

MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held at 6 pm on **MONDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2024**
at CHELSEA OLD TOWN HALL, KING'S ROAD, LONDON SW3

1. The Chairman, Dr. James Thompson, welcomed Members and official guests and the meeting was opened by the Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea, Cllr. Will Lane.
2. The President, Mr. John Simpson CBE, the world-affairs editor of BBC News, addressed the meeting on the conflicts in Ukraine and in Gaza/Lebanon.
3. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 13th November 2023 were approved as published on p.6 of the Society's Annual Report for the year 2023.
4. THE COUNCIL of the Society:
 - (a) Mr. Mike Doyle had retired
 - (b) Dr. Sarah Ingham retired by rotation and did not seek re-election
 - (c) Ms. Amalia Cebreiro retired by rotation and was re-elected
 - (d) Mr. Paul Davis had been co-opted and was elected
 - (e) Mr. Richard Jaques had been co-opted and was elected
5. The Vice-chairman, Mr. Michael Stephen, reported on the Society's campaign to save the houseboats at Chelsea Reach
4. The Chairman, Dr. James Thompson, delivered his report for the year ending 18th November 2024
5. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Ben Coleman MP
6. The meeting was addressed by Cllr. Kim Taylor-Smith, Deputy-leader of the Council of RBK&C.
7. The Treasurer, Mr. Chris Lenon, presented the accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 2024, which were approved.
8. Members asked questions on the following subjects:
 - The future of the art-deco cinema on the Fulham Road
 - The proposed tower-block at the south end of Battersea Bridge
 - The collapse of the building in Durham Place in 2020
 - The provision of public w.c. facilities
 - Pigeons on Dovehouse Green
 - The increase in traffic caused by more buildings
 - Traffic noise caused by supercars and motorcycles
 - Use of the cabmen's shelter near Albert Bridge.