

THE ASSOCIATION OF JERSEY CHARITIES

(a members' association incorporated on 16 June 1995 under the provisions of the Loi (1862) sur les teneures en fidéicomis et l'incorporation d'associations) (the "**Association**")

Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of the Association held in the Celestial Suite at the Royal Yacht Hotel, St Helier on Thursday 24 September 2020 at 6.30pm (the "**Meeting**")

1.	Welcome and apologies
	<p>Present:</p> <p>Committee: Liz Le Poidevin – Chairman (ELP) Ivo Le Maistre-Smith – Deputy Chairman (ILM) Marie du Feu – Officer (MDF) Kirsty McGregor – Treasurer (KM) Nichola Aldridge – Secretary (NA) Kevin Keen – Officer (KK) Peter Tabb – Officer (PT) Simon LARBALESTIER – Officer (SL)</p> <p>Lyn Wilton - Administrative Officer (LW)</p> <p>The Membership</p> <p>Apologies: Jill Ryan – Officer (JR)</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the Members to the Meeting.</p>
2.	To approve the minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting held on 26 September 2019 The minutes of the 48 th Annual General Meeting were approved by the Members present unanimously. Proposer: Edward Trevor MBE Seconder: Fiona Vacher
3.	To receive the annual report from the Chairman
	<p>The Chairman referred to the report that had previously been circulated and the accompanying infographic, copies of which are attached to and form part of these minutes.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all the Officers for their generous time and commitment, particularly ILM for his time as Deputy Chairman. Special thanks was given to MDF for her many hours of work over the last year. The Meeting thanked them all.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p>To receive the annual report from the Treasurer and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020</p>
	<p>A copy of the audited accounts and treasurer’s report had been made available to Members via the AJC website prior to the Meeting.</p> <p>The Treasurer spoke to slides, copies of which are attached to and form part of these minutes.</p> <p>Adoption of the accounts was unanimously approved by the Members present.</p> <p>Proposer: Jim Hopley Seconder: Anthea Bentley</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To consider the reappointment of Bracken Rothwell as auditors and authorise the Committee to agree auditors’ remuneration</p>
	<p>The re-appointment of Bracken Rothwell as auditors was proposed and approved by Members present unanimously.</p> <p>The authorisation of the Committee to agree the auditors’ remuneration was proposed and approved by the Members present unanimously.</p> <p>Proposer: Philippa Romeril Seconder: Philipa Orchard</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Election of Officers</p>
	<p>The Chairman advised the Meeting that she was standing down as Chairman (as required by the Association’s constitution) and that ILM had resigned as Deputy Chairman and Officer.</p> <p>The Committee nominated the following persons for the posts below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kevin Keen for the position of Chairman 2. Liz Le Poidevin for the position of Deputy Chairman 3. Kirsty McGregor for the position of Treasurer 4. Nichola Aldridge for the position of Secretary 5. Marie du Feu for the position of Grants Officer 6. Simon Larbalestier as an additional officer 7. Peter Tabb as an additional officer 8. Jill Ryan as an additional officer <p>The Chairman noted that no nomination had been received from the Members for an individual to be a Committee Officer.</p>

	<p>The Chairman proposed voting for two proposals: one for election of KK as Chairman and one for the election of the other officers. This approach was unanimously approved by the Members.</p> <p>The election of KK as Chairman was unanimously approved by the Members present.</p> <p>The election of the other officers was unanimously approved by the Members present.</p>
7.	<p>To consider minor amendments to the Constitution of the Association, which will permit Excepted Foreign Charities to remain as or become members the Association</p>
	<p>The Chairman referred to the papers which had been previously circulated.</p> <p>MDF explained the rationale for the amendments.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed a vote to adopt the amendments to the Constitution of the Association, which was unanimously approved by the Members present.</p> <p>Proposer: Guy Le Maistre Seconder: Edward Trevor MBE</p> <p>The formal business of the Meeting was then concluded.</p>
8.	<p>AOB</p>
	<p>(a) Open discussion with Members regarding the future direction of the Association</p> <p>KK thanked the Members for putting their trust and confidence in him by electing him as Chairman. KK also thanked LW and the other officers for their service, especially ILM for his work during his time with the Association and ELP for her service to the Association over the years.</p> <p>KK referred to the paper previously circulated and spoke to slides, copies of which are attached to and form part of these Minutes.</p> <p>The Meeting discussed the options presented by KK.</p> <p>Jean Le Maistre MBE gave thanks to the Committee on behalf of the Members. He expressed his disappointment at the way the Government has acted in getting funds to the sector.</p> <p>Beth Gallichan expressed disappointment in respect of the Lottery funding during what has been a very difficult time for charities. BG considers that it is important for us to speak with one voice, as one group. It is also important to attract more people to the sector (both on a voluntary and employment basis) and to invest in training and professionalism of the sector. Technology will assist (e.g. Zoom).</p> <p>Warren Simmons referred to the £700,000 shortfall in the Lottery proceeds and queried whether the Association knew why this was. MDF advised that the Association had not been given a detailed answer but was advised that it was due to an accounting error in</p>

	<p>unclaimed prizes. WS queried whether this is something that the Association should challenge. KK advised that the funds were never there so there is nothing to challenge.</p> <p>Jim Hopley queried if we should consider arranging meetings with the minister in charge of the lottery. ELP advised that we have regular meetings scheduled with the director of local services, Paul McGinnity.</p> <p>Michael de la Haye queried whether the Association will be pursuing the Lottery funds. KK advised that we were informed very recently that the Government is still to make a decision as to who to distribute the funds to, so our door remains open. MdlH queried whether the issues regarding our governance are insurmountable – KK advised that he thinks not; our Members hold us to account.</p> <p>Guy Le Maistre advised that he thought charities should lobby government to say that a decision needs to be made and the Lottery proceeds should be given to the Association to distribute.</p> <p>Philippa Romeril queried where the Association will get money from if it does not receive the Lottery proceeds. KK advised that we can do things such as supporting smaller charities with fundraising, networking, finding volunteers etc. MDF noted that we have other money (e.g. a training fund, our own reserves and some funds from corporate donors) and we are looking to be the distributor of other funds. If the booster appeal is successful then we will take some for our own costs.</p> <p>(b) Open discussion with Members regarding the future Grants Programme of the Association</p> <p>MDF referred to the Note on the Future Grants Programme that had previously been circulated, a copy of which is attached to and forms part of these Minutes.</p> <p>MDF advised that Members should consider whoever is appointed as the Lottery distributor as main port of call.</p> <p>Edward Trevor MBE suggested that the Committee should consider reducing the maximum amount of any grant to £20,000. MDF advised that we can keep going with a £30,000 maximum for this year and, if we receive more applications that we can fund, we will pro rata all grants. The Association will keep this under review and consider reducing the maximum if necessary in the future.</p> <p>Malcom Ferey advised that he thought that ET’s proposition had already been approved at a previous meeting. It was noted that the maximum had been previously reduced from £50,000 to £30,000.</p> <p>(c) Presentation to ILM</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee, LW presented a gift to ILM for his service to the Association.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the AGM closed at 7.40pm.</p>
	<p>Signed by the Chairman:</p> <p>Date: 2020</p>

