

THE FRIENDS OF ST JAMES' GARDENS

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 04.05.11 at 71 Rodney Street, Liverpool.

PRESENT: Robin Riley Chairman
 David Garner Deputy Chairman
 Emlyn Williams Treasurer
Gwen Backwell, John Backwell, Maureen Williams.

APOLOGIES were received from Anne Wolff and Eryl Parry.

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MINUTES of the meeting held on 29.03.11 were accepted as a true record.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gravestone Removal and Spring Renovation

An estimate from Glynn Marsden is awaited.

Rough Sleepers & Mountain Bikes

With the rise in numbers of rough sleepers and drug dealing both in the garden and catacombs the appropriate authorities have been informed with little result.

There has also been an increase in the use of mountain bikes on the slopes.

It was agreed the only way to get action is to put everything in writing rather than telephoning City Direct

Dr Kate Gardner a Friend is also keen on maintaining the city parks. Members felt that she should be encouraged to get more involved.

Scything Event

Lack of time has meant this event has been postponed until 2012.

The Bradshaw Event

Richard Scott suggested that the "Bradshaw Lecture" be renamed. The Event will take place on Saturday 25th June with the introduction at the Wildflower Centre, lunch then a visit to Bold Colliery and other local sites by coach and return to the Wildflower Centre for a barbeque in the evening. The Trust will finance the transport. David Garner will produce a flier. It is the 10th anniversary of the Wildflower Centre.

Canon Anthony Hawley

It was agreed that the Friends donate £50 towards the collection for a retirement present. Individuals are also welcome to contribute. The Chairman will discuss this further with Anne Wolff.

The Shakespeare Festival

Although it is too late to organize this event in the Gardens for this summer the Theatre Company Lodestar have managed to raise £62,000 in funding and this bodes well for the future.

Photography

David Garner will email pictures of the snowdrops to Mike Faulkner for the website.

Gwen Backwell agreed to take pictures of progress in the Gardens on a regular cycle for the website.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

There has been no expenditure since the last meeting. Standing orders and gift aid are still being received.

Mike Faulkner will be asked to advise further about "Pay Pal".

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday July 5th 2011, 6pm, at 71 Rodney Street.