



Friends of Valley Gardens

Harrogate's Award-Winning Park

President: Martin Fish

Minutes of the AGM held Thursday 5 April, 2012

Present: H McCallum, R Dobson, B Stone, P Kilburn, J Blayney, J Clark, D Smeaton, M Smeaton, B Exall, T Sissons, S Collier, P Collier, N Hughes, A Grange, R Grange, L Clarke, D Evans, P Walmsley

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Apologies for absence – M Fish, J Gardner, S MacKenzie, P Jones, B Jones, S Wood, S Leigh, P Leigh, J Kimpton, J Ryan, A Henson, P Blayney, B Nash, B Bentley, P Clarke, B Boden, J Travena, Rosie
3. Minutes of the previous AGM 17 March 2011. Noted that P Blayney was present then the minutes were approved as an accurate record.
4. Matters arising (none identified)
5. Nominations and election of Secretary. One nomination received. Helen McCallum was elected for a further 2 years. Proposed by J Blayney, seconded by N Hughes.
6. Annual report from the Chair

Members received a written report from the Chairman.

It was noted that the name of the group would need to be changed for Charitable Status as another FOVG exists. This would be dealt with under item 9. Confirmed that there will be 3 trustees, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer. The membership was thanked for their continued support and the Chairman's report was accepted.

7. Annual report from the Treasurer

The Treasurer provided accounts prepared by Cook Trotter Ltd, for the year ended 31 December 2011. The accounts show a net surplus as at 31/12/11 £7, 435. The closing balance which includes reserves, pre-payments and debtors show a closing balance of £10,615. This has increased to £11, 500 as at the end of March 2012.

8. Annual report from the Volunteer Gardener's Group

A report was received from Tony Sissons which shows 14 volunteers currently on the list. Those available meet on alternate Wednesdays.

9. Proposed changes to constitution / status of group

A revised constitution was received and accepted. The main changes are to the name of the group to "Friends of Valley Gardens Harrogate", membership fees which will under charitable status, be eligible for gift aid. Noted that the Youth Membership is now £4. The revised constitution was signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The AGM was closed.

Helen McCallum
FOVG Secretary