

MGL Spring Newsletter 2017

Thank you to all of you who attended the latest AGM or sent apologies. It is important that the Council of Management have the support of the community. The minutes of the meeting will be published shortly on our website.

Jon Keefe, as you know, resigned as director and chairman of the CoM and Helen Pettitt resigned just after the AGM. Jon had served four years and Helen, who took over from Chris (her late husband) for a total of five years. We are indebted to them both; Jon for steering us through some complicated procedures together with leading the protracted revision of the By-Laws and Helen, of course, for diligently achieving a successful gardening programme.

As a matter of priority the CoM met with Helen and the current members of the Gardening Group and we established the following.

- The Gardening Group will continue to advise Mark, our gardener, on regular garden maintenance requirements.
- The Gardening Group will meet on the Green on the first Tuesday of every month and all members who are interested are welcome to attend.
- Ways will be considered to make the grass cutting more efficient in order to maximize Mark's time. We are currently investigating purchase of a ride-on mower.
- Mike Reed will be asked to regularly inspect all trees and submit a report of short and long term recommendations to the CoM.

We now have five elected Council of Management Directors and a schedule of priorities as follows.

To elect a new chairman.

To consider the maintenance of the gardens (see above)

To publish the By-Laws as ratified at the AGM

To consider clause 7 Parking of By-Laws which was not agreed at AGM.

To examine the counterpart leases with the help of our solicitor to establish anomalies in our leases.

We are concerned that no nominations were received for potential directors of the CoM but are aware that younger members living in Maisemore Gardens may be interested in the running of the company but be busy working. The regular meetings of the CoM could be moved to the evenings to accommodate members if necessary. The CoM successfully enlisted members to join a Seawall sub-committee and would be pleased to welcome approaches from members to become involved in any area in which they have an interest or expertise to support the elected directors.

We trust that the early Spring will blossom into a Summer to remember!

Best Wishes from the Council of Management

Mike Boys, Jim Cottis, Martin Gebbett, Barry King-Smith, Alan Werge-Hartley

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