

**FOSSIL GROVE TRUST**  
**MEETING OF TRUSTEES**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 10.00**  
**BY ZOOM**

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

**1. MINUTE OF MEETING ON 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

This minute was approved.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

The chairman reported that IV had obtained the consent of OSCR to transfer the assets of the trust to the Fossil Grove Trust SCIO and following the transfer to dissolve the trust. IV Reported that he expected to have the transfers completed before the next meeting of trustees in January. This would complete the dissolution of the trust.

**3. AGM BUSINESS / ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30.03.20123**

These accounts now approved by the independent examiner were approved unanimously by the Trustees . The trustees agreed to paying the fee of the independent examiner. IV was thanked for the detailed work in achieving this, and for all his work during the year.

**4. AGM BUSINESS/ ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS.**

Considering the imminent dissolution of the trust, the chairman suggested that the existing office bearers should remain in office until the dissolution. This was agreed.

The chairman then suggested that the change to the SCIO should be used as an opportunity to review how best to manage the trust in future, including possible changes to office bearers. MH explained his intention not to act as a trustee of the SCIO. He would ask the Victoria Park Community Trust to make a new appointment. The chairman thanked MH warmly for his important contribution to the work of the trust over a number of years. EB reported that she had spoken to Neil Robertson. Neil would not join the board of the SCIO. He had asked that his good wishes for the future of the trust be passed on to the trustees.

**5. TREASURERS REPORT AND RUFFER INVESTMENT REPORT.**

IV Referred to his report to the meeting fixed for 6 September. He was now engaging with Glasgow City Council and with Redmayne Bentley, stockbrokers so that the realisation of the existing funds and purchases of replacement investments could be made. His enquiries with the stock broker had led to some concern about the way in which their investment platform now operated.

## **6. OPEN DAYS**

DW reported that the last two open days had been held on 17 September and 15th October. Around 300 people had attended in September and well over 200 in October. This showed the support of the local community for Fossil Grove. He said that opening of the Fossil Grove would be part of the Glasgow Science Festival in June 2024. DW was making arrangements to work with Scotstoun and St Paul's primary schools to arrange visits. He hoped to include Whiteinch primary school. STV would be filming at the Fossil Grove tomorrow

The Chairman said that these open days had been extremely important not only for the local community and visitors from elsewhere but also to demonstrate to the City Council the importance of Fossil Grove. They had required considerable organisation by DW and had been given strong support by the Geological Society of Glasgow and by Neil Clark of the Hunterian Museum. The chairman would write to both of these organisations to express the sincere thanks of the Fossil Grove trustees.

## **7. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

DW Reported that environmental monitoring was continuing in order to provide an evidence base for future conservation work

## **8. GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL**

Jullia Laphorn had reported a fundamental change in the position of Glasgow City Council to the funding of the Fossil Grove. Funding of up to £450,000 would be proposed at a meeting tomorrow. It was expected to be approved. If it was approved the trustees and their SCIO successor would engage with the City Council to find out how they wanted to take matters forward. The meeting expressed its warm thanks to all those involved in the work to bring this about.

## **9. PROPOSED MEETING DATES**

CF said that while meetings by Zoom had been shown to be convenient and useful, face to face meetings were preferable if they could be organised. The Whiteinch centre had been a good venue when the City Chambers were not available. The following meeting dates were proposed. After dissolution of the trust these dates would apply to board meetings of the SCIO.

**2024:** 24<sup>th</sup> January: 24<sup>th</sup> April: 28<sup>th</sup> August: 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Drafted by Walter Semple 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.