



# The Old Southendian Association

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*Sustaining Friendships...*

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association  
held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea (and via Google Meet)  
on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 commencing at 7.50 pm.**

*Those Present:*

Clive Shiret (Chair)	Robin Bevan	Ken Carter	Kate Cooper
Bob Craven	Andy Crow	Philip Digby	Daniel Garside
Graham Glover	Will Green	Colin Hodges	Trevor Johnson
Geoff Kittle	Kevin Leigh	Geoff May	Richard Olson
Chris Sorrell	Keith Spenceley	Martin Stansfield	Joseph Zammit

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> had been received from Don Brech, Sam Hodgson, Matt Jarvis, Claire Kirkland, James Masson, Owen Pay, Andy Sargeant and Graham Winckless.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 :</b> The Minutes were approved on a proposal by Martin Stansfield, seconded by Ken Carter and signed by the Chairman.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020:</b> There were none.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Chairman's Report:</b>
4.1	Clive Shiret's report had been circulated and was available on the website. He reported <i>inter alia</i> that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic had continued to be felt in all areas of life throughout the year, not least in matters affecting the School and the Association.
4.2	The positive OSA events of 2021 were 70+ school leavers applying to join the Association, some very good 'Chin Wag' sessions organised by Andy Crow, a successful Autumn Lunch and indeed the first Reunion Dinner for two years.
4.3	He sent special thanks to Graham Glover who was stepping down from the Executive Committee after many years' service, especially in organising the Association's London Dinners so successfully. Graham would still be arranging the organisation of the London Dinner to be held on 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2022.
4.4	Clive confirmed that, after 15 years, next year would be his last as Chairman of the Executive Committee.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021:</b>
5.1	Dan Garside reported on the financial position of the Association and noted that expenditure in the year was lower than normal due to no magazine production and no donations to the School, neither for prizes, since it was not possible to hold the Prizegiving, nor for individual awards to departments, since such funds were being held over pending finalisation of plans for the Wellbeing Garden. Income was also down as there had been limited opportunity to hold the usual recruitment events in the School. The overall picture of the accounts remained a healthy one, having made a surplus of £6,686 and with accumulated funds of over £40,000.
5.2	Ken Carter clarified that the expenditure of £106 for the Spring Lunch related to refunds of monies collected in the previous year when the Lunch had had to be cancelled.
5.3	Martin Stansfield asked whether there was any way of contacting the 2020 and 2021 school leavers. Chris Sorrell advised that he had 45 email addresses for leavers that he was going to contact. Clive Shiret confirmed that a visit with pizza was made to the School on the last day of term and 65 completed application forms (with funds) had been obtained. Robin Bevan said that another useful recruitment opportunity would be the day in mid-December when the examination certificates were distributed.
5.4	The Accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021 were adopted on a proposal by Graham Glover, seconded by Kate Cooper.

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for the benefit of past, present and future Southendians"*

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<b>6.0</b>	<b>Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:</b>
6.1	The Reports had all been circulated and were available on the website. There were no additional matters reported.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:</b>
7.1	The Meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers: # Chairman ( <i>of the Executive Committee</i> )* Clive Shiret President ( <i>with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021</i> )* Andy Crow Immediate Past President ( <i>to serve until 31 December 2021</i> )* Chris Sorrell President Designate ( <i>with effect from 01 January 2020 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021</i> )* Keith Spenceley President ( <i>with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</i> )* Keith Spenceley Immediate Past President ( <i>with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</i> )* Andy Crow President Designate ( <i>with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022</i> )* Dan Garside Treasurer* Dan Garside Secretary* Keith Spenceley Registrar* Geoffrey May Legal Adviser* Kevin Leigh Publications Officer* Chris Sorrell # serving as Executive Committee Chairman from the 2019 AGM until the 2022 AGM.
7.2	In addition to the Officers marked*, all of whom are ex officio, the following were elected to the Executive Committee until the 2022 AGM: Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Simon Darby, Geoff Kittle, Martin Stansfield, Will Green and Joe Zammit.
7.3	Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs are advised as: Cricket Club - Chris Sorrell                      Football Club - Clive Shiret Hockey Club - Andy Smithson                      Organ Society - Joe Zammit Golf Circle – Graham Winckless                      Bowls Circle – Trevor Johnson
7.4	A partner of Azets (formerly Wilkins Kennedy) has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Date of the next Annual General Meeting:</b> The Meeting agreed that the 2022 Annual General Meeting should be held at The Southendian Club, Garon Park, Southend on Sea on Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2022, commencing at 7.45 pm.
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Any Other Competent Business:</b>
10.1	Bob Craven, attending the Association's AGM for the first time in 50 years, asked what consideration was given to the involvement of people with disabilities within the Association. Clive Shiret confirmed that, as a venue, Garon Park was completely accessible in that regard and Geoff Kittle suggested that perhaps links could be forged with Andy Crow's wellbeing initiatives. Bob agreed to write to the Association's Secretary with more information of what he had in mind.
10.2	Joseph Zammit reminded the meeting that there was an Organ Society concert at 7.30 pm in the School Hall on 13 <sup>th</sup> November.
10.3	There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.17 pm.

**Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**