3 years of operation covered by the Discover DeCrypt project and its HLF Funding. In the community arts project 'Dry Bones Live', the Ship of Bones created by artist Jake Lever and the Wishbone templates are on the move bringing the project to the wider community.

With the closure of the church and schoolroom throughout 2018, entrance will be limited to groups of 10 wishing to make a 'Hard Hat Tour' of the changing facilities. These will be conducted once a month on the following Saturdays: 7 April, 5 May, 9 June, 7 July, 4 August, 8 September, 6 October and 3 November.

Such a large enterprise could not function without Volunteers. The following categories summarise those functions where assistance is needed in 2018/19:

Outreach- Community arts; Outreach -Markets and festivals; Market Research; Media-Photography/Video/Reporting; Event Management; Historical Research Group; Welcoming and Guiding; Stewarding; Exhibition Curating; Storytelling/Family Engagement. All roles and time commitment are flexible and full support and guidance given. For more information please contact Jessica Gordon tel: 01452 385070. Email: jessicagordon@discoverdecrypt.org.uk

Richard Browning (CIO Trustee)

