

Friends of Windmill Gardens Annual General Meeting

7pm July 12th 2012

St Paul's Church House,
24 Blenheim Gardens SW2 5BZ

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present – Jean Kerrigan (JK) (Chair), Alex Gaffikin (AG) (Secretary), Nick Cattermole (NC) (Out-going treasurer), Magdalene Rubalcava (RC) (Exec Officer), Chris Patton (CP) (Exec Officer), Penny Steele (PS) (Exec Officer), Sandra Watts (SW) (Exec Officer), Richard Santhiri (RS) (Exec Officer), Nick Weedon (Exec Officer), Owen Llewellyn (OL) (Exec Officer), Robert Adie, Richard Kemp, Shawn Wilson (in-coming treasurer), Jill Reyes, Toussante Reba (Lambeth Officer), Carly Haslam, Laura Zauli, Richard Dutton, Councillor Alex Holland, Anthea Massey, Sue Murray, Linda Jackson, Shaun Wilson, Jane Clifton, Tetteh Turkson, Annick Alet

Apologies: Sujata Biswas, Dawn Edwards, Jacqueline Grant, Caroline Hendrie, Ann Lee, Alan Piper, Carol Prigent, Lesley Pryde, Kim Winter, June Stillman, Annie Jones, David Griffiths

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from last AGM

Minutes: Wrong 'Nick' on the previous minutes – should be Nick Cattermole not Weedon and no 'h'

Agreed: as a correct record

Matters arising: Milling has been delayed by Stonewest going into administration

3. Community Champions – Jill Reyes

Congratulations to our members who are Community Champions. Kim Winter has been nominated for her Makerhood work. Vice Chair Richard Santhiri for work with Windmill. RS - said he accepted on behalf of everyone who has worked incredibly hard on the windmill, we are 'all champions!' Annie Jones for the Windmill Gateway work.

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/CouncilDemocracy/MakingADifference/TheCooperativeCouncil/LambethChampionAwardWinners.htm>

4. Update on Brixton Windmill from Restoration Project Officer – Toussante Reba

Stonewest - *the main contractor for the works, a specialist restoration and conservation company* - went into administration last September soon after completion

and before they could complete snagging. Lambeth Council have met with new Directors. They have assured us that they will complete snagging and will sign a novation agreement. Leaks to be prioritised. Snags to be completed by 20th August.

Q – (RS) Will Mill Wright still be working with us?

A – (TR) Mill Wright’s contract is with Stonewest – but Lambeth have highlighted the fact that they must do training and pay the sub-contractors

Q – (JK) We understood that the Parks Department were going to commission a masterplan for park – update?

A – (TR) Everyone at Lambeth agrees. Parks have identified a sum of money – but the team is under pressure and don’t have capacity to commission the masterplan at this stage but HLF and Council are keen – but it’s not in programme of works at the moment and they are focussing on snagging first. Lee Hills and Alistair Johnston have been in talks with local groups

(RS) and (MR) says now is a good time because there is a momentum and the HLF are keen to see the master plan and see options, before it goes cold.

Q – (OL) Will pressure in your department go down?

A – (TR) Council have had discussions about making a simpler agreement rather than master plan – but they might miss consulting stakeholders, and HLF keen to see master plan.

Q - (SW) – what is happening to One O’clock Club?

A - (TR) decision on One O’clock Club happens with Children and Young People’s Services

(JK) - They are thinking of re-starting some services in the building

(TR) - We have always had an agreement to use the building at weekends etc

(JK) – There is national money / funds that we might be able to tap into – we as a group should pursue the master plan

(MR) –Can friends take initiative to raise funds for a master plan

Agree: FOWG to push for the master plan and parks improvement and look at fund raising

Action: (TR) to send us the programme as soon as she gets it

Action: (TR) to check with Council about FOWG to pursue funding

5. Chair’s Annual Report – Jean Kerrigan

Available on the website, highlights;

- Very successful year
- Windmill opened
- Two friends organise the volunteers

- Two friends take bookings
- Have a guide training programme
- Great feedback from visitors
- Expanded merchandising
- Won an award for Museum and Heritage awards
<http://www.museumsandheritage.com/awards/award-winners-2012/restorationconservation>
- Thanks to exec and especially Nick Cattermole our treasurer who is standing down this year
- Comms group are trying to put together a section of people with Mill Memories. (PS) says that comms group are thinking of a book and are devising a questionnaire for open days

Q - (Laura) Do we have any news on Education officer post?

A - (JK) the temp position wasn't filled from usual council recruitment procedures so now they are advertising to people in museum and heritage sector. Scott Macoll said that the job description should be changed to concentrate on key things.

A - (RS) We need the right person who is dedicated - and we must support that person

(Laura) We should be careful because fundraising takes time - a job in itself.

Action: All please vote for 'British Greats' award - 'best visitor attraction'

Action: (JK) to get job description for new education officer post

Action: (AG) to send (JK) good place to advertise education officer role

6. Treasurer's Report - Nick Cattermole

- Treasurer is standing down after 6 years but will continue to help and support FOWG
- Nick was one of the founding members in 2003 and could never have been believed we'd come so far
- Last year we had a deficit because we had two large events, but since first April we have outstanding invoices from Lambeth for about £1600, and the last festival made a surplus of about £400
- (JK) We are starting to make money on the Open Days with merchandising and refreshments, and mid-week openings for specialist groups who we charge
- (RS) We could be in a better financial position and look at our events
- (OL) Some of the things are a deficit in the current report but we will start to get money back when we sell them

Q - What is LVAC?

A - Lambeth Voluntary Action Council www.lambethvac.org.uk

Agreed: Treasurers report

7. Election of officers and Executive Committee for 2012-13 – Alex Holland

Agreed Chair - Jean Kerrigan - Nominated by Richard Dutton, seconded by Chris Patton

Agreed Vice Chair –Richard Santhiri - Nominated by Richard Dutton, seconded by Laura Zauli

Agreed Secretary Alex Gaffikin – Nominated Magdalen Rubalcava, seconded by Jean Kerrigan

Treasurer– two nominations so we balloted, votes counted by Toussainte Reba

Shaun Wilson – Nominated by Jean Kerrigan and seconded by Chris Patton – has been a treasurer in the past and trustee

Linda Jackson – Nominated by Alex Gaffikin, seconded by Lord Richard Dutton – local resident, business person, does her own accounts

Agreed Result: Shaun Wilson

Agreed: Executive officers

Nominee	First Nominator	Seconded
MagdalenRubalcava	Sandra Watts	Jean Kerrigan
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Nick Weedon	Jean Kerrigan	Alex Gaffikin
Kim Winter	MagdalenRubalcava	Alex Gaffikin
Owen Llewellyn	MagdalenRubalcava	Lord Richard Dutton
Chris Patton	Jill Reyes	Shaun Wilson
Laura Zauli nominated as membership secretary	Jean Kerrigan	Richard Santhiri
Penny Steele	MagdalenRubalcava	Alex Gaffikin
Linda Jackson nominated as co-opted	Richard Santhiri	Nick Weedon
Annie Jones nominated as co-opted	Jean Kerrigan	Alex Gaffikin

Alex Holland chaired the Friends of Marketandcan empathise with all the effort that we have put in and is proud to represent this area and all of us. As award councillor, happy to give whatever support he can e.g. working with officers, supporting events, raise the profile in other public forums, give out bags and badges!



Big vote of thanks to
Nick Cattermole
for all his hard work

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8. Proposal from Richard Kemp – form a small sub-committee to investigate the question of whether the Brixton Windmill can ever turn with the wind to the extent that grain can be milled to flour?

Proposed Richard Kemp

Focus – to present evidence at next year's AGM

Agreed: Anyone interested in investigating further, please let AlexGaffikin know

9. AOB:

- Jacqueline wants to propose a windmill musical
Action: Richard Santhiri and Jill Reyes to help
- An artist is doing an art installation in the windmill in the first week of September
- Q - Chris Patton asked about an app proposal
A – still on going
- (RK) – Richard Kemp investigated the 'Brack' marks on the timber which tell the merchants who owned the wood and where it came from - for more info see www.flickr.com/photos/56840241@N05/6297154582/
- Q – Can anyone help sat 14th with football, kick off 10.30, volunteers wanted
- RS - June Stillman is 80 and RS asked if Friends can do anything,
Action (OL) take a photo portrait in front of windmill,
Action All - any unusual ideas let Richard Santhiri know
- Linda Jackson –Any events you can advertise for free on Project Dirt<http://projectdirt.com/>

Proposed date for next AGM: 4 July 2013