

# Suffolk's Libraries IPS

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Title of Meeting	Suffolk's Libraries IPS Ltd. - AGM
Date	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Place	The Atrium, Wherstead Park, The Street, Wherstead, Suffolk IP9 2BJ
Time	6.00pm – 8.30pm
Attendees	Directors, Members and Staff of Suffolk Libraries (for a full list of attendees, please contact Nikki Hulse at <a href="mailto:nikki.hulse@suffolklibraries.co.uk">nikki.hulse@suffolklibraries.co.uk</a> )
1.	<p><b><u>A year in pictures</u></b></p> <p>The evening started with a look back at Suffolk Libraries over the past year.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed the members, staff and other interested parties to Suffolk Libraries' fourth Annual General Meeting.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p>Darren Henley – Arts Council, Ian Wilson – Hadleigh Friends, Roger Wright – Snape Maltings, Sir Laurie Magnus – Bungay Library Patron, Peter Aldous MP, Therese Coffey MP, Tony Carr – Leading Lives, Ellen Buck – University of Suffolk, Jon Neal – Suffolk Mind, Sheila Ash – Platinum member of Suffolk Libraries Extra, Shona Bendix – SALC, Darren Knight – Suffolk Coastal, Simon Richardson – DCMS, Nick Poole – CILIP, Jayne Knight – SCC, Dr. Daniel Poulter MP, Sue Cook – SCC, Anna McCreadie, Abhay Samel – Stoke Friends, Charlie Hill – Lighthouse, Matt Hancock MP, Julie Thompson – Long Melford Library, David Grugeon – Aldeburgh Library Friends, Mark Murphy – BBC Radio Suffolk, Sophie Lancaster – Arts Council, Aidan Dunne – SCC, Janet Dillaway – Suffolk Family Carers, Sandy Martin MP</p>
4.	<p><b><u>Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The minutes from the AGM 2016 were accepted as a true account of discussions.</p> <p><b>Proposed: Sylvia Knights (Bungay Library)</b> <b>Seconded: Sue Buck (Long Melford Library)</b></p>
5.	<p><b><u>Annual Report</u></b></p> <p>Tony Brown (Chair) gave a speech about the achievements of the last year. He highlighted the restructure of Suffolk Libraries they both drew attention to the work done by staff, community groups, volunteers and the Board. There was also recognition to Alison Wheeler, at her last</p>

	<p>AGM as CEO, for her hard work and commitment to Suffolk Libraries.</p> <p>Alison Wheeler (CEO) gave a speech about her life as a librarian and what inspired her to choose this role. She also spoke about her time at Suffolk Libraries.</p> <p>Sylvia Knights (Vice Chair) gave a thank you to Freddy Phillips of Halesworth Friends for donating £5k to Suffolk Libraries to promote literacy for all. The creation of 'Freddy's Fund' will allow for libraries to bid for funds to promote literacy within the libraries.</p> <p>Sylvia Knights also spoke to thank Alison Wheeler for her hard work and commitment for Suffolk Libraries since 2012.</p> <p>There were pictures and music to look back over Alison's career.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Accounts 2016/17</u></b></p> <p>Maureen Garratt Simson (Honorary Secretary) presented a speech detailing the struggle Suffolk Libraries faced at the beginning of the financial year and the review which has taken place to address this.</p> <p>There were no questions and the accounts were accepted and approved.</p> <p><b>Proposed: Sylvia Knights (Bungay Library)</b>  <b>Seconded: Sarah Wilson (Capel St Mary Library)</b></p>
7.	<p><b><u>Appointment of Auditor</u></b></p> <p>The nominated members were asked to consider the appointment of Larking Gowen as the society's auditor for the ensuing year. The appointment was agreed.</p> <p><b>Proposed: Sylvia Knights (Bungay Library)</b>  <b>Seconded: Jonathan Ogden (Kesgrave Library)</b></p>
8.	<p><b><u>Announcement of the election of 4 Suffolk Libraries IPS Ltd Board Members</u></b></p> <p>The following Directors were elected by the members:</p> <p><b>Sue Buck (Long Melford Library)</b>  <b>Sylvia Knights (Bungay Library)</b>  <b>Colin Rockall (Lavenham Library)</b>  <b>Sarah Wilson (Capel St Mary Library)</b></p> <p>The Chair thanked all who stood in the election.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Guest Speaker</u></b></p> <p>Simon Brett, crime writer, gave a very amusing speech on his experiences as an author, visiting libraries and life in general.</p>

<b>10.</b>	<b><u>Closing remarks</u></b> The Chair thanked the members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>Suffolk Libraries – 5 years and counting</u></b> A celebration of the 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Suffolk Libraries in pictures.