

THACS
TEWIN HORTICULTURE ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY

**Minutes of the twenty-second Annual General Meeting held on Monday 26th
February 2024 at 7.30.**

Present

Committee members: Ray Keppler (Chair), Malcolm Allen (Treasurer), Terry Brand, Lynne Burgess, Kristina Lawson.

Other members: Joanne Allen, Ian & Marie Barton-Jones, Gay Cates, John & Linda Gilley, Janet Gordon, Alice Greenwood, Mary Gregg, Jim & Anne Hall, David Howson, David & Julia Kempson, Bridget Keppler, Joy Lawson, Maureen Masterman, John Sheridan, Keith & Marie St. Pier, Elaine Wulcko.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Peter Burgess, Peter & Alison Burleigh, Susan Fletcher, Alf & Pat Fulford, Mavis Haggar, Patrick Holden, Mike & Gloria Kersey, David & Jilly King, Ann Lee, Tina Lord, Gerry & Jackie Murphy, Graham & Pauline Spring, Hilary Tipping, Sue Whitbourn.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2023 AGM

These were approved without amendment.

Proposed: Lynne Burgess

Seconded: Marie St. Pier

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2023

Ray Keppler (RK) referred attendees to the website or the paper copies of the report available at the meeting, if they had not read it already.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2023

RK said the Treasurer's report and the accounts for 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023 had been made available on the website or were available as a paper copy at the meeting. The accounts were accepted by the membership.

Proposed: Terry Brand

Seconded: Linda Gilley

5. CLOSING THACS

a) Disposal of Funds

RK referred attendees to the document "Proposed use of THACS funds", which was emailed to members on 29/01/2024 and there were paper copies available at the meeting.

In that document, five donations of £1,000 each were proposed. RK announced that each intended recipient organisation had an advocate at the meeting: -

- 1) Tewin Cowper School. Lynne Burgess, THACS Committee member
- 2) St Peter's Church. Linda Gilley, Churchwarden
- 3) Tewin Allotment Association. John Sheridan, Chairman of Tewin Allotment Association
- 4) Isabel Hospice. Elaine Wulcko, Coordinator of the garden teams of volunteers
- 5) Tewin Charities. David Howson, Chairman of the trustees of Tewin Charities

RK invited attendees to raise any questions or concerns they may have about any of the donations, but none were forthcoming.

The committee are seeking the approval of the proposals from THACS members so, when the document was emailed to them, they were invited to express their vote as either *Approve* (accept all of the proposed uses) or *Reject* (reject all or some of the proposed uses). The response was overwhelmingly supportive, with 32 members voting *Approve* and no votes for *Reject*.

RK proposed that the committee should adopt and implement all of the recommendations in the document "Proposed use of THACS funds", version 1, 29/01/2024. This was unanimously agreed by the attendees.

Proposed: Ray Keppler

Seconded: Lynne Burgess

b) Disposal of other THACS assets

THACS has a wide variety of other assets and one aspect of the mothballing project has been to build a comprehensive inventory of THACS assets and then to determine the future of each item. This work continues but has already resulted in the following allocations: -

- Large display boards donated to Tewin memorial Hall.
- Flip chart stand and pads donated to Tewin Tennis Club
- Poster boards donated to Friends of Tewin.

c) Disbanding of the committee

RK reminded attendees that at the previous AGM, he was re-elected as Chairman and Malcolm Allen was re-elected as Treasurer, on the understanding that we would not be doing anything other than managing the mothballing project and supporting the skeleton committee with anything they wished to organise in the meantime. Existing committee members Terry Brand and Lynne Burgess were re-elected and newcomers Martin Taylor and Kristina Lawson were elected onto the committee.

Now that the society is closing, the committee will be disbanded.

Thank you gifts were presented to Malcolm Allen, Terry Brand and Lynne Burgess.

6. MOTHBALLING PROJECT OUTCOMES

RK reported on two significant achievements of the mothballing project.

a) Digital archive and legacy resources

There are two groups of digital files that have been posted on the THACS page on the Tewin Village website.

Archive. The first group is an archive of material that might be of historical interest in the future.

Legacy Resources. The second group consists of documents that could be useful resources for anyone seeking to revive THACS or start a new society.

b) Inventory & asset disposal

The team have completed building the inventory of THACS assets and has decided on the future of many of the items.

7. ONGOING ACTIVITIES

RK announced that the closure process will continue beyond this AGM.

a) Disposal of funds and other assets.

Now that the proposed allocation of funds has been ratified by THACS members, the donations will be made. Once all of the donations have been made and all expenses paid, the THACS bank account will be closed.

The disposal of other THACS assets will continue but will probably take the rest of this year to complete.

b) Physical archive.

A small physical archive will be built.

c) Work on the website.

The future of the THACS presence on Tewin Village web site has been determined.

The website will continue to report on the closure process over the next few months. There will probably be no significant structural change before the end of the THACS financial year on 31st Oct 2024.

Eventually, the THACS page on the Tewin Village website will be removed, but there will be new links to the Archive and Legacy Resources: -

Archive Under “The Village” – “Village History” menu, additional text will be introduced dealing with THACS and other closed organisations, including The Tewin Society. This section will include a link to the THACS Archive on the website.

Legacy Resources. The THACS item under the “Things to do” menu will be replaced with an item entitled “Start a new society” (at the bottom of the drop-down list). This will reference the THACS legacy resources that could be helpful to anyone seeking to start a new club in the future and provide a link to the existing folders containing relevant files.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting was then closed.