

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
Council Tax Paying Members
of
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDENS COMMITTEE
HELD ON 29th JANUARY 1996 AT 6.30PM
AT 27 MONTPELIER SQUARE

There were 12 members of the Square present. Mr J Mackay-Lewis was in the chair.

1) The copies of the minutes for the AGM held on 1st February 1995 were distributed. Mr D Quirici proposed they be accepted, Lord Barber seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. They were signed by the chairman.

2) Mr J Mackay-Lewis (Square Chairman) reported that the garden flourished and a picture of the Square gardens featured in the City of Westminster's "The World in a City" brochure. The Railings have now been prepared, primed and had the first coat of Hammerite applied. The top coat will be applied in the Spring. The Salvation Army Carols before Christmas were a great success. Lady Marshall (Gardens Chairman) sent her apologies for being unable to attend the AGM. Mrs A Cox has taken over the distribution of the keys and for the present the locks will not be changed. At the last committee meeting it was decided to renew the Gardener's Contract

3) Lady Marshall's written garden report was read by Mr E Davies-Gilbert. Mr J Mackay-Lewis, on behalf of everyone, expressed his gratitude for all the time and work that Lady Marshall has put into the gardens.

4) Mr E Davies-Gilbert reported on the painting of the railings. ETR Building and Decorating having applied the 1st coat of Hammerite wanted an increase of £1233.75 over their original estimate. It was decided to find another decorator to finish the job. JSL Builders will for £1630.00 apply the top coat of Hammerite in the early Spring. The £1630.00 is in line with the original estimate. It was unanimously agreed to finish the redecoration of the railings.

5) Mr D Quirici presented the written Treasurer's Report and Accounts. Mr J Mackay-Lewis thanked Mr Quirici for presenting the accounts in such a readable form. Lord Barber proposed we accept the accounts, Mrs S Davis seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously

6) The Garden precept be set at £250.00 (two hundred and fifty pounds) per House was proposed by Lady Barber, seconded by Ms T Morgan and it was carried unanimously.

7) New compost bins are required to replace the existing ones. Mr Spike Jackson has submitted a design at an

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estimated cost of £1043.00. After a discussion Lord Barber proposed it be accepted, Mrs C Mackay-Lewis seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

8) Mrs A Cox (Key holders Secretary) felt it would be helpful to know who the freeholders are as they should be the only ones entitled to a key. An up dating of the freeholders plan and general discussion followed. Lord Barber proposed that only one key should be issued per house even if a house had been turned into flats. Mrs S Davis seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

9) Any Other Business.

a) The teak chair that was stolen from the gardens should be replaced with a teak bench and it should possibly have some form of identifying mark on it.

b) The insurance cover of £200,000.00 (two hundred thousand pounds) was considered insufficient and should be increased to £1,000,000.00 (one million pounds).

c) Mr J Mackay-Lewis suggested that the neighbouring houses should be asked to join us for the Christmas carols. Ms T Morgan felt we should say on the invitation that there would be a collection for the Salvation Army.

d) The meeting was duly closed with Lord Barber proposing a vote of thanks to the committee for all their work in the past year.

J Mackay-Lewis
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J. Mackay-Lewis.
Square Chairman

27 Jan '97
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Date.

PS

The road barrier has passed the council 106 Agreement and is due to be erected in the Autumn. The proposed barrier is of an "In and Out" construction and might be difficult to negotiate. At present there is no plan to have the road narrowed in either Montpelier St or Trevor Place.

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