

## Montpelier Square Garden

# MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date** 17 June 2008  
**Held at** 8 Montpelier Square

**Committee members present** Lady Marshall, Garden Chairman  
Mr Daniel Quirici, Chairman  
Mr Steve Kordas, Treasurer  
Mrs Jean Fletcher, Secretary

### Apologies for absence:

Mrs Avril Cox  
Mr Nicholas Davy-Thornhill  
Mr David Eckhardt  
Mr Yoshi Nishio

Note: this meeting was  
unavoidably delayed by 24 hours

### 1. To Consider the Minutes and Matters Arising

Mr Quirici asked members of the Committee to approve the Minutes of the Garden Committee Meeting of 11 January 2008. Mr Quirici proposed they be accepted and the Committee unanimously accepted them. The Minutes of the A.G.M. of 15 February 2008 were also reviewed.

### 2. Garden Report

Lady Marshall said that a radical overhaul of the garden was nearing completion. Several ancient shrubs and trees in the N border have now been replaced by excellent specimens. The SW corner has been replanted and the bluebell bed has been revolutionised by a much-praised Box spiral. The area from which the swing was removed has also been much improved and the planting of the Holly hedge has been completed, thanks to a Dutch source.

The new benches have proved to be a very popular enhancement and Lady Marshall hopes residents will enjoy watching the birds which she is tempting into the garden with a newly installed feeder and bath. Nesting boxes will follow, ready for next Spring.

### 3. Tree Lighting

A recent trial illumination of several trees was viewed favourably by residents and will now go ahead. We will only use 75 watt bulbs as their softer light was preferred to the 150 watt.

Our gardeners will dig a shallow trench for cabling to run from the shed's electricity supply along the front edge of the border to the large Plane on the W side, the Chestnut on the S side and the Plane in the SE corner. This should give a balanced spread of light visible from all sides of the Square. A cable will also be installed to light the Christmas tree.

It is not possible to give an accurate estimate of running costs at this stage. Lady Marshall emphasized that they will be closely monitored, and adjustments made, once the system is in operation. The proposed switch can be altered manually to any programme we choose, although it is light-sensitive and may be left to switch on automatically.

Mr Quirici will ascertain from the contractors how deep the trench should be, how many lights/sockets will suit our requirements and how any unused sockets will be safe-guarded. A comprehensive new estimate is needed and possibly a cabling diagram to guide our gardeners.

### 4. Table for Xmas Party

Trestle tables are very expensive to hire but cheap to buy. We should seek storage space in the Square.

Next Committee Meeting: 16 February 2009.  
A.G.M. 23 February (Mondays at 6.30 pm).

Signed

