

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

**Held on 23rd January, 2006 at 6.30 PM
At 28 Montpelier Square.**

There were 15 members of the Association present. Mr Bernard Asher (Chairman), and Mr and Mrs Jeff Davis, Mrs Tosato and Mr and Mrs Halim sent their regrets as they were unable to attend. Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert chaired the meeting.

- 1) The Minutes of the AGM and Matters Arising, held on 1st February, 2005 were distributed and were unanimously approved.

The Garden Chairman's Report. Lady Marshall (Garden's Chairman) gave a verbal report.

It has been a routine year and the Garden was generally in good order. Fallen leaves are still lying around the Garden and the gardeners have been asked to have a blitz on leaf clearing. The Garden always looks good in the spring and the planting of a large number of bulbs proved very successful last spring. Honey Fungus had been found in the north border and the affected plants have been removed. The new lavender bed (north side) hasn't fared well, possibly due to over watering from the sprinkler system. The sprinklers have now been turned off in this area. The border will be reviewed at the end of the summer. The Garden was entered in the 'Westminster in Bloom' competition and we were awarded 4th place. We will enter for it again this year. A copy of their report is attached. The gardeners have to be given credit for doing an excellent job. The trees on the east side were trimmed in the summer. During the coming year the south east corner trees will be trimmed and the south east border will be replanted where necessary. Estimate for the tree work is approximately £2000.00 and £1000.00 for planting the border. Auto-Rain was awarded the irrigation contract last summer and has proved very satisfactory. Last summer there were instances of nocturnal intruders leaving litter and moving benches around the Garden. The police were called, they patrolled the area and since then there has been no more trouble. Following a question from Mrs Nishio a discussion took place about the best ways to deal with intruders in the Garden. It was resolved that the police should be called.

- 2) Treasurer's Report. The Accounts for 2005 were distributed. (Copy attached.) Mr Daniel Quirici (Treasurer) reported that during 2005 spending was under control. Less was spent on the Garden than the previous year and it accounts for £3728.00 surplus. In line with the Committee's policy, the surplus will go towards maintaining the reserve fund. The reserve fund stands at £20,000.00, which is considered right for a Garden of this size. Mr Quirici proposed the Accounts be accepted. They were unanimously approved.

- 3) Precept. It was recommended not to raise the Precept. It was unanimously accepted.
- 4) The Provisional Date for the Next AGM. It was agreed that it should be held on the last Monday of January, 2007.
- 5) Any Other Business.
 - a) The railings were last painted with Hammerite in 1995. The Committee is at present getting estimates for re-applying Hammerite. The only estimate to date is from Decorative Specialists Ltd for £3567.00 + VAT (£4191.23).
 - b) London Square's Day. It was unanimously agreed not to open for London Square's Day.
 - c) Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert thanked Mrs Bradbury for organizing the Christmas Carol Party. He was delighted that it was so well attended and £740.00 was raised for the Salvation Army.
 - d) A summer Drinks Party was proposed and a discussion followed. June was considered the best month to hold a Party and Mrs Diane Kordas undertook to make the arrangements.

Mr Edward Davies-Gilbert concluded the meeting by thanking Lady Marshall for looking after the Garden on our behalf. He also thanked Mr Daniel Quirici for his work as Treasurer.

The Meeting was closed at 7.15 PM.

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