

## **LANDSCAPE RESEARCH GROUP LTD**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 [5.30pm]

The Tessa Blackstone Lecture Theatre, 10 Stockwell Street  
London SE10 9BD

### **MINUTES**

#### **PRESENT**

Chris Dalglish (Chair), Paul Tabbush (Vice Chair), Laurence le Dû-Blayo, Markus Leibenath (Company Secretary), Sarah McCarthy, Kenneth Olwig, Hannes Palang, Gareth Roberts, Eirin Saralski, Nancy Stedman, Tim Collins, Ewan Allinson, Ian Mell, Tim Waterman, Rosie Whicheloe.

#### **NOTICE**

1. The Chair welcomed Members to the Annual General Meeting. The Notice calling the Annual General Meeting was read.

#### **APOLOGIES**

2. Apologies were received from Steven Shuttleworth (Treasurer), Graham Fairclough, Maggie Roe and Emma Waterton. Apologies were also received from Hepburn & Co (Auditor).

#### **MINUTES**

3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were taken as read and *approved*.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

4. None that are not considered under other items on the agenda.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

5. The Directors' Report covering activities in 2017 was read and considered.
6. The Chair (Chris Dalglish) presented the Report. He summarised some of the key activities in 2017. The main thematic focus was on landscape justice. Twenty-seventeen was also the first year in which LRG ran its landscape research funding scheme. A new programme of LRG-organised events was also established with the first 'landscape debate' taking place in December and the first 'research showcase' in May. The journal developed well.
7. The Board took a more strategic approach to organisation in 2017. The Board was restructured with the aim of enhancing its strategic focus on two priorities of 'advancing research' and 'building a community of interest'. The decision was also taken to improve and promote opportunities for LRG members to stand for election to the Board, and to enhance participation in the elections by implementing proxy voting. (These nomination and voting innovations were introduced in 2018, for the current AGM.) Several governance issues are going on, as detailed in the Report.
8. The International Medieval Congress in Leeds was sponsored by LRG, although it is not mentioned in the Report.
9. There were no questions from Members. Chris Dalglish proposed that the report be accepted, and was seconded by Markus Leibenath. The Meeting *resolved* to adopt the Directors' Report for 2017.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT AND TREASURER'S REPORT

10. The Auditor's Report, Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2017 were presented by the Vice Chair (Paul Tabbush) and considered, along with the Treasurer's Report.
11. The Vice Chair gave an overview of the two reports and also summarised some details of the new staffing plan.
12. There were no questions from Members. Paul Tabbush therefore proposed that the report and accounts be accepted. Markus Leibenath seconded this. The Meeting *resolved* to approve the Treasurer's Report and to adopt the Annual Accounts, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report.
13. The Chair thanked the Treasurer for his work in preparing the Accounts and the related liaison with the Auditor. He also thanked Paul Tabbush for presenting the reports.
14. The Chair also expressed thanks to Steven Shuttleworth, who could not be present, for his long service as Treasurer and Company Secretary.

## SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2018

15. The Chair presented the Treasurer's recommendations in relation to future subscription rates, which he reported had been discussed and were supported by the Board.
16. The Treasurer considered – and the Board agreed – that a subscription rates increase is not necessary in 2018 or 2019. However, the matter needs to be kept under review. Assuming that robust multi-year programmes of activity are developed, it may be desirable to increase subscription rates from 2020.
17. Chris Dalglish therefore proposed that the subscription rates be maintained at the current levels for 2018. This was seconded by Paul Tabbush. The Meeting *resolved* accordingly. Rates for 2018 were therefore confirmed as:

Individual	£52.00
Student	£28.00

## ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

18. The Company Secretary (Markus Leibenath) explained that LRG finds itself in a period of change. It is therefore important to recruit new people for the Board. Hence the members were called upon to nominate themselves for the Board. 8 members made use of this opportunity.
19. The AGM is usually only attended by few members. That is why the Board decided to introduce a system of proxy voting, which was devised by a working group chaired by Graham Fairclough. 13 members used the new system of proxy voting and delegated their votes to the Company Secretary.
20. Markus Leibenath said that the Board welcomes the fresh candidates and the proxy votes. He also expressed a note of gratitude to Graham Fairclough.
21. The Company Secretary explained that the election will be based on a ballot sheet, listing the 8 fresh candidates and 12 present directors who agreed to continue their service. Each member is allowed to vote for up to 15 candidates. Those with the most votes will be elected. For reasons of continuity, the Board recommends to vote for at least 10 present Directors.
22. The results of the election were as follows:

Prof T. Collins	15 (elected)
Dr C. Dalglish	22 (elected)
Prof. L. le Dû-Blayo	20 (elected)
Mr. G. Fairclough	19 (elected)

Prof. A. Jorgensen	22 (elected)
Dr M. Leibenath	20 (elected)
Prof K. Olwig	18 (elected)
Prof H. Palang	19 (elected)
Ms M. Roe	14 (elected)
Ms N. Stedman	21 (elected)
Mr P. Tabbush	19 (elected)
Dr E. Waterton	22 (elected)
Mr. Ewan Allinson	10
Prof. Vanessa Castán Broto	16 (elected)
Dr Kimm Curran	9
Mr. Marouen Hedhlie	12 (elected)
Dr Eirini Saratsi	10
Prof. Ingrid Sarlöv Herlin	16 (elected)
Prof. Theano Terkenli	10
Mr. Andy Wharton	10

23. The Chair (Chris Dalglish) proposed the fifteen candidates indicated as ‘elected’ above be elected as Directors 2018/19, seconded by the Vice-Chair (PT), and the meeting *resolved* accordingly.

24. Chris Dalglish congratulated the elected Directors and also expressed thanks to those candidates who were not elected.

#### **ELECTION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

25. The Chair advised that no proposals had been received for Honorary Life Membership of the Group.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

26. Paul Tabbush reported that the Auditor continues to consider that the Group is run as an impressive, efficient charity. Paul Tabbush and the treasurer in turn continue to be pleased by the support given to the Group by the auditors. Chris Dalglish accordingly proposed that Hepburn and Co. of 1027A Garrett Lane, London SW17 0LN be re-appointed as auditors. Paul Tabbush seconded the proposal. The Meeting *resolved* that the appointment be confirmed.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

27. Chris Dalglish proposed a vote of thanks to Greenwich University for providing the room for the meeting.

28. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm.

Minutes taken by  
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