

## Minutes of AGM 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 held at the Salvation Army

Apology from Alan Mechen who was ill

Treasurer Pam Preece reported that subscriptions were slightly up, meeting income was up as a result of Alan Stone's Talks and Walks, reserves were also up from £2,359.14 to £2,549.19

There followed a very constructive discussion as to the future of the Group. The consensus was that the Group keeps going even if it eats into our reserves; proposed by Robert Goodhand and seconded by David Randall.

It was agreed that we merge into Charity Number 800161, Shepton Mallet Heritage Society. This will help to attract funding and the constitutions are very similar. Had we wanted the SMLHG to be a charity, the Charity Commission would have declined us as the SMHS was already in place.

To help maintain income David Randall, seconded by Pat Billing, proposed that member's fee at each meeting to be raised from £1 to £1.50. Yes.

Consensus was that the annual membership should remain at £8 and visitor fee £3

David Randall offered to arrange some summer outings

We should publicise our meetings more. Eleanor pointed out that we have mailshotted our members and potential ones too. New committee to sort it out.

Election of Officers.

Nobody offered to be either chairman or vice-chairman

Robert Goodhand to be general secretary for emails etc

Speaker secretary: Chris Norman

Treasurer: Pam Preece

Archivist and Committee: Eleanor Norman  
Othjer Committee: Arthur Feltham, David Randall

AOB Next meeting is Christmas Meeting. Please bring along antiques for Alan Meechen to value