



## AGM of ROWLANDS CASTLE HERITAGE CENTRE

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm

Via Zoom

Trustees Present: Alan Eyers AE, Ania Shawcross AS, Alan Drinkwater AD, Rodney Duggua RD, Prue Amner PA, Annabelle Cameron AC.

In Attendance Treasurer - Lorraine Moriarty LM  
 Management Group - Malcolm Smith MS, Charlie Shawcross CS, Gordon Charlesworth GC, Caroline Bird CB.

Apologies: Kevin Connell KC, Paul Griffiths PG, Graham Dale GD.

Item	Subject	Action
1	Welcome AE welcomed 4 residents to the AGM. Helen Penfold, Mark Seaman, Brian Tomkinson, Andrew Wyatt.	
2	Election of Officers AE took the chair. All officers agreed to stay in their posts - Vice Chair AS, Secretary PA, Treasurer LM.	
3	Treasurer's Financial Statement and Accounts The Treasurer's full report and examined accounts had been circulated before the meeting. LM presented the statement of accounts. The current bank balance is £2,721.76 with petty cash of £158.66. There is also an accrued income of £25, being the cheque from the RC Historical Society which was paid into the bank account post year-end giving a total of £2,905.42.  Income over the year was £302.47 with expenditure £733.45 leaving a loss of £430.98. Assets include the model railway and a computer.  The Income & Expenditure Statement, the Treasurer's report and the Examiner's Statement were all approved. Martin Cornish, accountant, was thanked for examining the RCHC accounts and LM was thanked for her report. Martin Cornish was thanked for his services which he gave freely.	
4	Chair's Report including Management Group The Chair's full report had been circulated before the meeting. 2021 has proved to be as tricky as 2020 given all the necessary Covid restrictions. Luckily, there were sufficient funds from the reserves from previous years to comfortably cover costs. With this mind, we will be arranging some fund-raising events in 2022. The Management Working Group will be looking into this early in the New Year.  Model Railway was displayed during the Village Fair in September. This proved to be a success as there was a constant stream of young and old alike throughout the day. Web Editor, Alan Drinkwater, set up a TV linked to a laptop to show the RCHC website and to discuss its content, and possible new items, with the visitors. Many thanks are given to	



	<p>all the volunteer helpers and for donations toward this event. Meanwhile there will be the annual lunch for the volunteers at The Castle Inn.</p> <p>Management Working Group has held a few meetings throughout the year using the Pavillion on the Recreation Ground for 'airy' face to face meetings which was a very useful venue. Next year the group will need to review the Business Plan to develop a focus for the way forward.</p> <p>Finally, AE reported that Alan Matthews, who only became a Trustee last year, sadly passed away after a short illness. Because of Covid restrictions the Trustees only ever talked to him via Zoom or email, which was a great shame. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife and family.</p>	
5	<p>Reports from the Working Groups:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Website Group report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was presented by AD the editor. He thanked GD and LM for their work on the website. The website had been relaunched in May 2021 with a more accessible home page based on a matrix of images to enable easier navigation. AD explained the new projects he hopes to follow up in the coming year including: census information; Covid effect on the village; a digital archive of assets. CB is keen to develop the availability of RCHC website information to school children. AD indicated that he plans to step down from the role as editor in the coming year. AE thanked the group for all their hard work and dedication on this project. He also thanked CB (newly joined the team) for her work on Facebook ensuring that this is regularly posted with RCHC information.</li> <li>• Audio Visual Presentation of Rowlands Castle had been sent to all to watch prior to the meeting by CS. GD has installed it on the RCHC secure area of YouTube. All were very impressed with the quality and content of this digital asset. It was agreed to make this available, prominently, on the RCHC website and in as many other places as possible to give wide visibility. AE thanked CS and the designers for all their hard work in providing a great addition to Heritage Centre.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Date of next meeting The next meeting of Trustees date tbc.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed and was followed by an Open Forum There was good discussion during this session including :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of the railway station for a museum and why this is no longer viable.</li> <li>• RCHC working with and across other organisations.</li> <li>• Planning ahead for the display of the model railway at the next Village Fayre and other possible events.</li> <li>• Model Railway on Yesterday Channel 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00pm</li> <li>• CB requested more Facebook ideas.</li> </ul>	

Signed .....Chairman      Date.....