

Kew Terrace Association

Minutes of

162nd Annual General Meeting

held on Zoom

on

Wednesday 25th November 2020

At 19.30

Attending

Valerie and Rob Fisher [5], Tom Maver and Justine Maver [8], Laura Johnstone [8], Morag and Elspeth Inglis [15], David Jeffrey [18 Kew Lane], George Browning [19]

Apologies

Aileen Macdonald [20], G, J and G Browning [19], Bruce Mann [18], Nancy and Ray Ferguson [2], Alex Rannie [1], Liz McGurn [7], Rosemary Harrison [11], Julianna McKellar [2], Andrea Douglas [5A]

1. Minute of Last AGM on 7th Nov 2019. These were approved.

2. Chairman's Report for 2019/2020 George G Browning

Since the completion of the building of Kew Terrace in the 1850's and the creation of the Association 161 years ago, its 162nd year has been one in which its identity as a strong community has been particularly evident. The spirit has been one of helping and involvement, with the Covid-19 lockdowns forcing us to be around more often, offering help, using the gardens and speaking to neighbours.

Board Activities

Your Board of Management has met twice in homes and three time on Zoom during the year, as well as regularly keeping up to date by phone or meeting outside.

- *End communal gardens.* The grass has been regularly cut by Griff Mann backed up by his father and the hedges trimmed to perfection by Sam, a tree surgeon.
- *Spring clean-up.* This entailed initially hiring two skips in Kew Lane in conjunction with the Huntly Garden North residents. Two further ones became necessary because of the amount of house and garden refuse there was to get rid of with Dawsholm recycling centre being temporarily closed because of Covid-19.

- *Autumn clean-up.* This took place on Friday 20th November; forecast as a dry day, which it was but the leaves were very, very wet. Kenny Miller, along with his brother [backed up by David Jeffrey doing the basements and myself wheelbarrowing], concentrated on clearing the leaves from the footpaths, gutters and roads of Kew Lane, Kew Terrace, Huntly Rd and Saltoun Street. The leaves were used in the front terrace garden as a composting mulch. The feedback has been very positive and is likely to be the method repeated next year.
- *Front terrace garden.* Considerable effort has been expended on this garden, initially as we had planned to open it along with other individual back lane ones for the Scottish Open Gardens charity scheme. To let more light in the trees were high-pruned to a considerable degree by Sam followed by more planting of shrubs and perennial plants. Belhaven Terrace residents have been stimulated to carry out similar works in their front terrace garden and we are grateful for them letting us have considerable amounts of horse manure in sawdust as mulch. With the associated good spells of weather, there has been general agreement they have never looked better gardened.
- *Kew Terrace traffic calming.* There has been considerable concern regarding some vehicles that use the straight stretch of Kew with Belhaven Terrace to see how fast they can go above the 20 mph speed limit. Glasgow City Council has monitored the traffic, but we have still to hear the outcome for our request for speed bumps.
- *General road, lane and pavement cleaning.* David Jeffrey, in particular, has regularly sprayed these areas with weed killer. However, there has been a feeling that this task along with regular clearance should be contracted out to a dedicated 'road sweeper'. The Board will take up this task in the coming year, the local authority being no longer likely to use our rates for this purpose.
David Jeffrey has been acting as stimulator of the City Council for the Terrace streetlights not working and Julianna Mackellar for blockage of the road drains. Both have been busy.

Board tasks not completed.

A satisfactory masonry estimate for the repair of the East and West Garden stone walls has yet to be found, the last estimate of £14,000 being considerably greater than our resources could afford.

3. Webmasters Report : Tom Maver

The website is working well – over 70 great photos (see Our Terrace), up-to-date info on lots of useful contacts (see Info/Contacts), all of the AGM Minutes, dating back to 1854 (see Archives) and, of course, news (see News/Events). Make it even better by contributing text and images via George or Morag whose emails are on the SideBar at www.kewterrace.co.uk

Tom was thanked for his considerable input in running the website. His suggestion that his daughter Justine (as assistant webmaster and heir apparent) attend the Board meetings alongside with himself as a guest was strongly supported. He also reported that visits to the site were increasing.

Tom was clear that entries on the Website were only those suggested and potentially edited by the Board. It was presumed that the Board would avoid material that was of a commercial advertising nature.

4. Treasures Report :Attached Income and Expenditure Accounts

Morag Inglis presented the Income, Expenditure accounts, and she was congratulated on the high rate of collection of dues [78 of 82], with 4 outstanding, one of which was promised.

Overall, there was a £550 loss for the year. This potential had been predicted by the decision at the previous AGM in Nov 2018 that the dues per unit to be raised in the coming year to £40. This decision was confirmed.

Though it is unlikely that an audit of these accounts would be necessary because of their nature/size, Laura offered to look them over. This offer was gratefully received.

5. Election of Office Bearers and Board Committee members

George Browning had served his 4 years as Chairman and was obliged by the Association's Constitution to step down.

Morag Inglis was proposed as the Chairperson for the coming year and this was strongly supported at the meeting. She will combine this with being Treasurer.

David Jeffrey and Julianna still had two years of their Board Membership to run.

Aileen Macdonald, Rob Fisher and Laura Johnstone were proposed for membership and again this was supported. They all accepted office.

This left the post of secretary to be managed by the Board, this post in recent years been one mainly of being a Minute Secretary.

Tom Maver and Justine Maver would be invited to attend meetings of the Board and be included in any Board correspondence.

George Browning would also be invited to attend meetings of the Board and be included in any Board correspondence.

6. Any other business

Waitrose vans

The question of how to limit the parking of Waitrose delivery vans in Kew Terrace was raised. Contact had been made with the manager / of the local Waitrose, who indicated that the vans had commercial parking permits for the G12 residential area. If this is the case then consideration of parking in the access streets where possible should occur.

Parking permits for visiting tradesmen

It was reported that because 45 John St offices were closed to the public because of Covid restrictions this made the purchase of books of temporary parking tickets to give to visitors and trade vehicles no longer available. The local Councillors were to be written to with the objective being to have these book of tickets available electronically /surface post.

Broken paving slabs in Kew Terrace

There currently are a number of paving slabs, not necessarily broken but in a dangerous position with the potential to cause pedestrian tripping.

A fuller appraisal of the extent of this is necessary. After which the Local Councillors should be informed of this and requested that they be replaced with new paving slabs and not tarmac or cement.

