

# WALTHAM ABBEY ROYAL GUNPOWDER MILLS COMPANY LTD

Report to Council by the EFDC representative Cllr. Helen Kane

Meeting of the Trustees on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 at 12.00 noon.

The Chairman Dr Jennifer Freeman opened the meeting wishing everyone a Happy New year. In her report she mentioned that the site is the centre of interest for several developers and the board of trustees will be talking to all interested in the site.

Their Business Plan and the Way forward is in good progress on all sections i.e. conservation, promotions, access etc.

By the end of May, they will be working together with the Foundation and Natural England on Ecological issues, as there are buildings that need immediate repairs.

They are working with Heritage England, Natural England and others for a long-term management plan of the built and natural heritage in the Scheduled Monument within the site, an area that lies outside of the possible development areas. They will be sharing information about this in due course with all stakeholders.

The trustees and some of the volunteers have visited other similar sites around the country to get an insight of their operational process and success

The AGM followed and trustees stood down and re-appointed as follows:

Dr Jennifer M Freeman- Chairman

Martin Ives -Vice Chairman

Wendy Newman

Geoffrey Hooper

Douglas Kent

Grahame Browne

Fiona Baxter

Jill Amador

David Sims

The CEO is still Mrs Stella Morris

The meeting closed after the Board of Trustees decided on future Board Meetings for 2019

Next meeting on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2019