

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
Council Tax Paying Members
of
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE
HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 1995 AT 6.30 PM
AT 27 MONTPELIER SQUARE

1. There were sixteen members of the Square present.

2. Lord Barber opened the meeting by thanking Lesley MacDonagh for her very considerable efforts with the many improvements in the Square. Jeremy Mackay-Lewis added his thanks and presented Lesley with an attractive bowl of orchids.

3. **Garden Chairman's Report**

Lady Marshall reported that all was normal. Regular garden maintenance was being undertaken.

Litter was a problem and any help would be most welcome. Contractors come only every other week in winter and therefore the litter accumulates.

4. **Railings**

There is an estimate of £2,680 to repaint. This includes the provision of £300 to tie back the bushes. The time scale would be between May and July and a period of 6 weeks has to expire after the first coat has been applied before the top coat may be applied.

Edward Davies-Gilbert has agreed to project manage the painting of the railings.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Mr Quirici said that the reserve fund was stable at £10,000 and suggested that we keep it to this level.

6. **Other Matters**

It was mentioned that the swing was potentially dangerous, particularly for older children and it was suggested that a sign be put up to this effect. Children should be supervised in the garden and particularly on the swing at all times. The insurance cover for any one claim is up to a maximum of £200,000.

7. **Election of the Committee**

The current Chairman, Chairperson of the Garden Committee and Treasurer were all unanimously re-elected. Avril Cox had been proposed as Secretary and this was seconded by the Committee. The further members of the Committee comprise:

Edward Davies-Gilbert
Bernard Asher

8. Any Other Business

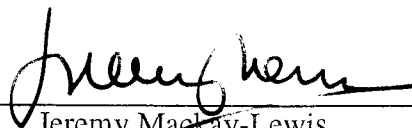
- a. The locks need to be changed and new keys distributed as this was last done three or four years ago and some have fallen into inappropriate hands. The cost of replacement is circa £3 each and Daniel Quirici is to see that the locks are changed and 50-70 keys are ordered.
- b. Stephen Muller at No. 14, a house owned by the American Embassy, does not pay Council Tax but had generously volunteered to pay a contribution of £250 per annum to gain a key for access to the gardens. This was accepted.

9. The date of the Committee meeting was provisionally set for Monday, 11 September at 6.30pm at 27 Montpelier Square.

10. Any Other Business

- i. Daniel Quirici mentioned that Sarah van Luke had offered to compile a history of the Square and the initial historical search cost for this would be £1,500 (i.e. a contribution of about £35.00) from each individual home. For this she would research the background and history of each house which would then be compiled into a book.
- ii. David Eckhardt raised the question of the Neighbourhood Watch having become less active in the area and he suggested and undertook to invite the police to the next AGM.
- iii. The Chairman showed Westminster Council proposals for a comprehensive security system with video cameras in Knightsbridge, the total cost of which was in the order of £500,000. The consensus of opinion was that the residents would prefer to consider having their own private scheme.

11 The meeting was duly closed with Caroline Mackay-Lewis thanking Lady Marshall and Daniel Quirici for all their hard work.



Jeremy Mackay-Lewis
Chairman