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MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 20 September 2011

Held at: 26 Montpelier Square at 6.30 pm

Members in attendance:

Mrs. Jane Bradbury

Mr. Neil Carthy

Mrs. Avril Cox

Mr. Christopher Didizian

Lady Marshall

Mr. Daniel Quirici

Apologies for non attendance

Mr. Nicholas Davie-Thornhill

Mr. Ali Malek

Mrs. Anica Nishio

1. IT WAS RESOLVED THAT MR Daniel Quirici be appointed meeting Chairman.
2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the 14 March 2011 and of the Annual Residents Meeting of 28 March 2011 were formally proposed and seconded for approval.
3. Lady Marshall presented the meeting with a report on the state of the garden:
 - a. The new gardeners have settled in well, Mr. Player having installed a hardworking and focused team.
 - b. The gardeners will concentrate on one area of the garden each year. This year they applied themselves to the NW corner.
 - c. The garden has placed in the top three of the annual Garden Squares competition (small private division). This was warmly received by the committee, who offered their thanks to Lady Marshall and the gardeners for their hard work throughout the year.
 - d. IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the annual budget for extra planting be increased from £1500 to £2000 with immediate effect. This will enable planting for the Autumn season.

- e. IT WAS AGREED to mention on the website that donations are always welcome of plants that are in keeping with the standard of the garden. Prospective donors can contact Lady Marshall or the gardeners to determine the suitability of the plants.
 - f. IT WAS AGREED that the task of designing and making of the signs be given to the signwriter suggested by Mr. Player. Mr. Carthy is to follow this up.
4. IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Mr. Carthy be appointed treasurer of the Committee.
 5. Following discussion, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the annual precept be reduced from 35,000 to 28,000. The treasurer will inform Westminster City Council.
 6. IT WAS AGREED THAT Mrs. Bradbury will take the latest version of the Square Garden Byelaws to Mr. Robert Parham of Pemberton Greenish to get judicial approval, so long as the cost is below £600.
 7. Westminster City Council have requested that we plant two trees on the North side of the garden. Lady Marshall requested that they be Princeton Elms and WCC have agreed that one of the trees may be an elm. Therefore, IT WAS AGREED that one Princeton Elm be planted this autumn on the NE side of the garden, approximately midway between the gate and the corner. This will necessitate the removal of a Philadelphus.
 8. IT WAS AGREED that Mr. Carthy and Mrs. Cox meet in mid October to adjust the positioning of the light fixtures that illuminate the horse chestnut.
 9. IT WAS AGREED that the Christmas Carol party will be held on December 12th.
 10. The next committee meeting is provisionally scheduled for 6 March 2012.
 11. The meeting concluded at 9pm with Mrs. Bradbury and Mr. Carthy reading out to the meeting the resolutions which had been passed and these were unanimously agreed.