

HUNTINGDON COMMEMORATION HALL CHARITY

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NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COMMEMORATION HALL CHARITY

The Annual General Meeting of the Huntingdon Commemoration Hall Charity elected Trustees to its twelve-strong Board at a public meeting at the Hall on Thursday 25th September. Around thirty members of the public attended, comprising existing Charity Trustees, Members of Huntingdon Town Council, representatives of User Groups of the Hall and other community organisations.

Current Chairman Terry Downing gave a report on the Board's activities for the year and spoke about hopes and aspirations for Huntingdon's town centre community hall in the future.

Nominations were received in support of Mr David King, of the Huntingdon & Godmanchester Twinning Association and Caledonian Society; Terry Downing, of the Huntingdon Commemoration Hall Charity and the Huntingdonshire Business Network; John Morgan, of the Huntingdon Drama Club; and Mike Gledhill of the Huntingdon Youth Theatre. Also for Collette Nicholls; John Nunn; Dominic Whitehead & Dee Wormald, who are all active members of the town's community, but elected in their own right at the AGM.

Among the reasons given for nominations were tireless work for the community; familiarity with the Hall and its operation; dedication in a voluntary capacity; leadership skills; interest in developing the night-time economy of the town; passion for the performing arts; and enthusiasm and networking skills.

All those nominated were unanimously elected by the meeting for a period of two years. The new board differs markedly from the one established two years ago by the Huntingdon Town Council, which as sole Trustee had managed and operated the building since 1974. Membership of the board by the appointed Members of Huntingdon Town Council has been reduced from six to four members in the latest of a series of steps taken since 2006 to separate the Charity from Local Authority control.

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Contact Officer: Karen Cameron, Clerk to the Charity. (copy of Chairman's report attached)