

OLD BIRKONIAN SOCIETY
116th Annual General Meeting
Meeting Room, Birkenhead School and via Zoom
29th November 2022 at 6.00pm

Minutes

1. President's welcome – meeting chaired by Chairman Will Roberts in the absence of the President, Pippa McKeown.
2. Apologies for absence – apologies received from:
David Williams
Eric Roberts
Dave Edmunds
3. Minutes of AGM held on 4th September 2021
4. Matters arising
 - None
5. Chairman's report WR
Will Roberts reported on previous activities. It was noted that covid restrictions continued to have an impact and the diary had been light as a result.
WR thanked all council members for their work, along with former Secretary Andrew Maxwell for his 4 years on the council, and Trevor Mathew-Jones who is stepping down as Treasurer and who has been a member of the Council since 2004.
6. Treasurer's report TMJ
 - i. To receive & adopt the OBS Accounts for y/e 31st December 2021 –
 - ii. To appoint an Independent Examiner (DSG)TMJ gave a precis of his time as Treasurer, starting in September 2004. He noted the 2001 accounts are very similar to 2020 and 2021, which can be considered healthy. The value of assets are £900,000 higher than 18 years ago, and he considers the current finances to be a good firm foundation to move forward in the future. TMJ noted a considerable donation from Graham Hurton (OB, OBS Council Chair and Chair of Governors) in 2016 when he passed away and recorded 'We do remember you, Graham, and we are very grateful'.
TMJ remarked that he was happy to hand over to Rob Young, and wished him luck.
WR thanked TMJ for his work and expressed that he will be missed.
7. Proposal to increase the term of President from 2 years to 5 years
8. Proposal to increase annual subscription from £30 to £35
9. Election of Officers and Members of Council.
The following have been proposed and seconded: -
 - Chairman

Will Roberts

- Secretary

Phil Adams

- Treasurer Rob Young

- Members

Daniel Ellis

Jennifer Taylor

Josh Stirrett

Kirsten Stewart

John Williams

- President

Philippa McKeown

10. Official notification of the amalgamation of the Old Birkonian Football Club into the Old Birkonian Society

WR informed the AGM that the OBFC had officially voted at their AGM to amalgamate with the OBS Society.

WR thanked the members of the OBFC Council and the members of the Club for their long-standing commitment and work to keep the Club running. The OBS Council will continue the traditions and values of the Club into the future.

David Ewing will remain the Club's representative for Cheshire RFU, who require a named delegate.

11. Headmaster's report PRV

PRV informed the AGM of the School's successful ISI Inspection, achieving the best exam results on the Wirral, and how the majority of leavers obtained their first choice university, along with some obtaining high-level apprenticeships. School numbers are 960 – the biggest the School has been for a while, enabling a far more selective approach for academics and standards.

On-site, School now has a refurbished library and meeting room block.

School are running a 'Be Inspired' programme for local children in Year 5 to attend on Saturdays in the summer, in the hope that this may identify some students to access the bursary programme.

WR thanked members for attending and closed the AGM.