

Bohemia Walled Garden Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 19th May 2024 10am

Held at the His Place Church, Community Church and Café, Robertson Street, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1HL

(1) Welcome

Nigel Sinden (chair) opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

Present

Darren Windley, Lesley Bruce, Nigel Sinden, Karen Hayler, Sue Jirbandey, Beryl Lovett, Sue Dean

(2) Apologies

Christine M'Baye, Dot Hill, Mat Windley, Justine Munro, Rupert Bozeat, Mauricio Vincenzi, Philippa Beagley

(3) Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Copies of the minutes were circulated and Nigel asked if there were any comments.

(4) Matters arising and adoption of the 2023 AGM minutes

With no matters arising the minutes were proposed by Beryl Lovett and seconded by Sue Jirbandey.

(5) Accounts & Trustee Annual Report for 2023 and adoption

Copies of the annual report and accounts were circulated with the AGM invite and copies were available at the meeting. Darren explained the high expenditure for "Independent Examination" was split between getting Ashdown Hurrey (accountants) to submit the Corporation Tax returns for 2020/2021/2022 and a survey for a bore hole to investigate feasibility of getting water into the garden. Highlights from the annual report were read out. The annual report was proposed by Karen Hayler and seconded by Lesley Bruce.

(6) Action Plan for 2024 and adoption

Copies of the plan were circulated with the AGM invite and copies were available at the meeting.

Nigel suggested getting a group of college students to design water collection devices for the garden. He will follow up.

(7) Election of Trustees

The current trustees are Nigel Sinden, Sue Jirbandey, Beryl Lovett and Lesley Bruce. All were willing to stand for another year and it was unanimously agreed by the audience.

(8) Any Other Business

Karen reported that no plot inspection has been done this year. She will do it on Sunday 9th June and asked if Darren could send out a mailchimp message to plot holders.

Beryl to contact Christchurch School and confirm they wish to use the plot or if not try to find another group to use it.

Sue to ask in Grumpy Cook (Cafe in Hastings Town Centre) if they would be interested in a community plot to grow vegetables as a not for profit organisation.

Since Groundworks don't have funding for BWGA garden, their plot is needing some attention and there was an ask to contact them to see what they are now doing formally or informally at the garden. Darren will email them.