

**Minutes of the AGM of the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral
OBE Chapel
Wednesday 10th July 2019 at 2.30pm**



1. Prayers, welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman, the Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, welcomed everyone to the Friends' Annual General Meeting and opened the meeting for the Cathedral and for the Friends, using the Friends' Prayer. Nicky Wynne introduced herself as the new Director of Development.

It was noted that the Dean's report, Global Partnership's report and financial report had been sent out to attendees via hardcopy and email ahead of the AGM.

2. Apologies for absence: (160 attendees)

There were 160 friends in attendance. Apologies for absence received from:

Niul Dillon Hatcher
Robert Palmer
Oliver Caroe
Gill Fraser
Stan Fraser
Robert Bowles

3. Minutes of the AGM held on the 04 July 2018

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

4. The 2018 Annual report and Accounts

The Dean introduced the 2018 accounts and asked the floor whether there were any questions. Attendees had received the accounts ahead of the AGM as well as a summary of items to note from the financial report. Assistant treasurer, Jack Henderson was in attendance to answer any questions.

The Dean asked the floor to formally receive the 2018 accounts which they did unanimously, proposed by Phillip Rice and seconded by Mervyn Hogg. The Dean thanked Jack Henderson for putting the account and annual report together, and for his 17 years of sterling service to the Cathedral, and noted that he was leaving St Paul's soon for a post in Derby where he now lives.

5. Retirements from Council and Elections

The Dean thanked David Hooper for his faithful service on the Friends Council and for his ongoing work as a volunteer at the Cathedral. There were two vacancies for election and three candidates; two of whom were already Council members appointed by Chapter (Yodia Lo and Niul Dillon Hatcher) and a candidate as a new member of Council, Mike Tadman, who is a Monday Team Leader for the Cathedral volunteers. The Dean proposed that Mike Tadman and Yodia Lo, who

were present should be elected unopposed, and that Chapter would reappoint Niul as one of its appointees. The meeting accepted the proposal. Mike and Yodia gave a brief presentation on their background to attendees.

6. Any other Business

There were four questions proposed to the Council:

- i) Ms Yemi Ilumoka asked whether it would be possible to introduce handheld metal detector scanners as part of security measures on entry to the Cathedral. Canon Jonathan Brewster, the Vice Chairman answered that due to other security risks, such as ceramic knives, acid and plastic guns, handheld scanners do not necessarily guarantee safety. The Vice Chairman also pointed to the fact that there is currently a good visual inspection of bags on entry to the Cathedral and that our Head of Security was keeping this under constant review.
- ii) Ms Yemi Ilumoka expressed concerns about the new policy around photography in the Cathedral. The Dean explained that the Cathedral had been under pressure to ease the policy and had agreed to do so as a trial. The Cathedral will review the policy in September and in the meantime any feedback on the policy should be sent to photography@stpaulscathedral.org.uk. Any comments received will be fed into the review in September.
- iii) Ms Yemi Ilumoka asked about the current layout of the information desks at the West End and the need for crowd control as a result. James Milne, the Precentor stated that this was currently under review.
- iv) Mr Tom Yuille asked whether there were currently any plans to bring Great Paul back into commission. The Dean said this will be possible should money be raised and James Milne confirmed that there is still a Bells Project board which was keeping this under review.

The Dean closed the meeting at 2.50pm.

Following the AGM the Friends enjoyed presentations from The Surveyor to the Fabric, Oliver Caroe, The Precentor, James Milne and The Chancellor, Paula Gooder along with teas and coffees.