



Friends of Brunswick Square and Terrace

Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting

held on 24 January, 2026

(at the Regency Town House at 11am)

In attendance: Simon Dice (Chair), Lara Brooks (Treasurer), Sally Sisson (Secretary), Janet Gibbons, Faye Shirley, Paul Ostner, Wendy Bond, Daniel Homan, Ronnette Lucraft, Peter Laing, Jamie Marshall, Fiona Bower, Tim Pugh, David Game, Alex Bamford, Susan Bazire, Pamela Hoad, Susie Crow, Heidi Joyce, Andy Denner, Anne Brocklehurst, Catherine Lane, Tracey Dann, Josie Taylor, Cllr Ollie Sykes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Introductions and Welcome

The meeting noted a short presentation from Phil Blume of the Regency Town House about the opportunity they have to purchase the old coach house and stables to the house located in in Brunswick Street East. The meeting agreed that it was fully supportive of this initiative and would publicise it amongst the members.

2. Apologies for Absence: Lynne Moore, Libby Preis, Sue Cartwright, Joy Hole, Neil McTaggart, Cllr Andre Czolak

3. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 15 March 2025 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and signed off by the Chair.

4. Presentation and adoption of the Chair's Annual Report

The Chair referred to the previously circulated report which is reproduced below:

GARDENING - The FBST Gardening Group's great work and year-round commitment was recognised at the South & South East Bloom Competition Awards where we progressed from

2024's 'Thriving' to 2025's 'Outstanding'. The group leaders continue to work closely with Cityparks and the Citypark Ranger Volunteers. A newsletter was produced each quarter to share garden news and events with the FBST community.

NOTICEBOARD - As a result of our successful funding applications, we were able to purchase and install a community noticeboard in the gardens on the west side for public information about the Square & Terrace and FBST.

FUNDING - Further funding has been received in 2025 from the Police Commissioner Fund of £3,000. Our finances continue to be in a relatively healthy state compared to previous years. My thanks to Lara Brooks for her continued efforts in seeking out money for FBST! Please see Financial statement from the Treasurer for further details.

BEACH HUTS ON HOVE LAWNS PROMENADE - Thanks to considerable work from resident Tim Pugh, we were able to stop the Council from granting planning permission for the annual temporary installation of beach huts on the Lawns promenade, which was in breach of the Council's own planning requirements and the law. The huts were eventually removed after further pressure from FBST.

FACEBOOK - Our Facebook group (which is not exclusive to residents alone), has increased membership to nearly 1,000 members and continues to provide a convenient and easy way to raise and discuss issues and promote activities. For the sake of clarity, I act as the admin on the Group for all non gardening issues and Sally Sisson, FBST secretary, acts as admin for all gardening posts. Lara Brooks is a listed admin in reserve. Regulation and monitoring and, if necessary, removal of posts in undertaken by me alone.

PAINTING CYCLE - After a long period of silence from the Council, we have now heard from them regarding the painting cycle for 2026 and this will be an agenda item for the General Meeting that follows the AGM.

REPRESENTATION - We have continued to liaise regularly with City Parks and City Clean over all matters relating to gardens, dogs, litter, recycling and rubbish. We have continued to represent FBST on the Brunswick Town Association, where we continue to work closely with other resident associations in Lansdowne and Adelaide & Palmeira on issues that affect us all. We also attend the Local Action Team meetings with local councillors.

THANKS - My thanks to my fellow committee members for their time and contribution over the last 12 months. In particular, I would like to record our thanks and appreciation to Lynne Moore, who is standing down from the Committee, after many years service. Amongst many other achievements, Lynne was instrumental in the creation of the Friends Garden and was for many years its sole caretaker. We wish her a happy 'committee retirement'!

6. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Accounts

The meeting noted the previously circulated and updated tabled report and approved the document and accounts.

7. Election of officers and committee members until AGM 2026

The following members were proposed and approved:

a) Chair: Simon Dice

b) Treasurer: Lara Brooks

c) Secretary: Sally Sisson

d) Other Management Committee Members: Libby Preis, Tim Pugh and David Game.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business and the 26th AGM was concluded.