



**THE TWENTY FOURTH 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 11 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 11.15am**

**MINUTES**

**AGM**

**In attendance:** Susan Bazire, Fiona Bower (Treasurer), Lara Brooks (Secretary), Sue Cartwright, Tracey and Ian Dann, Simon Dice (Chair), Pamela Hoad, Joy Hole, Catherine Lane, Cllr Andrei Czolak, Lynne Moore, Tim Pugh, Kate Rock, Sally Sisson, Josie Taylor, Wendy Bond, Anne Brocklehurst, Barbara Hollingdean, Alex and Lisa Bamford, Daniela Causer, Gordon Winter, Corinne Kee

**Apologies for Absence :** Libby Preis, Neil McTaggart, James Rock,

- 1. Welcome and introductions** Welcome from the Chair to the 24<sup>th</sup> AGM.
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022.** The minutes were agreed and signed off by the Chair.
- 3. Matters arising.** There were no matters arising that were not already on the agenda.
- 4. Chair's report.** The Chair tabled a previously circulated report on FBST activities over last 12 months. The AGM noted:

**Facebook** the group now has 800 members, mostly residents or from Brunswick Town. Local businesses can advertise on the group occasionally, but will be monitored.

**The gardening group** has been set up and established with weekly meet ups. There has been a visible difference and incredible to see, and has been rewarding for volunteers and

spectators. A WhatsApp group has been set up for garden related matters only.

**Increase in funding:** Several funding opportunities are being applied for and £500 was received from community fund for gardening tools. FBST has also been selected by the Cooperative Community Fund to receive funds over the next 12 months.

**Events:** Good relationships were maintained with the events manager at the council.

**Dogs/flytipping:** ongoing issues with both. No Dog signs paid for by FBST and the council stencils have reduced number of dogs.

**Pavements** Tim Pugh and Streetworks manager at BHCC had meeting about original Caithness stone paving and the destruction by power companies and other utilities. **ACTION SD/TP-** Contact National heritage to highlight issue and discuss listing.

**Painting-** the cycle was extended by 1 year due to covid. Council aware that the cycles of buildings who have not complied are now different. Will this be the case for the future. **ACTION SD** Check with Lesley Johnson if the COVID extension still exists.

## 6.Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported that the accounting period has been changed to run with the financial year April '22 to March '23. The only major expense was the Jubilee Picnic. Along with the council donation of £500 and the local donations the celebrations paid for themselves. It's been 10 years since we dropped the subscriptions, funds are dwindling and therefore we need to come up with more ways to raise funds for the general running of FBST. SS suggested a recommended amount and bank details to be emailed out to members or on facebook for donation of specific items. Most money raised so far has been for the gardening group.

## 7.Annual Accounts

The 2022/23 accounts were presented by the Treasurer and agreed and signed off by the Chair.

### **8.Election of Officers and committee members:**

The Chair reported that the following had been nominated and were duly elected until the AGM in 2024:

- a) Chair: Simon Dice
- b) Treasurer: Fiona Bower
- c) Secretary: Lara Brooks
- d) Other Management Committee Members (maximum 10):
  - Sue Cartwright
  - Catherine Lane
  - Lynne Moore
  - Libby Preis
  - James Rock

**DATE OF NEXT AGM – 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**