



AGM of ROWLANDS CASTLE HERITAGE CENTRE
Tuesday 26th November 2019 in Parish Hall at 19.00

Trustees Present: Alan Eyers AE, Ania Shawcross AS, Alan Drinkwater AD, Prue Amner PA, Paul Griffiths PG, Kevin Connell KC.

In Attendance Interim Treasurer Joan Drinkwater

Apologies: Rodney Duggua RD, Sandra Hodgetts SH, Dan Cooke DC.

Item	Subject	Action
1	Welcome AE welcomed the 3 residents to the AGM.	
2	Election of Officers AE took the chair. All officers agreed to stay in their posts.	
3	<p>Treasurer's Financial Statement and Accounts JD had presented the statement of accounts. The current bank balance is £3841.66 with petty cash of £78.31 giving a total of £3841.66.</p> <p>Income over the year was £2367.72 with expenditure £1127.37 leaving a surplus of £1240.35. Assets include the model railway and a computer.</p> <p>The Income & Expenditure Statement, the Interim Treasurer's report and the Examiner's Statement were all formally approved. Martin Cornish, Accountant, was thanked for examining the RCHC accounts and Joan Drinkwater was thanked for her report. Martin Cornish was thanked for his services which he gave freely.</p> <p>Thanks were given to Froddy and Driftwood for their musical contributions to fundraising events. Thanks to Ania and Charlie Shawcross and the organizing committee for the very successful Garden Party.</p>	
4	<p>Chairman's Report and Business Plan The Business Plan is complemented by an action plan, which includes progress to date. Both were noted.</p> <p>Use of Rowlands Castle station as a museum. There has been little progress over the year on the possibility of the use of the station. There has been much communications with a variety of people but nothing has been productive. AE and other trustees attended a useful meeting of the Community Rail Partnership. The £20,000 grant, which the Trustees had been offered, has been confirmed to be used for internal renovations to the station.</p> <p>Model Railway Stansted House trustees have confirmed that the room, used for the model railway, 'may' be renovated over the winter. Their Trustees have as yet not made a final decision. They will keep us updated on progress. AE explained the Solent Radio program which focused on a Sunday Treasure Hunt, used the Model Railway as a</p>	

	<p>destination which was going out live, when the reporter arrived.</p> <p>A Railway Museum in the Netherlands has invited the RCHC model railway to display at a festival to commemorate Holland's liberation from Germany. AE thanked Malcolm Smith for his continued organisation of the model railway schedule and volunteers.</p>	
5	<p>Reports from the Working Groups:-</p> <p>The Management Working Group is the principal means of conducting RCHC business. It has met most months and circulated its agendas and minutes to Trustees. The Management Working Group currently has six members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Railway Group has met as necessary and supervises staffing and interpretation of the Model Railway while on display at Stansted House. Tod Sloan and Fred Smith are both thanked for servicing the track and rolling stock. It has been another successful year with over 5000 visitors [over 900 more than last year] supported by 24 volunteers. MS thanked all volunteers for their help. MS will meet with David Bennett, Director of the Stansted Estate once more to discuss the future of the model. • Funding Group The terms of a lease of the RC Railway station are still being pursued. An application has been made for a grant from the 'Customer and Community Improvement Fund' (CCIF) of South Western Railway, to meet the costs of refurbishment of the station. The purpose, with cost estimates at £60,000 were stated, together with a list of other sources of matching funding. A project plan had been submitted. The submission has been acknowledged by SWR, and a reply is expected shortly. • Website Group report was presented by AD the editor. Thanks to Graham Dale and Prue Amner for their work on the website. AE thanked AD for his diligence on this project. The Trustees agreed for AD to continue negotiation with the National Library for the regular copying and storing of the RCHC website. 	
	<p>Communications</p> <p>Trustees will ask the Management Group to work on developing better communications with the village and the surrounding area.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of Trustees will take place in March 2020 date tbc.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 20.20pm followed by an Open Forum</p>	

SignedChairman Date.....