



# The Old Southendian Association

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*Sustaining Friendships...*

***Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Southendian Association  
held in the Reactivate Centre, Garon Park, Southend on Sea (and via Google Meet)  
on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 commencing at 7.45 pm.***

*Those Present:*

Clive Shiret (Chair)	Robin Bevan	Ken Carter	Bob Craven
Andy Crow	Daniel Garside	Graham Glover	Jim Harrington
Callum Hynes	Trevor Johnson	Geoff Kittle	Kevin Leigh
Joseph Madren	Edward Marron	Geoff May	John Roy
Andy Smithson	Chris Sorrell	Keith Spenceley	Martin Stansfield
Jack Stevenson	Sophie Thickbroom	Joseph Zammit	

<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> had been received from Kate Cooper, Will Green, Sam Hodgson, Claire Kirkland, Sara Linney, Richard Maddison and Graham Winckless.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021:</b> The Minutes were accepted unanimously on a proposal by Martin Stansfield, seconded by Geoff May and signed by the Chairman.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021:</b> There were none.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Chairman's Report:</b>
4.1	Clive Shiret's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. In his 15 years as Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Association had moved to one with a sustainable financial position and with modern process fit for future changes. He felt that the time was now right to handover to someone with the energy and empathy to guide the Association over the next few years. He thanked those whose had served on the Executive Committee in the last fifteen years.
4.2	His personal focus over the last few years had been developing the facilities at Garon Park, especially those to benefit the mental and physical health and wellbeing of the local population. He recommended to attendees a visit to the Park to help with one of the many volunteering roles available.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Audited Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022:</b>
5.1	Dan Garside reported on the financial position of the Association and confirmed that the year marked the return to a full events schedule post-pandemic. Income from annual subscriptions and life member donations had increased and, whilst expenditure had increased, the accounts show a surplus of £2,966. Reserves stood at some £43,103.
5.2	The Association had again been able to support the School financially at its annual Prizegiving and was very pleased to present Cliff Wyatt with a cake to celebrate his 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday shortly before his sad passing.
5.3	Dan thanked Richard Medcalf for checking the collection of subscriptions into the No 2 Account and also added his personal thanks to Clive for his vision, energy and service to the Association over the past 15 years as Chairman of the Executive Committee.
5.4	The Accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022 were adopted on a proposal by Andy Crow, seconded by Graham Glover.

*"Sustaining friendships formed through the School and the Association  
for the benefit of past, present and future Southendians"*

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6.0	<b>Report of Sub Committees, the School, the Clubs and the Affiliated Organisations:</b>										
6.1	<p><b>The School.</b> Dr Robin Bevan confirmed that the School was very appreciative of the Association's support of the School, including its financial support. He extended his thanks to Clive for his extraordinary energy, insight and determination in leading the Association's Executive Committee. He confirmed that the School was in good health, all post-Covid had resumed including the Cock House competition and international trips. Furthermore, academic results had been very strong. The financial crisis was having a huge impact on the School's finances; £200k of reserves had been consumed by increased energy costs. It was planned to develop the East End Quad into a specialist Autism Resource Base for the School's own and external students. The School's staff remained stable, although Gary Cornell had now retired after many years' valuable service. Only three staff left at the end of the last School year. Due to its staff retention, the School's salary bill was now £500k more than Westcliff High for Boys (whose retention was not so good!)</p>										
6.2	<p><b>Old Southendian Hockey Club.</b> Andy Smithson had stood down as Club Captain at the end of 2021 and had been succeeded by Jack Stevenson. The Club was in a healthy position having grown from 4 teams to 10 in recent years with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI playing in the Eastern Premier League. All the men's teams were in the top half of their respective leagues and the women's teams were also faring well.</p>										
6.3	<p><b>Old Southendian Bowls Circle.</b> Trevor Johnson's report had been circulated and it which confirmed that the Circle had had an excellent season with a total of 32 members playing some 20 outdoor fixtures during the Summer. The indoor season was now underway. It was pleasing that Ben Amos had represented the Circle while still studying at the School.</p>										
6.4.	<p><b>Old Southendian Golf Circle.</b> Graham Winckless's report had been circulated and it confirmed that the Circle had been able to play several days' golf without any Covid restrictions including a four day, four course tour to Brighton.</p>										
6.5	<p><b>Old Southendian Organ Society.</b> Joe Zammit's report had been circulated. It detailed the programme that the Society had enjoyed in 2022 and the one that it was looking forward to presenting in 2023, the Centenary of the original War Memorial Organ being installed in the old School site off Victoria Avenue. The last concert of 2022 was a Concert for Remembrance on 11<sup>th</sup> November and the first concert of the Centenary programme would be given by the Society's President, Adrian Lucas on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023.</p>										
6.6	<p><b>Old Southendian Football Club.</b> Andy Crow reported that the Club was presently running 3 Saturday teams and 3 Sunday teams including 2 "Vets" sides. Club membership remained fairly strong but it had not been able to field a 4<sup>th</sup> XI this season. The Club President was Gary Nelson and he was very keen to encourage increased involvement with the Club.</p>										
6.7	<p><b>Old Southendian &amp; Southchurch Cricket Club.</b> Chris Sorrell reported that the Club fielded 5 Saturday sides every week during the cricket season and also ran a developmental Sunday side which won the Warsop Stebbing League. The Club had again enjoyed its Tour to Brighton in July, something that had featured in the Club's calendar for over 80 years.</p>										
7.0	<b>The Election of Officers, the Executive Committee and the Honorary Auditor:</b>										
7.1	<b>Chairman (of the Executive Committee) *</b>										
7.2	<p>It was formally confirmed that, after 15 years' stellar service, Clive Shiret had decided to step down as Chair of the Executive Committee of the Association. A selection process had been conducted by the Succession Sub-Committee and, on behalf of the Executive Committee, it was proposed by Keith Spenceley and seconded by Dan Garside that the Chair of the Executive Committee for a three-year term until the 2025 Annual General Meeting be Andy Crow*. This was carried unanimously by the Meeting.</p>										
7.3	<p>In addition, the Meeting approved the appointment of the following Officers:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">President (with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022)*</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Keith Spenceley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President (to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022)*</td> <td>Andy Crow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President Designate (with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022)*</td> <td>Dan Garside</td> </tr> <tr> <td>President (with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)*</td> <td>Dan Garside</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President (with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and to serve until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)*</td> <td>Keith Spenceley</td> </tr> </table>	President (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022)*	Keith Spenceley	Immediate Past President (to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022)*	Andy Crow	President Designate (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2022 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022)*	Dan Garside	President (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023)*	Dan Garside	Immediate Past President (with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 and to serve until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023)*	Keith Spenceley
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7.3	<p>The Executive Committee proposed that the President Designate of the Association for 2023 and therefore its President in 2024 be Jim Harrington. This was carried unanimously by the Meeting.</p>										

7.4	<p>The following Officers had confirmed their willingness to continue to serve on the Executive Committee:</p> <p>Treasurer* Dan Garside  Secretary* Keith Spenceley  Registrar* Geoff May  Legal Adviser* Kevin Leigh  Publications Officer* Chris Sorrell</p> <p><i>{Officers marked * are ex officio members of the Executive Committee.}</i></p>
7.5	<p>The following were elected <i>en bloc</i> to the Executive Committee to serve until the 2023 AGM: Ken Carter, Kate Cooper, Simon Darby, Will Green, Sam Hodgson, Callum Hynes, Geoff Kittle, Sara Linney, Joseph Madren, Martin Stansfield, Sophie Thickbroom and Joe Zammit.</p>
7.6	<p>In addition, the Chairman proposed and the meeting agreed to the co-option of Clive Shiret to the Executive Committee as its unofficial "Garon Park Liaison Officer".</p>
7.7	<p>Executive Committee representatives from the Affiliated Organisations and Clubs are advised as:</p> <p>Old Southendian &amp; Southchurch Cricket Club Edward Marron#  Old Southendian Football Club John Roy#  Old Southendian Hockey Club Jack Stevenson#  Old Southendian Organ Society Joe Zammit  Old Southendian Bowls Circle Trevor Johnson  Old Southendian Golf Circle Graham Winckless</p> <p><i>(# Representing their Clubs on the Executive Committee for the first time.)</i></p>
7.8	<p>A partner of Azets (formerly Wilkins Kennedy) has agreed to continue as Honorary Auditor.</p>
<b>8.0</b>	<p><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.</p>
<b>9.0</b>	<p><b>Any Other Competent Business:</b></p>
9.1	<p>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.</p>
9.2	<p>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.</p>
9.3	<p>There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.17 pm.</p>

**Keith Spenceley, General Secretary.**  
**30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**