

FOSSIL GROVE TRUST SCIO
MEETING OF TRUSTEES AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2024 AT 10.00
BY ZOOM

Present: Walter Semple (WS) (Chair); Elizabeth Brown (EB); Campbell Forrest; (CF); Councillor Lana Reid McConnell (LRM); Ian Veitch (IV); David Webster (DW). [6 trustees are a quorum]

Apologies: Councillor Eunis Jassemi.

Invited: Chris Weitz (CW).

1. MINUTE

The Minute of the meeting held on 28.08.24 was approved.

2. CHARLES SCOTT

Charles Scott had intimated his resignation on 22nd October. The Chairman had thanked him for his contribution. He would now write to the Secretary of Victoria Park Community Trust asking them to appoint a new trustee to replace Charles. If no appointment had been made after 60 days, the trustees were empowered to make an appointment.

3. AGM BUSINESS

3.1. The draft accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 were approved subject to independent examination. Any changes would be explained to the trustees.

3.2. The trustees authorised signature of the terms of their report incorporated in the draft accounts

3.3. Walter Semple was unanimously re-elected Chairman

3.4. Ian Veitch was unanimously re-elected Treasurer

3.5. Walter Semple offered to continue to act as Secretary. This was accepted

3.6. Brian O'Neill was unanimously re-elected as independent examiner. It was noted that he had been suffering from ill health but remained willing to accept this office

4. TREASURERS REPORT

IV spoke to the Treasurer's report which had been circulated. The approved investments trustees had been made. Income was now being received. Cash held now totalled £19,708.

5. GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL

Emails had been exchanged concerning the possible installation of a working toilet. DW regretted that the restoration process was taking so long. It had been expected to begin in March. Introducing a working toilet at this stage would require extensive further work including finding and restoring a septic tank. Toilets were available in the Park a short walk away. If required, a toilet could be installed in future in the FG building. Space was available for this. EB said that her concern was that regulations should be observed. She focused on mandatory requirements of Building Standards. CW would obtain an answer to this and would report back in writing. She considers that nothing should be excluded at present which might compromise future funding applications.

LRM considered that a toilet was required to meet the wishes of the local community.

CW said that he and Liam the architect had extensive discussions to adjust the specification of works so that they make the building wind and water tight and remain within the available budget. They were now working on the fifth revision of the specification of works. He would share this with the trustees when it was finished. They were handicapped by lack of itemised listing from the contractor. The building must be wind and water type before it was handed to the charity for future management. Otherwise they were setting up an arrangement which was at risk of failing. FGT had already started the "People Make Glasgow" process. If this were successfully completed it would make possible further funding from external sources. No building warrant was required for the present works.

CF referred to the collective business experience of the trustees. He asked that the approved specification of works should contain no surprises. Concern had been expressed about the expected life of patch repairs to the roof. He had still not seen a structural survey. Was there one? CW agreed to find out the position regarding the survey and 12 month guarantee for roof repairs.

IV said that the purpose of the present work was to protect the fossils. The local community may believe incorrectly that the current funding could produce a building to be satisfactory for public exhibition of the fossils to the public and frequent opening. On the contrary, we were engaged in a phased process which would require further funding.

LRM offered to write to the appropriate City Council Convenor to explain that further funding was required and further work needed. The building must after completion of the works be in a position to allow the trustees to take on a lease. She would draft a letter and circulate the draft. The draft letter should not delay the carrying out of the work.

6. VICTORIA PARK COMMUNITY TRUST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum had been signed in April 2021. Its duration was 3 years renewable at termination. The secretary of VPCT had asked for the addition of the following clause:

"FoVP, FGT and WCC will assist with the promotion of VPCT information, events and activities on social media and notice boards where appropriate and vice versa."

Considering that FGT was bound by its charitable purposes, it was agreed to propose to VPCT that the following clause be added:

"FGT will assist in so far as they are included within their charitable purposes with the promotion of VPCT information, events and activities on social media and notice boards where appropriate and vice versa."

7. PROPOSED MEETING DATES

(Wednesdays at 10.00am by Zoom unless otherwise agreed))

2025: 22nd January; 23rd April; 20th August; 22nd October.

Minute drafted by Walter Semple 30th October 2024 and revised on 16th November 2024