



## AGM 2022 Meeting Minutes

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**Location:** The Court Theatre Foyer

**Date:** Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

**Time:** 7:00pm – 7:58pm

**Present:** The Friends of The Court Theatre Committee (Andrea Bankier, Annie Bonifant, Wendy Carryer, Cheryl Colley, Charles Duke, Tony Feaver, Allanah James, John McSweeney, Jay Pollock, David Winfield, Lynn Vandertie)

52 Friends of The Court Theatre Members.

**Special Guests:** Dame Adrienne Stewart (Patron), Barbara George (TCT CE), Susan Rendall (General Manager TCT), Ross Gumbley (Artistic Advisor/Lead Director), John Harrison (Fellow), Felicity Price (Fellow)

**Apologies:** See attached list (46) – Addendum 1

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Meeting details:

### I. Welcome

- The Chair (Annie Bonifant) of the TFOTCT welcomed everyone to the meeting, and noted the presence of a number of Special Guests.
- Annie also acknowledged the number of Members attending. One of the largest meetings for a number of years.
- The Chair outlined the agenda and format of the meeting

### II. Apologies

- 39 Members forwarded their apologies prior to the meeting and a further 5 apologies were received from the floor.
- All received apologies were read at the meeting.
- **Motion:** that the apologies be accepted
  - **Moved:** David Winfield      **Seconded:** Cheryl Colley
  - **Carried** by voice vote

### III. Minutes of prior meeting - held Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

- Discussion/Corrections/Updates
  - None
- **Motion:** that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record
  - **Moved:** Jay Pollock                      **Seconded:** Elizabeth Gooch
  - **Carried** by voice vote

### IV. Matters Arising

- The floor was asked if there were any matters arising
  - None

### V. Correspondence

- None

### VI. Chair's Report

- The Chair's Report was made available electronically (as were a number of other documents) prior to the meeting
- Annie presented her report that covered a number of aspects of The Friends Committee activity over the past year. A copy of the report is attached as Addendum 2.
- There was no discussion resulting from the Chair's Report.
- **Motion:** that the Chair's Report be accepted
  - **Moved:** Lynn Vandertie                      **Seconded:** Charles Duke
  - **Carried** by voice vote

### VII. Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurers Report, and the related Performance Report, were made available electronically (as were a number of other documents) prior to the meeting
- Lynn delivered the Treasurer's Report showing a healthy financial standing. Some fundraising events were detailed. A copy of the report is attached as Addendum 3.
- The Performance Report was taken as read. A copy of the Performance Report is attached as Addendum 4.
- A question was raised from the floor relating to the amount of General Expenses.
  - Lynn & Tony responded to the question

- **Motion:** that the Treasurer's Report, and related Performance Report, be accepted
  - **Moved:** Allanah James      **Seconded:** Jay Pollock
  - **Carried** by voice vote

## VIII. Elections

- Nominations were required to be lodged no later than 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting
- **Motion:** that Dame Adrienne Stewart be appointed as Patron
  - **Moved:** Annie Bonifant      **Seconded:** Tony Feaver
  - **Carried** by voice vote
- The following nominations were received and were proposed at the meeting:
 

<i>Treasurer</i>	Lynn Vandertie
<i>Secretary</i>	Charles Duke
<i>Membership Secretary</i>	Jay Pollock
<i>Committee Members</i>	Andrea Bankier, Annie Bonifant Pat Braithwaite, Cheryl Colley Tony Feaver, Allanah James Jenny May, Raewyn Raynel David Winfield
- **Motion:** that these appointments be accepted
  - **Moved:** Tony Feaver      **Seconded:** Elizabeth Gooch
  - **Carried** by voice vote
- The Committee has the power to co-opt members at any time, should there be a need
- **Motion:** that Andrea Bankier and Jenny May be elected as the Friends Trustee Representatives for a three-year term
  - **Moved:** John McSweeney      **Seconded:** John Harrison
  - **Carried** by voice vote

## IX. General Business

- Usher Long Service
  - Ushers Julia Paton and Anne Wright were acknowledged for 50 years of service. An outstanding achievement.
- Committee Member Retirements
  - Wendy Carryer
    - 23 years on the Committee

- Worked tirelessly coordinating the Coffee Bar
- David Winfield spoke of Wendy's service.
- A presentation of flowers was made.
- Wendy thanked the Committee and acknowledged the great work done by Petra Laskova (Food Beverage Manager) in recent times
- John McSweeney
  - 25 years in leadership positions – Friends Committee 21 years, Trust Board 10 years, Foundation Board 7 years and an Usher/Chief Usher for 25 years
  - Tony and Annie spoke of John's career and involvement with The Court Theatre
  - In recognition of John's *exceptional service* to The Court Theatre John was awarded a Fellow of The Court Theatre.
  - A presentation of a certificate and champagne was made by Chairman of the Court Theatre Board (Tony Feaver)
  - John thanked everyone in attendance for the unexpected honour and noted that he had thoroughly enjoyed his time involved with The Court. He plans to remain as a Chief Usher.
- Barbara George (TCT CE)
  - Spoke of the work and importance of the Ushers and the Friends of The Court and thanked them for their hugely significant contribution to the success of The Court

## **X. Guest Speaker – Ross Gumbley**

- Rose delivered a lively, entertaining and informative talk on the current status of 'the new theatre' and what has been involved to get to this point
- Over 1,000 meetings have been held since initial discussions commenced in 2014
- The design process is complete and document about to go out for tender (1,000 plus pages)
- The new theatre will be the first 'production house theatre' to be built from scratch in New Zealand
- The building will be as 'sustainable' as possible and also hopes to deliver sustainable and long-term careers to employees
- A 'fit for purpose', high class and sustainable theatre will be delivered to the theatre going public
- Ross congratulated Dr Alison Walls (Artistic Director) on the role and noted that The Court was very lucky to have someone with her skill set
- Questions from the floor:
  - When is the new theatre expect to be opened?

- Unknown until the tenders are received
- What about car parking?
  - An unresolved issue, but comprehensive talks are underway with the Council and other parties
- Where can drawings of the new theatre be viewed?
  - On the Christchurch City Council web site
- Will the new theatre be called The Court Theatre?
  - Yes.

## **XI. Conclusion**

- The Chair thanked Ross for his address
- The attending Members were thanked and invited to remain and enjoy a drink and nibbles
- The meeting was closed at 7:58pm

Signed as a true and correct record:

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Signature:

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Date:

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