



Friends of Valley Gardens "Harrogate"

**Harrogate's Award-Winning Park
Charity No: 1148369**

President: Martin Fish

Minutes of the AGM held Thursday 14 March 2013

Present: J Blayney, H McCallum, B Boden, A Broadbent, J Cain, J Travena, C Stewart, B Stone, B Exall, J Peachman, R Dobson, A Jordan, A Grange, R Grange, B Bentley, M Fish, P Blayney, T Sissons, S Collier, P Collier, D Smeaton, M Smeaton, N Hughes, K Wilson, M Neesam, D Evans, P Delahay-Walmsley

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed those present and announced that the meeting would be followed with a presentation by James Cain, Managing Director Waterbrands, 'History of Harrogate Spring Water'

2. Apologies for absence – S McKenzie, J Gardner, S Leigh, P Leigh, Jim Clarke, D Mackenzie, P McLaughlin, P Kilburn, S Clarke

3. Minutes of the AGM held 5 April 2012 – Confirmed.

4. Matters Arising

It was confirmed that Charitable Status has now been confirmed with a newly adopted constitution.

5. Annual Report – Chairman

Members received a written report from the Chairman.

It was stressed that, in order to progress projects, an increase in fund raising was essential.

FOVG have been a registered charity since July 2012.

In August 2012 the Secretary of State granted planning permission to proceed with the restoration and Refurbishment of the Old Magnesia Well Pump Room .

In September 2012 FOVG was granted the Duke of York Community Initiative Award.

Heritage Open Days attracted many visitors and we also had a presence at Big Picnic and National Play Day.

The public have expressed their satisfaction with works undertaken and the clearing of the Peat Garden.

Thanks were conveyed to committees, membership, sponsors and event organisers for all their hard work.

Specific thanks were given to Mark Coston, HBC Clerk of Works for his support and diligence. Also to Simon and Paula Collier for their support and expertise.

Thanks were also conveyed to our President, Martin Fish for his continued and varied support.

6. Annual Report – Treasurer

Members received a written report from the Acting Treasurer, together with a copy of the accounts for the period ended 31 December 2012.

The majority of money has been spent on the restoration of the OMWPR.

The bank balance at 31 December was £16,253 excluding £7374 held by HBC.

Taking into account monies already spent, the funds allocated to complete the external works on the

Building there will be approximately £3000 remaining towards the internal works.
It is hoped that 2013 will be an even more productive year.

7. Annual Report – Volunteer Gardeners

Thanks were given to the regular volunteers who have a fortnightly presence in the Valley Gardens, contributed 600 hours over the year and the Yorkshire Building Society Community Team, who also assisted in the preparation for the In Bloom judging. New volunteers are welcome.
J Travena offered her help from mid April and T Sissons will make contact.

8. Election of Trustees and Officers

As per the revised constitution, trustees are required to retire at the AGM and their appointments are eligible for re-election at that meeting.

8.1 Trustees

J Blayney, N Hughes were re-elected as Trustees.

8.2 Officers

Secretary – this role expires 2014

Treasurer – A Grange was duly elected.

Marketing and Publicity Officer- K Wilson was duly elected.

Acting Administrative / Membership Officer – P Blayney duly elected.

Thanks were conveyed to S Clarke former Administration/membership Officer, for the work undertaken.

The AGM was closed

Helen McCallum
Secretary

Next OMWPR Sub committee Meeting Thursday 11th April 10.00am 23 York Road Harrogate

Next 40s Day Sub Committee Thursday April 11th 7.30pm Camberley Hotel

Next General Meeting 7.30pm Thursday May 9th St Peter's Church

Chairman: Jane Blayney (01423) 505231 Vice-Chairman: Neil Hughes (01423) 504390 Treasurer: Anne Grange
Secretary: Helen McCallum (01423) 507208 Acting Admin Officer: Peter Blayney (01423) 505231
Marketing/Publicity Officer Kim Wilson (01423) 561618