

FOSSIL GROVE TRUST
MEETING OF TRUSTEES
HELD ON THURSDAY 24TH AUGUST 2022 AT 10.00
BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

Present: Walter Semple (WS) (Chair); Elizabeth Brown (EB), Campbell Forrest; (CF); Feargal Dalton, Lana Reid McConnell (LRM); Ian Veitch (IV); David Webster (DW);

In attendance: Jamie Bateman (JB), Stephen Blanchflower (SB), Alex Fleming Knox (AFK), Julia Laphorn (JL),

Apologies: Michael Herrigan (MH); Eunis Jassemi (EJ); Neil Robertson (NR)

1. Minute of the Trustees Meeting on 16th June 2022.

Approved

2. Matters Arising

EJ had asked if the meetings could be changed to evenings. The trustees were not in favour of this. A different change could be discussed a future meeting.

3. Treasurers Report.

The report from IV is attached. The chairman suggested that we should realise enough from the investments to cover expected expenditure over the next 12 months. This was agreed.

4. Open days

The report from DW is attached. Visits from students at Glasgow University and Edinburgh University were noted with pleasure. DW hoped that visits could be arranged also for many school students. His request for more volunteer help from volunteers was noted. DW explained the practical difficulty of making an accurate count of visitor numbers.

The trustees thanked DW warmly for all his work in organising and running the Open Days.

5. Environmental Monitoring

DW had circulated 2 Reports on Environmental Monitoring and Establishing Environmental Baseline Conditions. They are attached and were noted. The trustees confirmed approval of the recommended purchase of a new monitor.

6. Report from Smith Scott Mullan Associates

Jamie Bateman had sent a report of the current situation which is attached. He asked about access for contractors' vehicles and the availability of an asbestos survey and also an R and D (refurbishment and demolition) survey. SB would help with this as required. A standard asbestos survey was carried out in 2019. Expense of the R&D survey would be for the Trust to meet. JB agreed that an outline programme would be helpful at this stage. It would help to identify delays and to avoid them in future.

JB asked if Trustees were aware of any contractors who may be suitable for the tender(s). Covanburn Contracts Limited of East Kilbride was suggested.

AFK raised the question of an tree survey in the vicinity of the south wall excavation works. The Council had an arbor team who could deal with this. AFK agreed to convene a meeting with the team on site. This was a sensitive issue. All interested parties in the Park should be consulted and invited to the site meeting including VPCT and Friends of Victoria Park.

The chairman suggested that the time had come to convene working group meetings to allow more frequent communication and the works to proceed in a coordinated way. He would pursue this as appropriate.

7. Glasgow City Council

SB reported that the following matters had been dealt with. He would submit a written report.

- 1) New alarm system.
- 2) Removal of west canopy roof.
- 3) New rear roller shutter door with improved security
- 4) Capped water supply and removal of water tank.
- 5) Repairs to electric sockets to be done tomorrow.
- 6) Review of the capacity of the electrical system to assess whether it was adequate for frost-protection heating.
- 7) Existing asbestos survey to be sent to architects
- 8) Review costs of removal of canopy wooden roof structure

8. Fossil Grove SCIO.

The chairman had delayed submitting the SCIO application to OSCR until he had evidence that the appointing bodies would make the required appointments. He now had this except for Glasgow City Council. FD and AFK proposed that WS should proceed with the application without evidence from GCC other than the appointment of the present councillor trustees to the existing trust. WS agreed to do this.

9. Future meeting dates

26th October 2022

2023 proposed: 25th January /26th April / 30th August / 25th October.

Prepared by Walter Semple on 25th August 2022.