

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF  
COUNCIL TAX PAYING MEMBERS  
OF  
MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN ASSOCIATION**

**Held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2001 at 6.30 PM  
At 3 Montpelier Square.**

There were 7 members of the Association present. Mr Bernard Asher was in the Chair. Lady Marshall, Mr J Mackay-Lewis, Mr N Davy-Thornhill and Mr D Quirici (Committee Members) sent their regrets that they were unable to be present.

- 1) The Minutes of the AGM held on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2000 were distributed. Mr Bernard Asher (Chairman) proposed they be accepted, Mrs Cox Seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The Chairman signed them.
- 2) The Treasurer's Report & Accounts the 2000 Accounts were distributed. (Copy attached.) Mr Asher presented the Report on behalf of Mr Daniel Quirici (Treasurer) who was unable to be present. The expenditure for the year had been kept low and the reserve fund was being restored. It was recommended that the Precept be maintained at the present level for the coming year. Mr Asher proposed the Accounts be accepted and Mr Eckhardt seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.
- 3) The Garden Chairman's Report. Mr Asher gave the Garden Report on behalf of Lady Marshall (Garden Chairman) who was unable to be present. He said the Garden was in good repair following the tree pruning and path renewal and he confirmed that there is no major expenditure planned for the coming year. Lady Marshall is having some of the exterior hedge replanted and will be carrying out remedial work to the lawn. The border between the garden shed and lawn, and the area around the garden shed, is to receive attention and planting up. The cost will be approximately £1500 – 2000 for all the extra work to be carried out during 2001. There was an unconfirmed report of Honey Fungus but it was a false alarm. The lawn had become saturated during the very heavy winter rains. A notice had been sent to all residents asking them not to use it for the time being. This temporary measure is to reduce the need for remedial work to the lawn during the summer.
- 4) Lighting. Mr Asher reported to the Meeting that Lady Marshall and Mr Quirici had both obtained estimates for a decorative lighting scheme for the Garden. They were both in the region of about £14,000.00. He said that the Committee would want a majority of residents to vote in favour for such a scheme before proceeding. Cllr Cox reported that Westminster City Council had planned to put more lighting around the perimeter of the Garden during the coming year but regretted it might be delayed. He hoped to have further information on the Council's proposed timetable within the next 2 months. A

discussion followed and it was agreed that better lighting around the Square was required but some residents queried if an expensive decorative lighting scheme was appropriate. Mr Eckhardt proposed that we wait until May, to find out if the Council is prepared to install extra lighting around the perimeter fence, before calling an EGM. The proposal was unanimously accepted.

- 5) Provisional Date for the Next AGM. It was agreed that the AGM should be during the last week of January and first week of February.
  
- 6) Any Other Business.
  - A) London Square Day. The Committee recommended that we do not open the Garden for London Square Day. It was unanimously accepted.
  - B) Mr Asher reported that the Committee members must turn up for one meeting within an 18-month period or they will be asked to resign. It was generally agreed.
  - C) Mr Asher proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, to give a vote of thanks to Lady Marshall for all her work as Garden Chairman. He told the Meeting that she gave a great deal of her time to organising the Garden and we are very grateful for all the work she puts in.
  - D) Parties. Last year there was a Summer Drinks Party, which was attended by about 30 residents. Unfortunately the Christmas Carol Party was cancelled due to the waterlogged lawn. Mr Asher felt the Committee wanted guidance from residents as to what should be arranged in future. There was general agreement that the Carol Party should be held annually and a Summer Drinks Party every other year.
  - E) Mrs Cox is unable to continue to store the Minute Books and Record Files. Mr Davy-Thornhill (32 Montpelier Square) is kindly storing them at his house.
  - F) Mr Eckhardt gave a vote of thanks to the executive Committee for their work over the past year.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.30 PM.

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