

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Title of Meeting	Suffolk's Libraries IPS Ltd. - AGM
Date	11 th September 2014
Place	The Cookhouse Suffolk Food Hall Wherstead Ipswich Suffolk IP9 2AB
Time	5.00pm – 8.30pm
Attendees	Directors, Members and Staff of Suffolk Libraries (for a full list of attendees, please contact Nikki Sturmeay at nikki.sturmeay@suffolklibraries.co.uk)
1.	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed the members, staff and other interested parties.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Charlotte Clark – Southwold, Sarah Hunt – Hadleigh, Joan Sennington- Felixstowe Council, Melissa Clarke – County Library, Sue Charteris, Chris Farden – Arts Council, Peter Aldous, Anna McCreddie – SCC, Chris Yule, Colin Rockall, Ed Vaisay – MP, Roger McMaster – Former Head of Service for Libraries, Tony Kerley – Lighthouse Group, Cllr Beccy Hopfensperger - SCC.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes from the AGM 2013 were accepted and approved.</p>
4.	<p><u>Annual Report</u></p> <p>Tony Brown Chair) and Alison Wheeler (General Manager) both spoke about the achievements of the last year, they both drew attention to the work done by staff, community groups, volunteers and the Board.</p>
5.	<p><u>Accounts 2013/14</u></p> <p>Anne Mallalieu (Honorary Secretary) presented and gave an explanation of the Year End Accounts, there were no questions and the accounts were accepted and approved:</p> <p>Proposer: Gareth Jones (Westbourne) Seconder: Sue Buck (Suffolk Libraries Board).</p>
6.	<p><u>Appointment of Auditor</u></p> <p>The memberships were asked to consider the appointment of Larking Gowen as the society's auditor for the ensuing year.</p>

	<p>Proposed: Sylvia Knights (Suffolk Libraries Board) Seconded: Garath Jones (Westbourne)</p>
7.	<p><u>Announcement of the election of 3 Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd Board Members</u></p> <p>The following Directors were voted in by the society membership:</p> <p>Sylvia Knights (Bungay) Peter Callaghan (Brandon) Colin Rockall (Lavenham)</p> <p>The retiring Board members standing down were thanked for their time and commitment for the past year.</p>
8.	<p><u>Guest Speaker</u></p> <p>William Sieghart, Poetry Anthologist and Publisher, gave an interesting speech on his personal view of Libraries and books, the developments of digital services and e-lending and the unique model of Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd.</p>
9.	<p><u>Closing Remarks</u></p> <p>The Chair thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.</p>