



SEAFORD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Minutes of general meeting and A.G.M. 2nd December 2021

Attendees	Andy Bishop, Adam Briggs, Dave Hayes, Sue Hayes (retired), Dave Hayes, Mark Patton (retired), Emmeline Ravilious, Kev Smith (elected)
Apologies	
Absentees	

General meeting started at 19.30

CHAIRMAN

Thank you to all in making our event fantastic, all teams did an amazing job including Events in difficult circumstances.

Ideas for themes in 2022 are now welcome, please email ravilious.emmeline@gmail.com

TREASURER

Last year we gave Seahaven Storehouse and previously we have donated to them , Cycling Without Age and Lifeguards.

The new committee will be discussing how much to give to whom (which charities) – please contact Andy Bishop or Em with any ideas.

The 'Great Goofy Giveaway' raised £74 and the ticket was drawn by Alfie Whiteford. He kept it in the family and it went to Kev Smith.

SOCIETY COORDINATOR

The Wassail is on (at the moment) – 15th January 2022. A coach has been booked at £11/person, T&Cs on our Facebook page, places are still available. Please answer on the thread if you'd like a seat or contact Em.

Calendars are also still available at £7/unit. Please contact Em.

A.O.B.

Mark says that due to the predicted weather much of Christmas Magic has been pulled, has offered space at his yard, please contact him and see our FB page for more details.

MEETING ENDS – KEV SMITH HEREBY SACKS THE COMMITTEE

A.G.M. then followed

The committee is re-elected as such:

Andy Bishop – Treasurer

Adam Briggs – Head of Operations

Dave Hayes – Chair

Emmeline Ravilious – Society Coordinator

Kev Smith – Vice-Chair

The role of Secretary will be covered, as Sue has resigned from this (after many, many years of excellent service!). Emails to seafordbonfire@gmail.com will still be received and, if needed, answered.

A full list of roles will be released at a later date.

If you see a vacant role/want to shadow someone/be part of a team please come forward, however informally, we are always in need of people, ideas and members wanting to try switching roles.

Effusive thanks were given to both Sue and Mark for their long tenures (latterly to David Gibbon too, who stepped down as Officer of Merchandise). All will remain active within the Society (unsurprising, given all have family within Bonfire and are part of the ‘Bonfire Family’).

New to the committee, Kev Smith pledged to be the voice of members on the committee ‘Our Society, Your Society’.

A plea went out for those to step forward for roles (a full list of those in current roles will be released on 15th December 2021).

The subs will remain the same for the next year.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Accounts can be accessed via Companies House ([Find and update company information - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-and-update-company-information) (company-information.service.gov.uk) Company number 12046840)

Andy broke the figures down and in spite of circumstances we were only in a raised/spent deficit of some £2,000.

It was broken down into Events, Paula & Jay, Marshalling, Luke Harris boards, Membership, donations, EasyFundraising etc – not forgetting the sponsored walk.

OTHER

Bill Simmons was awarded honorary life membership for his outstanding contribution to the Society:

‘As a Year One member of the Society, Bill has always been there for us: whether as our official photographer, a marshal, helping out with Events or selling the programme – indeed, he has been so busy he has only managed to process once!

Always there with a willing smile and a welcome for new members, he has been a backbone of Bonfire and for all that we wish to honour him (and Joan).’

This was signed by our Chair and will be presented to him at a later date.

Tina mentioned DVDs from 2021 – see Facebook for details

