



**Friends of Brunswick
Square and Terrace**

**FBST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019
THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDS OF
BRUNSWICK SQUARE AND TERRACE WAS HELD IN THE REGENCY TOWN HOUSE 13
BRUNSWICK SQUARE ON SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT 11am.**

AGM MINUTES

- 1. In attendance:** Robert Bent, Fiona Bower, Sue Cartwright, Ian Chaplin, Michael Creedy, Beryl Cross, Andrew Dawes, Simon Dice, Mark Gregson, Valerie Haigh, Clare Hannah, Pamela Hoad, Joy Hole, Nicola Hurley, Lesley Johnston, Catherine Lane, Sarah-Jane Lennard, Phelim MacCafferty, Lynne Moore, James & Amanda Nott, Libby Preis, Allan Schofield, Craig & Sophie Sears-Black, Nancy Jane Stembridge, Josie Taylor, Mark Tozer, Nick Tyson

Apologies for Absence: Sue Bazire, Lara Brooks, Harold Gould, Rob Hole, Barbara Hollington, Jackie Lefton, Nigel Lefton, Daryl Perilli.

- 2. The Chair welcomed everyone.**
- 3. Minutes of the previous AGM** held on 1 December 2018 were adopted as a true record of proceedings.
- 4. Matters Arising not on the Agenda:** There were no matters arising.
- 5. Outgoing Chair's Annual Report:** Ian Chaplin thanked Fiona Bower for her work in getting the railings and gates repaired. He thanked Lynne Moore for her work on looking after the Friends' garden which resulted in the subsequent awards and Lynne, Fiona and Councillors for organising and participating in the regular deep clean of Brunswick Square Gardens. The Councillors were thanked for continuing to liaise closely with the Committee

The past year had seen increasing anti-social behaviour, drug use and dealing in the gardens and both councillors and committee members had done their best to bring this to the attention of the relevant authorities. Trans Pride Brighton and the Brunswick Festival had taken place in the gardens and follow up meetings were being held with the organisers to discuss issues raised. Committee members had eventually got the Estate Agent's boards removed as they are illegal in the conservation area. Free passes had been organised and delivered for the Foodie Festival and passes to access the promenade via a side gate during Paddle round the Pier had also been arranged and issued.

Ian explained that he was standing down due to lack of time caused by work commitments. It had been a pleasure to deal with members. He thought the Council took little notice of residents but we should continue to knock on its door. He had enjoyed much of his time at FBST and wished everyone including his successor lots of luck for the future.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Fiona Bower explained that more funding was necessary and maybe sponsorship for a stretch of railings could be gained from companies such as Waitrose as well as bequests. Alternatively, we may have to agree a £5 membership fee in the future. She intended to write to Brewers and Crown paints and ask for a contribution, considering the money they're getting out of residents for the painting cycle.
7. **The Annual Accounts** were presented and adopted.
8. **Election of officers and committee members:**
 - a) Chair: Simon Dice
 - b) Treasurer: Fiona Bower
 - c) Secretary: Sue Cartwright
 - d) Membership Secretary:
 - e) Other Management Committee Members: Lynne Moore (Gardens), Lara Brooks and Libby Preis.
9. **Tribute to Diana Joll** by Nick Tyson, curator of the Regency Town House: Diana, who died on 4 October moved to her flat in 13 Brunswick Square in 1963 and was the reason for the Regency Town House project. Over the past 35 years she had become a great friend. She gifted part of her life, her portrait silhouette collection, to the Town House. It is the intention to keep and display them to remember Diana. When they have been properly mounted and a room made especially suitable, the silhouettes will be housed in a special area of the Town House which will be on view to the public. Nick thanked everyone who had contributed messages after her death.

Joy Hole added that Diana was a remarkable person. Diana had lived in the Square for 56 years. They had worked together on FBST and related meetings, both being on the Committee for many years. Diana was a senior psychiatric social worker and nothing shocked her. In later years she was always interested in the FBST although unable to attend meetings for the past couple of years. While housebound, Diana had lots of help from volunteers, especially Nick.

A collection was made in memory of Diana, to be sent to St Mungo's, her chosen charity.

The AGM was followed by a General Meeting