

# MONTPELIER SQUARE GARDEN

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

*Date: 21 March 2012*

*Venue: 26 Montpelier Square at 6:30pm*

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Jane Bradbury

Mr. Neil Carthy

Mrs. Avril Cox

Mr. Nicholas Davie-Thornhill

Lady Janet Marshall

Mr. Ali Malek

Mrs. Anica Nishio

## APOLOGIES

Mr. Christopher Didizian

Mr. Daniel Quirici

1. Mr. Davie-Thornhill was appointed meeting chairman.
2. The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were formally proposed, seconded and approved.
3. Lady Marshall presented the Committee with a report on the state of the garden:
  - a. The work required in the garden is proceeding well. The garden suffered no major losses over the recent mild winter and the gardeners are splitting, repositioning and adding, as required.
  - b. The major theme of this year's work will be adding more colour during late Summer and Autumn.
  - c. Mr Player's employees were praised as being hard working and knowledgeable.
  - d. Thames Water have announced a hosepipe ban starting April 6<sup>th</sup>. New planting will be reduced for the duration.
  - e. The local police force have offered to patrol the garden on an occasional basis at night-time. IT WAS AGREED to provide a garden key to the Police for this purpose.
  - f. IT WAS AGREED to approve the following tree work:
    - i. Plane trees on West side to be pruned, lower small braches to be removed
    - ii. Bay tree on South side to have crown reduced by 40%
    - iii. Bay tree on NW corner to be pruned to create compact new crown
  - g. IT WAS RESOLVED to appoint a tree consultant to perform a full appraisal of all the major trees in the garden, with special attention to the Horse Chestnut.
4. A financial report and draft accounts for 2011-12 were presented by Mr. Carthy.
5. The new Key Request Form was presented to the committee by Mr. Carthy.

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6. IT WAS NOTED that the new Byelaws have received County Court approval. A copy will be distributed to residents.
7. A draft agenda for the upcoming AGM was presented to the committee by Mr. Carthy. It was APPROVED for distribution, subject to the addition of line-items for the Byelaws and the lighting issue.
8. The committee has APPROVED making a pre-application to Westminster City Council for the existing and planned lighting installations.
9. The committee has APPROVED removing two of the lights under the Horse Chestnut to the NW and SE corners of the garden.
10. The committee thanked Mrs Bradbury for organising last year's highly successful Christmas Carol party where almost £2,500 was raised for charity. IT WAS NOTED that this year's Carol party will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
11. The meeting closed at 7:30pm.

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