

Minutes of the Friends of Lytham Hall AGM held on 3rd September 2019 at Lytham Hall, Lytham at 7.30pm

Apologies were received from:

R. Smith, E. Guffogg, M. Smith, Jim & Joan Edwell and P. Marshall-Kalina.

Minutes: Acceptance of the 2018 AGM minutes was proposed by M. Hargreaves and seconded by M. Coupe.

Matters Arising:

1. The Constitution update - the draft needs tidying up before the next AGM.
2. The 'Host of Golden Daffodils' project has been very successful and is ongoing.

Chairman's Report/Presentation

A copy of the full report is filed with these minutes.

The Friends' events serve to raise funds solely for the benefit of Lytham Hall, and to bring people in to the Hall - especially families.

In the accounting period June 2018 to May 2019:

We supported the increasingly popular outdoor theatre productions organised by Julian Wilde by providing a refreshments stall. We also ran an Easter Bunny hunt, Halloween Spooktacular, a Snowdrop shop and an Evening of Christmas Cheer.

As the program of events at the Hall becomes ever busier, our events profits have reduced as shown in the accounts - we need new ideas.

The bookshop continues to be popular and successful, along with sales of bags, pens and cards and the daffodils bulbs.

Project Donations:

1. The friends have made a contribution of £27,327 towards the painting of the North, South and East faces of the Hall.
2. Footpath: The Friends applied for a Fylde Council projects Fund grant to extend the footpath beside the drive. The £2,000 grant was match-funded by the Friends and a further £600 was added so that the path could be completed up to the main gate.
3. Planting for the parterre garden.
4. New passing places along the drive.
5. Pothole repairs on the drive.

Membership

We have 165 members and 6 patrons - bringing in £2,367.

Current Projects:

- Lady Eleanor Cecily Clifton's Recipe Book.
- Peter Watson is composing a Harry Clifton Booklet to be funded and sold by the Friends.
- Host of Golden Daffodils - 10,000 bulbs have been planted and a further 10,000 are to be purchased for next year.
- Restoration of the Diana the Huntress statue. Several donations have been received towards this project and the Friends have agreed to fund the remainder.
- The purchase of a second-hand Land Rover for the Hall use.

Next Events

Steam Rally - 14th & 15th September. The Friends are running a tombola.

Halloween - 31st October. An evening 'Spooky Trail' in the grounds of the Hall.

Evening of Christmas Cheer - 6th December.

Joint Civic Society and Friends of Lytham Hall Christmas coffee morning - 10th December.

Acceptance of the Chairman's Report was proposed by M. Hargreaves and seconded by P. Beeden.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, T. Jones, presented the accounts which have been checked by R. Smith.

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| Current Assets: | Bank current account | £ 4,636.00 |
| | Deposit Fund account | £ 50,989.00 |
| | Cash in Hand | £ <u> 0</u> |
| | Total | £ <u>55,625.00</u> |

Gift Aid was claimed but was not received until after 31st May so is not included in these accounts.

The Friends' have donated £16,000 more to the Hall than the income for the year.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by I. Hargreaves and seconded by A. Pollitt.

Election of Committee

Under the rules of the constitution, P. Greenhill, E. Guffogg and M. Smith were retiring from the committee this year. They all offered to stand for re-election and were re-elected en bloc - proposed by J. Hornyak and seconded by H. Snellgrove.

One new nomination for a committee member was received - Dianne Kitt, proposed by M. Hargreaves and seconded by S. Havenhand.

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- There was an enquiry about the dedications book for the daffodil donations - it is in the Hall office.
- The statue of Diana will hopefully return to it's original position in the parterre garden when the renovations are completed.
- Tombola prizes are needed for the Steam Rally weekend.
- Fabric/ costumes are needed for the Halloween event as well as outdoor battery lighting.

Friends of Lytham Hall

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