



Minutes of the 234th Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 7 June 2022

The meeting was opened by Mr Tom Ibison who welcomed Mr Norman Prince, Rt Rev Bishop John Arnold and our Toast givers Rt Rev Bishop Tom Williams, Mr Henry Whiteside, Rev Fr Richard Howard, our President for the last 3 years Mr David Tetlow and Mr Chris Jenner who would be leading us in the singing.

Prayers were offered for our Holy Father Pope Francis.

Apologies were received from Bishop Paul Swarbrick, Bishop Mark Davies, Bishop Tom Neylon, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon and 8 members and Clergy.

Canon Paul led us in prayers for our 52 deceased members including Rev Fr Peter Fox (Liverpool), former Board member and Mr John Cadden – former President and then led us in Grace.

Mr Chris Jenner then led the singing of God Bless our Pope before lunch was served.

The minutes of the previous AGM had been made available and were proposed, seconded and approved by all.

The secretary's report and treasurer's report were made available to all to read today and were accepted by all.

Mr Mike King introduced two speakers from YMCA Harbour House who have benefitted from alms given by BCCS. Tom thanked them for their talk and asked if there were any questions from the floor. They were also thanked by Mr Mike King who also pointed out how helpful members' donations have been. Tom then pointed out the closing date for submission of appeals for alms to the Society was 21 June 2022.

Mr Tom Ibison and Mr Mike King's terms of office as members of the Board of Management expire at this meeting. After a show of hands Mr Tom Ibison's continuation on the board was accepted. Tom thanked Mr Mike King for his valuable advice and assistance whilst on the Board. He also thanked Monsignor Stephen Alker (Liverpool), Monsignor John Daly (Salford) and Mr Tim Haley for their service, who have now also resigned from the Board. He then welcomed Rev Fr Mark Harold (Salford) on to the Board. Tom informed the meeting that we will need a Lay representative from the Lancaster Diocese to replace Mr Mike King and two Priest members from the Liverpool Archdiocese. We also need a new Treasurer and he pointed out the urgency of this appointment.

Tom then urged all members to ensure they are up to date with their subscriptions for the last 2 years and said that the Board were not proposing any increase to subscriptions this year. Members were urged to give where they can to the alms giving and to opt for standing orders where possible as this would help enormously. He reminded the membership that we need more Lay and Priest members in order that we be able to continue our good work and to make every effort to recruit new members. Application forms can be downloaded from the website. Everyone is urged to keep hold of the annual newsletter as this contains all the information and booking forms for our Christmas lunch and President's Mass amongst other important information, and for future booking forms and cheques to be sent to the Secretary and not to the Past Treasurer's business address. Please supply an email address if you can to save on printing and postage costs.

Thanks were extended to our writers for the day Mr T Lamb, Mr T Keegan, Mr D Gilmartin and Mr J Begley for taking subscriptions and donations.

Tom then thanked the members of the Board, in particular our secretary Peter for his tireless work including the organisation of today's AGM and meal.

Tom then thanked the hotel staff for the meal.

Thanks were given to Canon P Embery and everyone who helped with this morning's Mass and to Mr Anthony Donlan our Broughton Society organist.

There then followed the traditional toasts and speeches followed by the election of Mr Stephen Evans as President for 2022/23 and Mr John Holland as President for 2023/24.

Tom thanked everyone for their attendance today and closed the meeting.