

SLEAFORD NAVIGATION TRUST

Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May, 2024

Apologies:

Becca Pitcaithly, Dave & Penny Carnell, Rob Saul, Mel & Sue Sowerby

Minutes of the last AGM:

The minutes were approved as a true record, proposed by Becky Franks, seconded by Debbie Scott.

Directors' Report:

It was recorded that the report had been circulated. Chris Hayes summarised the contents and noted it as being the twenty-seventh annual report.

Its reception was proposed by David Marriage, seconded by Faith Hopkins.

Thanks were extended to all committee members, members and volunteers for the work that they carried out on behalf of the Trust.

Accounts and Auditors' Report:

The accounts and report were communicated to the meeting. Their reception was proposed by Jenny Osborne, seconded by Chris Hayes.

The appointment of Amanda Jay of Sleaford as the Company's Auditor and the authorisation of the Directors to fix her remuneration was proposed by Becky Franks, seconded by Chris Hayes. Gavin & Debbie Scott declared an interest and abstained.

Election of Directors:

The following Directors stood for re-election, Steve Hayes and Sue Sowerby. Becky Franks had decided to stand down as a Director

Both were duly elected unanimously.

Any Other Business:

Chris Hayes reported on the activities of the Trust so far in 2024.

She thanked Becky Franks for all her work as Treasurer and her continuing liaison work with the new Treasurer, Will Pickworth, who was welcomed to the team.

There was no further news as yet regarding the works at Haverholme by-wash and lock.

She gave an update on the trip boat project and reported that. Overall, the public response to the idea had been very positive. On February 24th Steve had been to speak to the Sleaford Armed Forces and Veterans Breakfast Club at The Barge & Bottle about the project and the volunteering opportunities it afforded. Several people expressed interest in both fitting out and crewing the boat. There had been a slight change of plan since the original idea was put forward in that it was now the plan to fit out the boat in the water at the landing stage near the Hub. There had been a further visit to HD Narrowboats to discuss further details of the build which had actually started on May 10th. Some discussion on the choice of name for the boat

followed with suggestions including, William Jessop, Joseph Banks and Benjamin Handley.

There had been a meeting at NKDC on March 5th to discuss planning requirements for the additional landing stage at Cogglesford and Kevan Ray has been progressing the necessary studies. Kevan made a presentation about the boat at a Shared Prosperity meeting on April 18th and confirmed the grants of £50K for the boat and £80K for dredging and clearing the top pound. There was a lot of interest and positive response in the meeting to the ideas. SNT was to commission the dredging and Dave Pullen was working on this. It was planned to complete the work and install the landing stage in the Autumn. She closed the meeting by again thanking everyone for all their support and hard work.