



**ABBEY PHYSIC**  
**COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
GROWING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for 2018 (held in 2019)**

**Held:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 12.00 at Abbey Physic Community Garden.

**Present:** Ady Kerry, Alan Kilshaw, Scott Ryan, Sarah Ryan, Ruby Ryan, Dorothy Percival, Philip Bold, Helen Percival, Karen Walling, Cheryl Ives, Chris Ives, Barrie Parkhouse, Vicky Sturips, Richard Senior, Suzanne Campbell, Dave and Terry, Martyn Dyer, John Charter, Jayne Bartholomew, Stephen Bartholomew, Tom Jewell, Ellie Arnott, Catherine Bold, Jan Heclor, Janet Hill, Lyndon M Jones, Mary J Jones, Linda Nicol, Marianne Le Boutillier, Mary Watts, Sharon Gephert, Steward Morris, Frances Beaumont, Vivien Whitehouse, Julia Joslin.

**Trustees** – Sarah Harvey, Lucia Dello-Ioio, Hannah Temple, Edwina Jackaman, Gulliver Immink, Elain Ali, Jo Osborn

- 1. Welcome and apologies.** Sarah Harvey (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting – a particularly special meeting as this year we celebrate 25 year anniversary of the gardens. We were pleased to have Chris and Cheryl Ives join us. Chris had been the original manager of the garden and took a moment to talk through the history of the garden. Sarah then invited everyone to introduce themselves, everyone talked about their experience at the garden, what it means to them and how they are involved. The introductions showed a diverse mix of activities, experiences and benefits from the garden.

There were no apologies to the meeting.

- 2. Minutes from last year's AGM.** The minutes from last year's AGM were approved.
- 3. Annual report and accounts.** Introducing the report of the last year Sarah highlighted how standards expected by grant bodies had been going up as were demands for our services. Nationally, donations to charities have been falling. This means as an organisation we've had to keep improving and demonstrating the impact we are having for our members, moving beyond stories to a really clear monitoring and evaluation. It was also important to conduct the measures in a sensitive way. Sarah noted that this



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year we will publish an independently assessed evaluation of APCGs work by Dr Steve Matthews. This will be published on our website.

Sarah thanked the staff team at the Abbey Physic Community Garden for their huge contribution and also to the many volunteers and members who also help to make the garden look so stunning and yet constantly changing. Sarah also thanked the Trustees for their support and continued commitment to the garden.

Sarah invited others to share some of their highlights from the year. Some noted:

Suzanne – everything has been so much fun, everyone works so hard and it all comes together like magic.

Jo – Everyone makes you feel so welcome, a particular highlight was the Open Gardens which were so busy and we were run off our feet, but great fun

Lucia – Impressed with how much juggling and activity that is achieved by the team

Hannah – The Churchyard work was so impressive. Well done to the Groundforce Action Team and to Tom and Sharon (the Bee lady!) for installing the hives.

There were no comments on the content of the report.

Lucia Dello-loio (Treasurer) introduced the accounts. She explained how the accounts are structured and how they need to be presented. A key point was that in 2018 APCG gained slightly more income than it spent so these reserves will help us cope with fluctuations in grant funding. The accounts were noted and agreed. Richard commented on what excellent presentation of the accounts Lucia had made.

- 4. Appointment of Trustees.** Trustees are appointed for a period of one year so all serving Trustees need to resign and seek reappointment if they want to continue with their appointment. So the Trustees present at the meeting all resigned.

A report detailing the individual trustees was circulated and why they would like to be appointed as a trustee and what they can offer the garden.

Members approved the appointment of trustees as follows:

**Sarah Harvey (to be Chair)** – proposed by Hannah Temple and seconded by Julia Joslin

**Elaine Ali** – proposed by Jo Osborn and seconded by Helen Percival

**Gulliver Immink** – proposed by Frances Beaumont and seconded by Edwina Jackaman

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**Lucia Dello (to be treasurer)** – proposed by Edwina Jackaman and seconded by Jan Heclor

**Hannah Temple** – proposed by Suzanne and seconded by Tom Jewell and Ellie Arnott

**Jo Osborn (to be company secretary)** – proposed by Hannah Temple and seconded by Janet Hill

Edwina took a moment on behalf of the trustees, staff and members of the garden to thank Sarah for her leadership through the year.

**5. Members' proposals**

No proposals were put forward.

**6. Any other business**

Cheryl Ives raised that what a lovely moment to see the two managers, one from 25 years ago and Suzanne today together.

Dot advised she was concerned that information about the meeting had not been clearly communicated. Suzanne noted that there had been some problems with emails bouncing back but we had promoted the event via the website, social media and the garden – as well as email. However we will look at ways to improve AGM notifications for the following year.

Sarah announced the launch of the “25 for 25” campaign which is looking for donations of £25 to enable us to continue to grow our community for another 25 years.

Sarah encouraged everyone to stay for the afternoon celebratory party and thanked the WI who had kindly volunteered to run the catering and raffle to allow members and staff to enjoy the party. As we aim to tackle loneliness everyone was encouraged to try to speak to someone new today.

The meeting ended at 12.50pm.