

# Sir Arthur Quiller Couch Memorial Fund Committee



*The Sir Arthur Quiller  
Couch Memorial Fund*

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 2.00pm Room 2N03, New County Hall, Truro**

Present: Bert Biscoe - Chair  
David Fryer  
Amanda Harris  
Jim Philp  
Roff Rayner  
Vicky Reece-Romain – Hon. Secretary  
Darren Reynolds – representing Hon. Treasurer  
Pauline Sheppard – Adviser

Apologies: Deborah Tritton – Adviser  
David Roberts OBE

### **1. Chairman, Members of the Committee, Officers and Advisers**

#### RESOLVED

- 1) that Bert Biscoe be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.
- 2) that Bert Biscoe and David Roberts be re-elected as Representatives of the Subscribers. Roff Rayner's resignation was accepted. The Committee thanked him for all his work during his long service and for his jovial support.
- 3) that Amanda Harris, Jim Philp and David Fryer be appointed to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.
- 4) that Vicky Reece-Romain be elected as Hon. Secretary. The Committee thanked her for all her support over the past year.
- 5) that Andy Brown (Service Director, Resources, Cornwall Council) be elected as Honorary Treasurer (members understood that Darren Reynolds of the Finance Department would provide day-to-day financial support). The Committee thanked Darren Reynolds and Doreen Watkins for all their support and assistance with financial matters during the past year.
- 6) that Michael Harris continue to represent Cornwall Council as Trustee.
- 7) that Cath Robinson and Michael Harris, Russell Ashman, Wayne Rickard John Cromer and Andy Brown be reappointed as Bank Signatories.
- 8) that Pat Mc Govern, Deborah Tritton and Pauline Sheppard be appointed as advisers.

## **2. Minutes of the AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 and matters arising**

Whilst contact had been made with the Choir Master at Jesus College, Cambridge regarding the singing of 'Trelawny' on St Piran's Day this had not come to fruition. DF would reestablish contact with Jesus College and make a direct appeal for funds.

No response had been received to the appeal made to Trinity College, Oxford.

The Guillemot Press's Wolfgang Hildesheimer book would be published shortly. Susan Soyinka had kindly agreed to give a talk regarding her research into Albert Reuss as the Q Fund's fundraising event at the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature on 19 May 2018.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record. Approved nem. com.

## **3. Accounts**

A Statement of Accounts as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 prepared by Darren Reynolds was tabled at the meeting. Although the value of the capital sum had increased to £19,830 the COIF Charity Fund dividends remained relatively low at £682 in total for 17/18.

It was agreed that there were insufficient funds available to accept grant applications at the present time and that the Fund should remain closed to applications for the remainder of 2018. It was also agreed that it would be more effective to award fewer larger grants in future (one or two) perhaps branded as a 'Q Fund award'. The details of this would be discussed further at the December meeting with a view to relaunching the scheme in early 2019. There was potential to publicise the relaunch on Radio Cornwall and via the Western Morning News.

The idea of encouraging legacies to support the Fund was discussed. VRR would see what information/courses were available via the Cornwall Museums Partnership. It was suggested that if this went ahead perhaps legacies information could be included on the dumaurier.org website.

RESOLVED that the accounts be formally adopted. Approved nem. com.

## **4. Charity Commission**

DRe would take the lead on ensuring that reporting required by the Charity Commission was up to date. It was noted that Clive Toms was still listed as the contact for the Fund on the Charity Commission website despite this being amended last year.

## **5. Activities of the Fundraising Sub-Group**

The FEAST funded 'Journey to Castle Dor' project had now completed and the final monitoring report had been submitted. Polly Gregson had undertaken research visits to both Oxford and Exeter Universities. Polly Gregson's essay, a biography of Q and information about the Fund had been published on the [www.dumaurier.org](http://www.dumaurier.org) website.

Events had been held at The Fowey Festival, The Charles Causley Festival, Endelienta and St Ives September Festival. In addition PG had been interviewed on Q by Michael Portillo for an episode of BBC 1's Great British Railway Journeys. Subsequent to the project completing PG had also presented a talk at the Livres et Mer Festival in Concarneau, France in April 2018.

The Q Fund had made a contribution of £180 towards the project from its own funds; just under the £200 originally budgeted.

Sponsorship had been received from Great Western Railways in the form of rail warrants. It had originally been intended that these would be used by PG, however they were not needed. GWR were happy for the Fund to distribute the vouchers and proposals were invited from previous Q Fund applicants. Tehmina and Thomas Goskar, Paul Holden, KEAP, Alex Woodcock, Felicity Notley and the Charles Causley Trust all undertook research and literary projects thanks to the scheme.

GWR have been approached to see if they would be willing to provide further vouchers to enable the scheme to run again in 2018, it will be openly advertised if it goes ahead.

## **6. AOB**

Committee members were encouraged to attend Susan Soyinka's presentation at the Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature on 19 May 2018. BB confirmed that he would be happy to chair the event.

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee was planned for 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 2.00-4.00pm, Room 2N:04 New County Hall.