

## **Minutes for the Prospero 2024 AGM to be held on 14th May at BBC Club W1**

### 1. Opening remarks and welcome.

Welcome to the AGM, and a big thank you to BBC Club. All other sections are self-run, we are so lucky to have their input. Thanks to Gayner for her tireless endeavours for us to be inclusive, adventurous, informative and educational. Thanks also to Gayner and the team for the last few months of continued support through the difficult times of closing W1 and opening this new Club and during staff shortages. The Club finance manager is currently on sick leave. We send Sarah our very best wishes.

We all have fond memories of West 1 at Wogan House. This is the start of the new Club. We will build on that, grow the atmosphere and really make this our Club. A few of you were at the opening of this Club – it was packed! The free bubbly helped.

Thank you to the committee for their ideas and enthusiasm. If you would like to join the committee or send in ideas, please do, even if we return to those we have done previously.

Volunteer coordinators, thank you so much! Please, we need more and please be kind. Sometimes it's a thank less task. They, we, are volunteers, an ordinary member who knows as much as you do about the event and the venue. Please, please pass this on and be understanding. They are only there to tick you off a list and get you to the starting point.

### Events.

Gayner has proved again that she is the best person for the job. We have had tours, museums, concerts and walks. My definite highlights were The Old Bailey, the Police Museum and the Regents Park Theatre trip.

(General discussion of highlights including Backstage of the Drury Lane, Police Museum, National Archives and the Tea and Coffee walk).

Special thank you to Rodney Mantle for the Behind the Iron Curtain talk and lunch for which there was great feedback.

Again, a big thank you to Gayner who against all odds keeps us going.

### 2. Apologies received

No apologies for absence received.

3. Submission and acceptance of Minutes of the 2023 AGM (available on the Prospero page of the BBC Club website)

Accepted.

4. Submission of financial report provided by the BBC Club office.

Prospero currently has 151 members (up from 138 last year) and the current annual fee is £20. The trial balance stands at £3167.02 an increase from last year (£2708.20). No action advised.

5. Election of committee for 2024/2025 including Chair.

Robin James joined the committee. Carol Elliott (Chair) Helen Scholfield, Charles Runcie and Rodica Mager all re-elected.

6. General forum of members present.

Lots of feedback about getting in the BBC Club @Media Café. As this is a Prospero AGM this was not entered into the minutes. Gayner did explain the process for getting in and expressed thanks to the BBC for allowing BBC Club members to have access and sign in guests.

The nature of the building does mean that it is a target for protests and so security does have to be tight.

25 Cannon Street was a suggestion from Helen for a future event.

Meeting ended.