

SOUTHAMPTON COMMONS AND PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

The A.G.M. of the Society will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 3rd June
in the Isaac Watts Memorial Church room, Winchester Road Southampton SO16 6TS

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM** (Copies are available at the meeting, but all members should receive a copy in advance.)
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. President's Report**
- 5. Chairman's Report**
- 6. Treasurer's Report – to receive the accounts year 2022/2023**
- 7. Election of Officers and members to serve on the Executive Committee**

The committee makes the following nominations:

President:- the Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of Southampton Cllr David Shields

Chairman: Kate Martin Secretary: Graham Linecar Treasurer: James Arthur

Committee members: Mary Carnegie, Rory Hewett, Steve Heywood

The Committee welcomes committee nominations from our membership, either in advance or on the night.

- 8. Current themes and the increased awareness of our green open spaces**
- 9. A.O.B.**

We hope to see you on 3rd June when there will be an opportunity for our members to draw our attention to any areas of concern they may have as well as sharing some positive experiences in our City's Parks and Open Spaces. Visitors are always welcome.

SOUTHAMPTON COMMONS & PARKS PROTECTION SOCIETY
Minutes of the AGM of 9th June, 2023 at October Books, 186 Portswood Road, Portswood,
Southampton, SO17 2NF
At 7.00. p.m.

Present: Cllr. Valerie Laurent, Lord Mayor of the City of Southampton, President, Cllr Alex Houghton, Kate Martin, Pat O'Dell, Graham Linecar, Felicity Irons-Smith, Mary Carnegie, James Arthur, plus ten members/guests.

Apologies received from four Members.

The Meeting stood for two minutes in Memory of Mr. Alec Samuels, a long serving member of SCAPPS, who passed away in November. Alec had been a member of Committee from 1974, having stepped off when he believed there was a conflict of interest with his work. Kate paid tribute to his commitment to SCAPPS, for his work on our behalf, especially his wisdom and guidance and the question so often asked "So what are going to do about it?" Our President Cllr. Valerie Laurent then took the Chair.

1. **Minutes of the AGM held on 18th May 2022** – The Minutes were approved.
2. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising under this heading.
3. **President's Report:** Cllr. Laurent praised the work and aims of the Society to maintain and protect our valuable green and open spaces, which are much needed, especially in cities. She referred to the state of the grass and problems we are trying to rectify at Mayflower Park, which is a prime spot on our waterfront. v
She congratulated all those involved with SCAPPS for their work.
4. **Chairman's Report** - Kate Martin reported that following the loss of Alec Samuels donations of c £ 870 had been paid to the Society and we were planning to use these funds for two items. First an updated reprint of the City of Southampton Map to our Parks and Open Spaces. The groundwork for this map had been undertaken by Kate and Felicity, with Simon Buston, three years ago, but, because of the Pandemic, changes of staff etc, the project had been suspended. Kate, Felicity, Pat and Simon Buston were putting the final wording and format together. It is hoped to have the map in a format that is convenient to take on walks.

Secondly, Committee had decided to have two Newsletters per year, one of which would be a full Annual Report and funds would be used for its printing.

Kate also referred to the revetement work carried out at Weston Shore, which was long overdue.

Reiterating the remarks of our President, Kate affirmed that we needed more green spaces and we were concerned that the £20 million grant for the Sports Centre would have a detrimental effect, in terms of more cars/parking and loss of some of the current open green amenities, cricket pitches etc.

Graham Linecar had attended several meetings of the Itchen River Scrutiny Panel and was helping complete a final report. Residents and SCAPPS were concerned at the lack of access along our waterfront.

5. **Treasurer's Report** – Pat O'Dell's report was tabled. Comparing January 2021 to December 2021, with the same period for 2022, We had a loss of expenditure over income of £743.76. Subscriptions and donations were slightly down on the previous year. However, we still had a healthy working balance of £ 9,401.00.
The Meeting accepted the Report.

6. **Election of Officers and Committee for 2023/24** – Cllr. Laurent read out the list of those standing for Election as follows:
Chairman – Kate Martin Secretary – Graham Linecar Treasurer – Pat O'Dell
Minutes Secretary: Felicity Irons-Smith, members of the Committee:- Mary Carnegie
James Arthur
The Meeting agreed the appointment of those above.

7. **Any Other Business** – There were no items under this heading.
There being no other business the President thanked members for their attendance and the Meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Members were then invited to discuss any areas they were interested in and had concerned over, so that Committee could consider any action we might take In future.