**THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE**

MINUTES of Annual General Meeting for 2021

Saturday 8th May 2021

Held Online via Zoom during Coronavirus Pandemic lockdown.

Council members present: Rev R Allaway (Chairman)

 Rev J D Buxton (Hon. Treasurer)

 Dr A P Kerry (Hon. Secretary)

 Mrs J Mead

 40 individuals attended the Open Forum of the 2021 Symposium. 9 members remained for the AGM

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| **OPENING** | Rev. R Allaway welcomed members to the meeting and opened the meeting in prayer. |
| **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** | Copies of the minutes of the 2020 AGM were available on the website. These were approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman. |
| **ELECTION** | The meeting agreed to the re-election of:1. **President** (Sir Colin Humphreys),
2. **Vice-Presidents** (Prof. Malcolm A. Jeeves, Prof. Kenneth Kitchen, Prof. Alan Millard, Prof. J. W. Montgomery)
3. **Honorary Treasurer** (Rev. John Buxton)
4. **Council** Rev. Bob Allaway, Rev. John Buxton, Dr. Alan Kerry, Mrs Joanne Mead and Prof. Meric Srokosz (ex officio) as Council members for a further three years.
5. Council were pleased to announce that Rev Dr Sally Nelson was prepared to join Faith & Thought Council. It was proposed that she should hereby be elected as a Council Member and Trustee and this was unanimously approved by the meeting.
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| **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS** | The annual accounts were presented by John Buxton. They are available on the website along with the annual report. These have been independently examined and approved. The year-end deficit is £884.07, the end of year cash balance is £10,089. There will be additional expenditure next year due to an increase in S&CB costs having moved to a new printer. There is still in excess of £100,000 in share accounts so it is reasonable for us to continue to allow the reserves to reduce by about £1000 per year in line with charity commission advice to use resources for the benefit of members rather than simply held in reserve.John has been working as our treasurer for 16 years and would be happy to hand on to a replacement at the age of 83. He was thanked for his long and valuable service.* The financial situation is satisfactory.
* The accounts were accepted.
* Jean M Gill Book-keeping Services were approved as independent examiners.
* The treasurer was thanked for the time he devotes to these matters.
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| **SYMPOSIUM 2022** | We are planning our next symposium to consider the theological implications of modern technology, especially the internet.Alan said that the dates and format were yet to be decided, Council has an additional meeting planned in June to finalise plans. He suggested considering individual lectures throughout the year, in different locations around the country rather than the Symposium format? John Rokos said that venues outside London may not be as easy to access. Phil Winn was in favour of the meetings being a mixed economy of online and in person. John Rokos suggested we could consider inviting others from outside the church (e.g. Tim Berners Lee) to attend. Librarians are now ‘information scientists’ and may be interested in the proposed subject? |
| **CLOSE** | The Chairman closed the meeting by inviting all present to say ‘the Grace ...’ together. |