

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Gosport Museum  
Discovery Centre Gosport Tuesday 25 April 2017 at 7pm

1. Apologies – Cerian Trevan, Paul Hutton-Dunton, Doreen Robinson  
13 members attended
2. The minutes of the AGM held on 5 April 2016 were read. The Chairman requested that an addendum be made to the minutes adding the names of the committee members elected in 2016. Minutes proposed by Jack Poole and seconded by Linda Batty
3. There were no other matters arising from the minutes
4. Chairman's Report – On the whole we have had a good year; membership though small is holding up. Members have been active in stewarding on the Museum on the Mezz, in the Gallery at exhibitions and in research behind the scenes. The Hampshire Cultural Trust is now in full swing and the Committee have had meetings with Dr Janet Owen about how we would like to see the Museum develop in the future – subject of course to present financial straits. Since becoming part of the HCT we, as Museum Friends are no longer able to sponsor any of the talks in the Discovery Centre and now have to buy a ticket if we attend any of the Talks. However, on the plus side, the Gallery is now in constant use during the year with many exhibitions, all of which are very well presented and are very interesting. It is disappointing that some of them do not attract many visitors. I would like to thank Friends who act as volunteers during these exhibitions; they keep the Gallery viable.

This is my last report as your Chairman. I am now standing down after holding this office for about 10 years. It is time for a new face and, as such, I give a warm welcome to our Chair-Elect, Margaret Ventham, who has been a tower of strength for many years in her support of the Museum. I would like to thank all the members of the Committee and yourselves for the support you have given me and the Museum during these years.

Sydney Aynsworth

Chair Friends of Gosport Museum

5. Secretary's Report – there have been five Committee meetings since the last AGM including one with Janet Owen present to discuss possible changes to the Museum. We receive four BAfM journals per year which can also be found at

[www.bafm.co.uk](http://www.bafm.co.uk) . We also receive Annual Report Accounts and details of the annual conferences which are available to members on request. Newsletters from the area BAfM are sent to members with email addresses.

The website has been changed and can now be found at [fogm.org.uk](http://fogm.org.uk) as well as [friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk](http://friendsofgosportmuseum.org.uk). Members can be set up to make changes and additions to the site and in the future the posts could be set up allowing members to comment on items placed there. The website can now be read from mobile phones to large PC monitors. Look at the website and let me know if you have any problems with it and feel something could be added, removed or changed or I have forgotten to update anything.

I have purchased the Tithe Map and Terrier on CD from Hampshire County Council. It can be used by members and a small amount can be used on the website and newsletter. Specific permission would be needed to copy a large amount. I will keep scanning the details as I feel they will be easier to use in pdf. (Dot was thanked for taking over the writing of the minutes.)  
Ian Jeffery

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Income 2016-7

General Fund £180

Project Fund £370.95

Total £550.95

Expenditure £301.60

The treasurer is concerned that yearly income does not pay for the cost of membership and suggests that we need to discuss the problem at the next committee meeting. We need to increase the number of members, increase membership fees, find another source of income or decrease the income paid out. (See AOB)

7. Membership Secretary's Report – at the end of last year FoGM had a membership of 42, that is individual members. This was slightly less than the previous year when the membership was 48. Two new members joined in 2016, Mr Garrett and Mrs Dowdeswell. We have three new members in 2017, Mr Hutton-Dunton and Mr and Mrs Batty. Thank you to all our current members for their continuing support.

8. Newsletter Editor's Report – there were six newsletters last year from four to eight pages each. At the beginning of the year 22 were posted or delivered to members. The figure is now 15 with the balance sent by email. Thank you to members who have agreed to receive them by email. Ten printed copies are delivered to organisations such as the Discovery Centre (including the Friend's notice board), the three libraries in Gosport, SEARCH, Local Studies, Gosport Voluntary Action, the Town Hall and now the Tourist Information Office. Thank you to members who send me items to include in the newsletter. I am always looking for more, it doesn't matter how short as there is always a little space to fill, or how long as it could be split between two or more newsletters, or a longer newsletter can be created, both of which have been done this year. I plan to start getting past newsletters on to the web site.

Ian Jeffery

9. Project Report – the purchase of the screen will be deferred in view of the proposal by the Hampshire Cultural Trust to consider refurbishing the Museum, possibly in a different location.

10. Election of Committee – Bob Whiteley took over the meeting, read nominations and asked to have the list proposed on block. Proposed by Sydney Aynsworth, seconded by Mary Duly, all agreed as follows:

Chairman	Margaret Ventham
Vice Chairman	Paul Hutton-Dunton
Treasurer	David Moore
Secretary	Ian Jeffery
Committee Secretary	Dot Bedenham
Membership Secretary	Linda Hedley
Newsletter Editor	Ian Jeffery

Committee  
Sydney Aynsworth  
Mary Duly  
Jack Poole  
Yvonne Riddell

Committee Members were proposed by Margaret Ventham and seconded by Linda Batty

11. Museum Manager's Report – in the absence of the Museum Manager, a digest of the last three Joint Management Committees was provided to those present at the meeting.

12. Any Other Business – Linda Batty proposed a vote of thanks for Sydney Aynesworth's chairmanship

The AGM closed at 7.45

Prepared by Dot Bedenham

Secretary Ian Jeffery

Chair Maggie Ventham

17<sup>th</sup> May 2018