

**FOSSIL GROVE TRUST**  
**MEETING OF TRUSTEES**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 10.00**  
**BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:** Walter Semple (WS) (Chair); Elizabeth Brown (EB), Campbell Forrest; (CF); Feargal Dalton (FD); Michael Herrigan (MH); Eunis Jassemi (EJ); Ian Veitch (IV); David Webster (DW).

Apologies: Lana Reid McConnell (LRM)

**1. Minute of the Trustees Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022.**

Approved

**2. AGM Business.**

The Accounts were not yet available. IV would produce them as soon as possible. When they were available a short meeting to consider them would be arranged. Until then that part of the business of the AGM was continued. The last date for submission to OSCR was 31st December. Appointment of the present Chairman, Treasurer and Independent Examiner was agreed to remain in place for the year to come.

**3. Treasurers Report.**

The Ruffer report had been circulated among the trustees. There had been a modest reduction in the value of the funds. IV reported that this was not of concern at present. He reported that the bank balance was around £30,000. He would make recommendations about realisations when the quotations for the planned works at Fossil Grove became available. IV has produced a written report which he sent to the trustees. This is attached.

**4. Open days**

The monthly open days organised by DW with the help of Geological Society of Glasgow members had continued successfully until the final day for this year on 16th October. They had been well attended. Numbers of visitors had been between 350 and 400 on each occasion. They had evidently been much enjoyed. DW has written a report which he sent to the trustees on 25.10.2022. This is attached.

**5. Environmental Monitoring**

DW reported that there remained an issue with one of the monitors. During recent heavy rain, ponding had returned to the fossil floor. A downpipe had been damaged due to vandalism. DW expressed concern that the building was without heating. This it could result in damage to the fossils in the event of frost. He was considering emergency electrical heating. The alarms were functioning well. The CCTV monitoring was being passed to the central monitoring control. DW has written a report which he sent to the trustees on 25.10.2022. This is attached.

**6. Report from Project Working Party**

The project working party had been meeting with the architect and Alex Fleming Knox as well as other representatives of the City Council. The latest meeting was yesterday. Delay had

been caused by difficulty in procuring suitable materials for supporting the high ground at the South of the building. A report from a tree expert dealing with tree removal at the shows of the building had been required and obtained. ESB would share this with Friends of Victoria Park and ensure appropriate consultation. An asbestos survey was required although it was not thought that the building contained any asbestos. DW had circulated a project programme which had been provided by the architect. DW has produced a minute oof yesterday's meeting. This is attached. The trustees confirmed that they were content with the work of the Project Working Party.

#### **7. Glasgow City Council**

WS reported that he had considered the licence to occupy proposed by Glasgow City Council. It was a standard form draft licence which did not address the current situation. WS had submitted to the trustees a draft letter to the City Council. It was critical that the owner gave written consent to the trustees before they entered into a construction contract, to allow the contractors possession of the site for the period of the proposed contract works. WS would review his draft in light of the discussion and submit it to the working party for consideration.

#### **8. Fossil Grove SCIO.**

The chairman now had a letter from Glasgow City Council date 19<sup>th</sup> October confirming the appointment of FD, EJ and LRM as trustees of the SCIO. WS awaits the completion of 4 trustee application forms. When he has these, he will make the application to OSCR for registration.

#### **9. Future meeting dates**

25<sup>th</sup> January / 26<sup>th</sup> April / 30<sup>th</sup> August / 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Prepared by Walter Semple on 31st October 2022.