

Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Broomfield House Trust

Held over the internet via Zoom on July 17th, 2023, starting 6.30 pm

Present: Don Arthur, Ivor Evans (Secretary, T), Kim Lumley (T), David March (Deputy Chair, and Treasurer, T), Ron Tabor, Colin Younger (Chairman, T)

Note: current trustees are indicated by (T).

AGM Formal Business

Apologies for Absence: Bill Yates (T)

Minutes of the previous AGM held March 21st, 2022 – The Minutes had previously been circulated to all participants, and were agreed.

Treasurer's Report for the last financial year (1st April 2022 to date): David March (Treasurer) had previously circulated his report. In ensuing discussion there was some concern whether Enfield HBSC would remain available for our business; the King's Cross branch of HBSC was mentioned as an alternative. It was also pointed out that the FoBP Treasurer conducts all her business using a phone app, though clearly cash donations could not be handled in this way.

There was brief discussion about how to spend the Trust's very limited balance: perhaps in some way on Enfield's memorialisation project – if successful.

The report was agreed.

Chairman's Report from the last AGM to date and ensuing discussion: Colin Younger's report had previously been circulated to all participants.

Colin Younger spoke to some key points, emphasizing again that – according to the Council – there is no money for rebuilding the House or for a shell construction. Colin raised a concern that the Council's "memorialisation and associated works" bid may not meet all the Lottery Fund's criteria (as happened in the failed bid to rebuild the House). The suggestion that two A1-sized posters should be affixed to the hoarding round the House- to publicise the Council's bid and encourage park users to respond to the Council's survey on the issue – met the meeting's approval. Kim Lumley reminded the meeting of the some of the wider works being considered for the bid, including desilting of the middle and northernmost lakes (what to do with potentially toxic material?) and possibly creating an island.

Concern was expressed about the gazebo repairs, which seem to be proceeding very slowly.

[After note: The conditions for materials (3) schedule of works (4) in respect of the repair and restoration of Grade II* Listed gazebo" have been discharged, so there should be no obstacles to the work going ahead.]

Ivor Evans suggested that points arising in the Broomfield House Working Group's discussions (attended by the Trustees) should be widely circulated, but it was thought the Council might want only their "official" final position to be publicised, which is how we will leave it for now.

Appointment of trustees to serve for 2023 - next AGM – The trustees present at the meeting, Ivor Evans, Kim Lumley, David March, and Colin Younger, all agreed to stand again, with the meeting's approval. [Bill Yates subsequently confirmed that he wished to serve as a trustee for next year.]

Appointment of officers to serve for 2023 - next AGM – the following were reappointed: Colin Younger (Chairman); Ivor Evans (Secretary); David March (Treasurer and Deputy Chairman).

Other Business

None.

Date and venue of next meeting

Currently nothing proposed beyond the next AGM.