**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7.30pm Friday 9TH March 2018

Towcester Conservative Club, Watling Street, Towcester NN12 6DB

**MINUTES**

1. **President’s opening remarks**

Peter Warnerwelcomed the room. A minutes silence was held to remember the members we lost this year in particular Peter Byng the former Chairman of Silverstone Branch.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Rupert Matthews, Tim and Helen Boswell, Mr and Mrs Armstrong, Michael Koe, John Townsend, Tim and Alison Eastwood, Michael Hill, Peter and Elaine Wiltshire, Peter Rawlinson, James Shepherd-Cross, Ian Morris, Bob Atkinson.

1. **Minutes of the last AGM Friday 10TH March 2017**

These were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Leonard Baxter and seconded by Jonathan Nunn. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

1. **To receive a report from the MP, the Rt Hon. Mrs Andrea Leadsom.**

Andrea updated the members on her Parliamentary work over the last year. She expressed her sadness over the loss of Peter Byng who played an important role in the Association for many years, particularly with his enjoyable pie and puddings evenings.

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Andrea updated the members on her Parliamentary work over the last year. This included her work on local projects including; the proposed Rail Freight Interchanges, Towcester Relief Road, a replacement for Brackley Cottage Hospital, as well as continuing her supermarket drop-in surgeries, village action days and business club. Andrea then provided updates on a number of national conservative policy areas including: Brexit, the Space Flight Bill, Housing, Environment and Climate Change and Foreign Affairs. Andrea then took 10 minutes of questions from members.

1. **To receive and adopt a report on the work of the Association for the year ended 31st December 2017, from the Constituency Chairman, Mrs Sandra Barnes MBE.**

Sandra Barnes presented the report included in Annex A. The report was proposed by Jonathan Nunn and seconded by Fiona Baker. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

1. **To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2017, presented by the Treasurer, Mr Stephen Clarke.**

Stephen Clarke presented the accounts included in Annex B. The accounts were proposed by Ian McCord and seconded by Jonathan Nunn. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

1. **To elect the officers for the ensuing year:**

Sandra Barnes explained that the Association was chaging its format to include more members in the decision making process to compensate for the decline in local branches.

Daisy reported that nomination had been received for the following roles:

**President – Mr Peter Warner**

**Chairman – Cllr Sandra Barnes**

**Vice- Chairman- Mr Andrew Wilby**

**Honorary Treasurer – Ms Carole Clarke**

As there had been no other nominations for these four posts the AGM voted to adopt them en bloc. This was proposed by Andrew Grant and seconded by Fiona Baker. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

As no nomination had been received for the role of Honorary Secretary. The room was asked for nominations from the floor. There were none and so the post remained vacant.

The following nominations had been received for the Association Committees. The room was asked to approve each Team individually.

**Membership Team**

Director: Luke Graystone

Team Members:

1 Jon Riley

2 Brian Sargeant

3 Alison Eastwood

4 Tim Eastwood

Proposed by Adil Sadygov and seconded by Jonathan Nunn. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

**Political Engagement Team**

Director: Peter Rawlinson

Team Members:

1 Adil Sadygov

2 Paul Wiltshire

3 Mark Hughes

4 Tristan Robinson

5 Samual Allen

6 Callum Dineen

Proposed by Fiona Baker and seconded by Isla Whitcroft. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

**Fundraising Team**

Director: Isla Whitcroft

Team Members:

1 Ellie Hanger

2 Harvey Welch

3 Carole Clarke

4 Lainey Harries

5 Jennifer Chybalski

Proposed by Adil Sadygov and seconded by Ian McCord. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

**Campaign Team**

Director: Andrew Grant

Team Members:

1 Will Beach

2 Michael Koe

3 Lizzy Bowen

4 Freddie Leadsom

Proposed by Andrew Wilby and seconded by Peter Warner. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

1. **To appoint auditors or such other persons who may be qualified to certify the accounts**

Daisy reported that Aileen Major had kindly volunteer to certify the accounts for us this again year. This was proposed by Stephen Clarke and seconded by Fiona Baker. From a show of hands all members were in favour.

1. **To elect Vice Presidents for the ensuing year**

Daisy reported there had been one new nominations for Vice Presidents this year so asked the members to vote to maintain the same Vice Presidents as last year. These were: Lord Boswell of Aynho, John Townsend, James Shepherd-Cross, Tony Wilkinson and Stephen Mold. The members were asked to vote to approve all 5 as Vice Presidents en bloc. This was proposed by Lainey Harries and seconded by Fiona Baker. From a show of hands all were in favour.

1. **Party Chairman Award**

Sandra Barnes reported that the individual due to receive the award had been unable to attend the AGM and so this would be awarded at a later date.

1. **Closure of the meeting**

Peter thanked everyone for attending and encouraged them to stay to finished the cheese and wine and get involved in campaigning in the Middleton Cheney By-election.

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