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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 26 JUNE 2023 (held in Seasons at 4pm with tea, followed by Evensong)

IN ATTENDANCE:

The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams (DG) [Chair], Joy Allen, Caroline Austin, John Austin, Canon Mike Bishop (MB), Yvonne Bishop, Grace Blake, Jim Blake, Ursula Cook, Mr & Mrs CJ Cumbers, Bob Ellison, Jeannette Ellison, Sue Howland, Tessa Johnson, Trish Lambert, Mary Morris, Jonathan Neil-Smith, Berendina Norton, David Peters, Sheila Peters, Gwenyth Pickering, Pauline Read (*with proxy for Shirley-Margaret Lloyd*), Janet Stubbings, and John Varney. [25 plus 1 proxy]

1. WELCOME

DG welcomed all those present, and thanked MB for his work on the papers. [Sue Howland said that she had not received any papers].

2. APOLOGIES:

Frances Eggo, Patrick Evelyn, Bill Evershed, Penny Evershed, Shirley-Margaret Lloyd, Barbara Logan, Muriel Mulvany and Tim Sedgley.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2022

These were agreed, subject to deleting Joy Allen from the list of those present.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

DG signalled that the intention would be to recruit a new Secretary following the amendments to the Constitution (should these be agreed under item 7).

Action: the Board

5. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

MB introduced this item referring to the Accounts, which had been circulated. He emphasised that the Friends' Assets remained in a healthy position, notwithstanding the increase in grants to the Cathedral during the year. In response to a question from Joy Allen, he drew attention to the grants listed on p.14.

A motion to approve the Accounts was carried, with 23 votes in favour, none against, and 3 abstentions.

6. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS

A motion to appoint Moore (South) LLP as Independent Examiners was carried *nem con*.

7. SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

MB, introducing this item, referred to his note, explaining the intention to amend the Constitution so that it would be consonant with the plan to make the Friends into a Charitable Incorporated Organization. This would simplify the future running of the Friends while still ensuring that its Directors retained limited liability. MB assured those present that the Revised

Constitution had been carefully considered by the Directors. In answer to a question from Joy Allen, MB said that the objects of the charity remained as they were, and that any changes in those would be matter for consideration at a later date.

A motion to adopt the new Constitution was approved, with 22 in favour (84.6%), none against, and 4 abstentions.

8. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Joy Allen, Mike Bishop, Mary Morris and Muriel Mulvany were elected *nem con*.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DG referred to her imminent retirement (from September) and shared fond memories of Friends' activities during her time as Dean. She hoped that it would be possible to plan more activities in the future. MB, on behalf of the Friends, thanked DG for all that she had contributed as Chair of the Friends.

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