



## British Fire Services Association

**Minutes of the AGM, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

**Held at The British Museum, also via Zoom.**

Present: Steve Owen-Hughes (President), Graham Hill-Howgate (General Secretary), Paul Basson (Vice Chairman), Frank Turner (Vice President), Rev Canon Thomas Woodhouse (Chaplain).

Attending By Zoom: Seamus Higgins (Chairman), Matt Stokes (Vice President), Geoff McSweeney (Vice President), Steve Shirley (Vice President), Dick Lovelace (Vice President), Mark Skinner, Jay Leslie, Nigel Sheridan, Peter Cowland, Ronald Murray.

Apologies: George Halstead (MWF), Dave Lown (Governing Council), David Hunter, Andy Phillips, Mike Francis

*Due to a technical issue with the Zoom access, the meeting was delayed by 30 minutes.*

The President opened the meeting, and the Chaplain gave a blessing for the BFSA.

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were put for agreement as a true record.

*Proposed: Frank Turner, seconded Seamus Higgins, Agreed.*

The outgoing Chairman delivered his Valedictory Address and Paul Basson was Invested by the President as the new Chairman of Governing Council who gave his installation address.

*The outgoing Chairman's Past Chairman/Vice President Badge to be posted.*

The 2023 accounts were put for acceptance.

*Proposed: Seamus Higgins, seconded Matt Stokes. Agreed.*

The President, list of Vice-Presidents and Chaplain were put for acceptance.

*Proposed: Frank Turner, seconded Matt Stokes. Agreed.*

*The Chaplain reminded the meeting that he was now coming into his 28<sup>th</sup> year in post.*

The General Secretary recommended that our accountants Simon Moss & Co be re-appointed.

*Proposed: Steve Shirley, seconded Geoff McSweeney. Agreed.*

The President delivered the Closing Address and wished everyone well for the remainder of the year and best wishes for the festive season with thanks to the members of the Governing Council and General Secretary.