Minutes of the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Civic Society of St Ives held on 17 October 2025 at 7.30pm in the Free Church Centrum

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Celia Briggs.

    a. In Attendance: 48 members and guests attended. Christine welcomed all present.

2. **Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting held on 17.10.24.**

    a. These were held to be an accurate record. Proposed by Jane Amaral, seconded by a show of hands.

3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

    a. There were no matters arising.

4. **Chair's Report**

    a. Christine reported that it had been a very busy year pursuing a variety of paths and activities to raise the Society's profile:

    b. Planning: Many of the larger developments seeking planning permission outside St Ives will affect it significantly. Our Society's planning advisory group therefore should be expanded to include professionals from construction backgrounds: engineers, builders, surveyors, etc.in order to better anticipate and respond to HDC about the encroaching developments. Personal recommendations will be welcome.

5. **Matters Arising from Chair's Report**

    There being none, the Chair's report was accepted with thanks.

6. **Treasurer's Report & Acceptance of Accounts Year End 2024-25**

    a. The Chair welcomed and introduced Francesca (Fran) Day, the acting Treasurer who is an accountant at Anglia Tax Help. Huge thanks were given to Helen Eveleigh who had been covering duties between the resignation of Linda Haslett and the co-option of Fran.

    b. The end of year accounts having been circulated in the Annual Report which was distributed before the AGM and having been signed off by Judith Dartnell of Dartnell Lynn Associates, the external examiner, Christine asked the meeting if there were any questions arising. There being none, the accounts were accepted. Nomination proposed by John Holmes, seconded by Barbara Richmond.

7. **Resolution: To renew the appointment of Judith Dartnell at Dartnell Lynn Associates as the independent external examiner**

    a. Proposed by Christine Phillpotts, seconded by Philip Noble

8. **Election of Officers and Ordinary Executive Committee Members**

    a. At this point, all members of the current Executive Committee stood down. All were willing to stand again.

b. Members were asked to approve the nomination for the post of Treasurer from Francesca Day. Proposed by Christine Phillpotts, seconded by Celia Briggs and unanimously approved.

c. Nominations for ordinary members, there being 4 trustee vacancies, were received from: Kate Markus, Richard Bielby, Simon Ward and Lester Day.

All were proposed by Christine Phillpotts, seconded by Celia Briggs and were unanimously approved by members present.

The new committee now stands as follows:

Officers:

Chair Christine Phillpotts

Treasurer Francesca Day

Secretary vacant

Members:

Richard Bielby, Celia Briggs, Lester Day, Helen Eveleigh, John Holmes, Kate Markus, Barbara Richmond, Mathew Setchell and Simon Ward.

Additionally, it was noted that John McKinnie had been co-opted for the duration of the 50 Years Minute Book project he is writing on behalf of the Civic Society.

Any Other Business

There being no other business, the Chair brought the 56th Annual General Meeting to a close, thanking members and guests for contributing.

At this point, she welcomed to the evening The Field Detectives who performed for members the re-enactment of the Trial