

Learmonth Gardens Association. Annual General Meeting 2023

Date. 31st August 2023

Location. Learmonth Gardens

Attendance. 16 members

Chair. Nick Roche

1. Minutes of 2022 AGM were approved

Proposer - Sarah Curtis

Seconded by Annie Miller

2. Finance

Report attached

The question was raised as to how many households had not paid. *There will be a follow up within the next few weeks to confirm this.*

Also, it was asked if there is a maximum target for the sinking fund for Trees. Over recent years revenue and expenditure has been balanced but it would be beneficial to allow it to increase as it can be costly to remove diseased trees (Elms can cost £3,500)

3. Trees

Report attached

4. Maintenance

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The issue of gravelling the South path was discussed and will *be followed up by the Committee*

5. The Chair gave a vote of thanks to both Sarah Curtis and Andy Moore, who were stepping down from their roles on the Committee, for their excellent work over the years. All present agreed.

6. Fees

All present approved the current annual level.

The Chair explained that this was viewed as an interim level prior to the renewal of the maintenance contract next Spring, which is expected to increase costs significantly.

7. Committee

The proposed new Committee was unanimously approved.

8. A.O.B.

John Gailey raised two issues -

- Is the Champion Elm only with reference to the Lothians - *AY to investigate*
- Proposed putting a Notice Board at the foot of the steps to include rules for the garden and any relevant news. *To be considered by Committee*

Rodney Stairs proposed that members could suggest new tree varieties when planting new trees. It was noted that the Council were widening the variety in Inverleith Park

The meeting was brought to a close at 7.20pm