

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9TH JANUARY 1992 AT 6.30PM AT
2 MONTPELIER SQUARE

1. Garden Chairman's Report

1991 saw the completion of the railings, the restoration of the paths and the installation of the extended sprinkler system. An attempt to make us self-sufficient in our water requirements by drilling a bore-hole, was not successful as water was not found at a shallow depth. The benefit of having our own water would have been to enable us to sprinkle the garden even during a hose pipe ban. We are advised that water can be found at a depth of some 30 feet but the cost of £12,000 was considered too much.

It was noted that the general standard of the garden had continued to improve and that most major expenditures had been incurred. No exceptional expenditure was budgeted for 1992.

2. Financial Report

The accounts were presented by Mr. Eckhardt. Except for payment of the final balance relating to the railings (£2,368) and landscaping (£4,020) budgeted cost for 1992 related to maintenance and routine expenses.

3. Chairman's Report

Lesley MacDonagh reviewed the main achievements of the year; garden landscaping and planting, the completion of the railings restoration, the irrigation and other matters. It was proposed that the garden precept be set at £170 per community charge payer, raising some £15,000, with a view to building a reserve of £10,000. Costs are obviously increasing but there are no major expenditures planned for 1992. It was noted that the figure of £170 per community charge payer is only 85% of last year's garden rate and represents a substantial reduction in view of the fact that maintenance costs are actually increasing.

4. Election of Executive Committee Members

All the existing members were re-elected that is Lesley MacDonagh, Chairman; David Eckhardt,

Treasurer; Lady Marshall, Garden Committee Chairman;
Daniel Quirici, Secretary; Jeremy McKay Lewis;
Eileen O'Brien, Lord Barber, Marie Christine
De champs, Nicholas Thornhill and Jill Slotover.

5. Other Matters

There was some discussion about adding further childrens' facilities in the Gardens which were left on the basis that any proposal should be made in the first instance to the Executive Committee. There were mixed views expressed on the general merits of such a proposal.

Lesley MacDonagh closed the meeting thanking all residents who had come to the AGM and the Committee Members and then thanking in particular Lady Marshall for the excellent work achieved in 1991 under her supervision.

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