

Bohemia Walled Garden Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 8th June 2019 10am

Held at the Park Road Methodist Church, St Leonards-on-Sea, TN37 6RA

(1)Welcome

John Freedman (chair) opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Present

Darren Windley, Susan Thomson, Lesley Bruce, Nigel Sinden, Justine Munro, Kay Water, John Freedman, Daniela Othieno, Kerry White

(2)Apologies

Mary Dawson, Rita Kandela, Mat Windley, Bob Hart, Wayne Parkhouse, Dot Hill, Karen Hayler, Joe Randall-Cutler, Sue Jirbandey

(3)Minutes of the 2018 AGM

Copies of the minutes were circulated and John asked for any comments.

(4)Matters arising and adoption of the 2018 AGM minutes

1. Getting a water supply into the garden still remains an aim.

2. The Marion North event that we partnered with in September 2018 as part of the Heritage Open Days, is still being talked about.

With no further matters arising the minutes were unanimously adopted by the members present. Proposed by Nigel and Seconded by Sue.

(5)Trustee Annual Report and Accounts for 2018 and adoption

Copies of the report were circulated with the AGM invitation and copies were available at the meeting. John read out highlights from the annual report.

The annual report this year includes the accounts and is produced by Hastings Voluntary Action. It was unanimously adopted by the members present. Proposed by John and Seconded by Lesley.

(6)Action Plan for 2019 and adoption

Copies of the plan were circulated with the AGM invitation and copies were available at the meeting. Darren presented a summary of the main points of this plan for activities in the year. The action plan was unanimously adopted by the members present.

(7)Election of Trustees

It was explained that as we are now a charity we no longer elect officers. There are currently 8 Trustees: John Freedman, Sue Thomson, Darren Windley, Nigel Sinden, Dot Hill, Justine Munro, Sue Jirbandey and Daniela Othieno.

John Freedman, Justine Munro, Sue Jirbandey and Daniela Othieno were elected after the last AGM and those elected outside of the AGM must step down and be voted in at the next AGM.

John stood down as chair and Nigel temporarily took over chair of the meeting.

John, Daniela, Justine and Sue Jirbandey were willing to continue. Proposed by Kay and Seconded by Lesley.

John was willing to stand as chair which was Proposed by Kerry and Seconded by Lesley.

Nigel, Darren, Dot are willing to continue.

Sue Thomson wished to step down, but will continue as a member. John expressed the committees gratitude for all she had done.

(8)Any Other Business

1. Suggestion of Plot Buddies. Some members want a plot, but can't commit all the time, so those present thought it may be an idea to share a plot. The idea to be discussed at a committee meeting.

2. Awards for best plot, best newcomer, etc. One member present has a plot on a council allotment and this idea is popular. The idea to be discussed at a committee meeting.

3. Ivy and weeds are growing on the wall and some maintenance is required. Darren will liaise with Lesley to complete this work.

4. Nigel suggested that we should link up with the museum and he will invite the manager to the garden to investigate closer relation and potentially a trail from the museum to the garden.

5. Sue was presented with flowers and a card on her departure from a trustee and she commented that her dreams for the garden had been fulfilled. She was happy that she was leaving the garden in good hands.

6. Daniela mentioned that the BWGA is 10 years old this year and that she will be using this as the theme for the Heritage Open Day in September. She is looking for members past and present to be involved in the day to reflect on what has been achieved.

7. A camping gas stove will be required for pumpkin day to heat up soup.

The meeting concluded at 11.45am.