

# **NZ-UK LINK FOUNDATION**

## **MINUTES OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD AT HOMWOOD ON THURSDAY 14 APRIL 2011 AT 5.30 PM**

### **PRESENT**

Her Excellency Mrs Vicki Treadell, Mr Mark Horton (Chairman) and Mrs Horton, Mrs Jane Aim, Ms Suzanne Blumhardt, Mrs Elizabeth Boag, Captain Michael and Mrs Box, Mr and Mr Brian Busby, Mr and Mrs David Capper, Professor Margaret Clark, Mr and Mrs Errol Clark, Lady Cooke, Mr Simon Courtney, Mr and Mrs Giff Davidson, Mr and Mrs Richard Eats, Mr Michael Gibson, Ms Shelley-Maree Cassidy, Mr Ian Holland, Ms Patricia Hurley, Mr Chris Jones, Mr and Mrs Barrie Keenan, Mr and Mrs Denis Kirkcaldie, Professor and Mrs Athol Mann, Mrs Helen Middleton, Mr and Mrs John B Moles, Audrey Lady Mowbray, Mrs Vonnie Nunns, Mr Marcus Pickens, Rev Junko and Mr Tom Preston, Mr and Mrs Richard Prothero, Mrs Colleen Scott, Mr and Mrs Marty Scott, Mrs Ali Spencer, Mr and Mrs John Stace, Mr and Mrs Roy Tiffin, Anna Lady Weir and Sir Roderick Weir, Mr Peter Willis, Dr Joanna and Mr Richard Woods, and Mr Tony Fryer (Executive Officer).

### **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the Meeting, and thanked Her Excellency Mrs Vicki Treadell for making Homewood available for the Foundation's New Zealand Annual Meeting and Reception.

Mrs Treadell responded, mentioning the indelible ties between the two countries and noting the British Government's keenness to reinvigorate the traditional relationship while developing things that speak to the modern relationship.

### **APOLOGIES**

A total of 40 apologies for absence were received, including those of the Vice-Patron, His Excellency The Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM, QSO, Governor General of New Zealand.

*Moved that apologies be received: Chairman, Seconded Giff Davidson. Carried.*

### **MOMENT SILENCE**

The meeting observed a moment of silence to remember those of the Friends of the Link Foundation who had died since the last meeting.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 2010, having been approved by the Management Committee on 20 May 2010, were taken as read and confirmed.

*Moved Chairman, Seconded Peter Willis. Carried.*

### **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**

In presenting his Report, the Chairman announced that:

- funding by the UK Trustees of the NZ-UK Culinary Exchanges has been withdrawn, with funding in the current year of the New Zealand award now being met by the Management Committee. Options for continued sponsorship are being worked on;
- the Foundation is no longer a funder of the Clark Collection/Creative New Zealand Scholarship;
- the endowment fund for the Elman Poole Southbank Fellowship has now been exhausted. Discussions with Dr Poole on the funding of a new fellowship are continuing;
- funding by the Foundation of the travel component of the Cranfield NZ Alumni Scholarship previously met by the Trustees is now the responsibility of the Management Committee;
- the establishment of a wine scholarship in partnership with Mr John Avery a prominent Bristol based wine merchant and with Wine Marlborough has been finalised. The inaugural recipient of the Wine Marlborough/John Avery/Link Foundation Scholarship is Mr Marcus Pickens the general manager of Wine Marlborough; and
- consequential to the reduction of the Link newsletter from three to two in each year the NZ Management Committee has inaugurated *e-Link* which will be sent periodically to Friends by email..

The Chairman thanked the Management Committee and Executive Officer for their support over the past year, and noted the contribution of Lady Liliias Bell, Mrs Judith Hopkins, and Mrs Ali Spencer who resigned from the Committee during the year. He welcomed to the Management Committee Her Excellency Vicki Treadell in an ex officio capacity, Mr. Richard Eats and Mr. Chris Jones.

The Chairman informed the Meeting of the following appointments to the Board of Trustees. Sir Graeme Davies will join the Board in July and concurrently will be appointed their chair. The retiring chair, Mr. Richard Fell, will continue as an ordinary Trustee until January 2012. Also in July Mr Adam Saleem will be appointed Treasurer of the Foundation as well as a Trustee.

*The Chairman's Report was received with acclamation.*

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Financial Statements for the year ended 30 September 2010, which had been approved for issue by the Management Committee and circulated with the Annual Report, were tabled. The Chairman noted that the auditors were of the opinion that the Statements had been prepared in all material respects.

It was resolved that the Financial Statements be **received**.

*Moved Chairman, Seconded Sir Roderick Weir. Carried.*

## **CONFIRMATION OF AUDITORS**

It was resolved that Munro Benge Chartered Accountants Limited be re-appointed as auditors for the current year.

*Moved Chairman, seconded Suzanne Blumhardt. Carried.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs Anita Busby suggested that the holder of the position of President, currently held by Dame Kiri Te Kanawa ONZ, DBE, AC, should be reviewed from time-to-time. The Chairman advised the Meeting that he will raise the matter with the Trustees,

### **ADDRESS BY INAURURAL PROFESSOR**

The Chairman introduced Professor Margaret Wilson, Professor of Law and Public Policy at the University of Waikato, holder of the Link Foundation's inaugural Visiting Professorship. The programme established by the Trustees in conjunction with the University of London, focuses on the Foundation's objective of making a substantial contribution to the intellectual, educational, vocational and academic underpinning of the bilateral relationship between New Zealand and the United Kingdom in a changing world.

Professor Wilson then spoke of her experiences as the 2010/11 Visiting Professor.

Mr Richard Eats to make a vote of thanks to Professor Wilson..

The Chairman then announced the appointment of the second Visiting Professor. He is Professor Jonathan Gardner from Victoria University, Wellington, an expert on the establishment of marine protected areas.

### **CLOSURE**

The Meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Approved

Chair

Date