



Annual General Meeting  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Present:

Chairman: P. Tonks, Vice-Chairman: P. Burgess, Treasurer: T. Ventress, Council: P. Falle, B. Parsons, P. Armorgie, D. Gordon-Brown.

Members: E. Gabba, G. le Lievre, T. le Lievre, R. Olsen, C. Tonks, E. Perree, S. Couldridge, P. Stisted

Apologies : N. Craik, K. Delaney, A. Guille, A. Magell

**Minutes of the last meeting on 13. 3. 08:** proposed R. Olsen, seconded P. Falle – carried  
Matters arising: R. Olsen commented on litter posters, in evidence around the island

**Chairman's Report:** P. Tonks talked about the work of the last year and plans for the future (full text attached)

**Treasurer's report:** T. Ventress presented the audited accounts and report (attached)  
Discussion ensued on his proposed change to the constitution. P. Tonks explained how a change would normally need 21 day's prior notice but para 7.3.9 states that we may 'act upon any business of which prior notice has been given or which the majority of members present may determine to entertain'.. It was proposed by T. Le Lievre, seconded by P. Falle that this clause should be taken into account in this case and the motion was carried.  
T. Ventress explained the need for the proposed amendment, to ensure that attendees of the AGM were paid-up members and could therefore vote. The amendment was proposed by T. V., seconded by P. F. and carried.

**Election of Officers:** Vice-president: P. Burgess proposed by B. Parsons, seconded T. le Lievre

Secretary: C. Audrain (no other candidate being available) proposed P. Burgess, seconded, T. Ventress

Treasurer: T. le Lievre proposed C. Tonks, seconded P. Armorgie

Council: P. Armorgie, B. Parsons, D. Gordon-Brown, J. Donnelly, M. Perree, P. Falle proposed S. Couldridge seconded E. Perree..

A vote of thanks goes to T. Ventress for his work as treasurer.

**AOB:** T. Ventress flagged up the concept of an Island Plan and referred members to the Jersey draft plan available on-line. This gives many ideas which we could consider. Several CP members are keen to carry this idea forward and some may be persuaded to address the Chamber.

P. Falle brought back the debate about smoking. Does the Medical Committee want our view on the matter? Conseiller D. Baker was present and responded affirmatively. C. A. will send her our present ideas.

S. Couldridge asked whether the Chamber would like a presentation on solar power from Mr Couldridge senior. This could be incorporated into our programme of meetings

C. Tonks suggested a schedule of meetings for the next 6 months. The Council is already working on this.

P. Armorgie asked if a report of numbers of enquiries at hotels/guest houses could be drawn up to assist the Tourism Committee

E. Perree proposed that an article should be written by P. Falle for the Guernsey Chamber magazine, which would promote Sark. This was carried and PF was asked to do the article. Links with French Chambers were also suggested.

E. Gabba asked about the information we disseminate about the Chamber. We have our website and minutes, notices of meetings and other information are available there. He suggested a members' forum. B. Parsons, who created and administers the website, stated that a members' page would be better as it would not be as vulnerable to outside influences and could nonetheless accommodate opinions and ideas.

#### **Date of next AGM: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

The amended constitution is attached to these minutes.

All up-to-date documents of the Chamber are available on-line @ [www.sarkchamber.org](http://www.sarkchamber.org)

C. Audrain, secretary, 5. 3. 09