

Friends of Grove Gardens Committee Meeting Agenda

11am Wednesday 10th January 2024

Attendees - Sarah Simpson (Co-Chair), Anne Nursey (Secretary), Chris Wakeford (Bowling Club Rep), Sally Taylor, Rosie Doran,

Apologies - Andy Ridge (Co-Chair), John Wilkinson, Heather Geddes, Shelley Winfield, Louisa Kershaw

1. Welcome and Apologies

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Matters arising

All matters arising will be covered in the agenda

4. Feedback from the AGM and Carols in the Gardens

It was felt the format worked well, though attendance was slightly disappointing, not helped by the weather, and this was our first attempt. A similar format will be adopted in 2024 but on a Sunday which might be more suitable for people. The Committee was grateful for the support provided by Habitats and Heritage and all the musicians.

5. Updates from the Groups

LBRUT Council and Biodiversity - Shelley and Anne met with LBRUT to discuss the replacement in March/April of the flower bed by the Grove Gardens road gate and how this co-ordinates with work that could be funded by other bodies. A step by step approach was agreed, waiting for the current planned works to be completed before making any applications for new grants. The bulbs provided by LBRUT were planted by volunteers on Saturday 2nd December. The Committee is considering planting summer bulbs in March and investigating the possibility of donations from local garden centres.

Dogs - No issues to report.

Bowling Club Update - nothing to report as it is the closed season

6. Calendar of Events

It was agreed it would be useful to put a calendar of planned events on the website as follows:

March Summer planting (date to be agreed)

May Open Day Sunday May 6th 2024

November Spring Bulb planting Sunday November 24th 2024

December AGM and Carols Sunday 15th December 2024

The Bowling Club were asked if they would also like to include key events in the FoGG website.

7. Communications with Friends of Grove Gardens

It was agreed that it would be useful to survey the Friends group of over 100 people to establish their views on what they want for Grove Gardens and where the Committee should be focussing their efforts. Shelley and Sally will draft a suitable questionnaire.

Several leaders of the sub-groups had expressed a desire to contact the FoGG mailing list to recruit people onto their groups. Anne will follow up with the appropriate people to get specific requests in order send out a request to the Friends.

8. AOB

Grove Terrace residents have agreed to adopt the strip of land adjacent to the gardens and will be planting up with resilient plants once the land has been cleared

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th April, 11 am