

THE FRIENDS OF PALMEIRA AND ADELAIDE
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

THE 23rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will take place at The Cornerstone Centre at 6pm on Saturday 11th January 2020

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**The Meeting will be followed by the FOPA Annual Party
6.30 to 8.30pm**

AGENDA

- 1) Minutes of the 22nd AGM (see below)
- 2) Comments on the Annual Report (see below)
- 3) Agreement of the Annual Accounts (see below)
- 4) Election of the Committee for 2020

The following Committee members have agreed to remain:

Peter Jukes (Chairman)	
Frank Inglis (Secretary)	
George Dean (Treasurer)	
Trish Thompson	Rory Connelly
David Ward	David Ryan

If no objections are received all will be elected by block vote.

The Committee welcomes new ideas and help with its work
If any members would like to join the Committee please contact us before 31st Dec 2019
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Minutes of the 22nd AGM

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**MINUTES OF THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE FRIENDS OF PALMEIRA AND ADELAIDE
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**HELD AT THE CORNERSTONE CENTRE
AT 6PM ON SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY 2019**

PRESENT

In the chair:	Peter Jukes (PJ)	
Committee:	Rory Connelly	Frank Inglis
	Sue Hitching (SH)	David Sewell
	David Ryan	David Ward
	Trish Thompson	
Note taker:	Brian Phillpott	

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Ollie Sykes and Phelim McCafferty

2. With an attendance of twenty four, including those on the Committee, the meeting was confirmed by the note taker as quorate.
3. The Agenda, Minutes of the previous AGM, the Annual Accounts and the Chairman's Annual Report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
4. **Proceedings**
 - 4.1 The Minutes of the 21st AGM of FOPA held on Saturday 15th January 2018 were presented by PJ and adopted by acclamation.
 - 4.2 The Annual Report for 2018 was presented by PJ and adopted by acclamation.
 - 4.3 The Annual Accounts for 2018 were presented and adopted by acclamation. PJ thanked SH for her work in maintaining and preparing the accounts and Tim Kirkup for auditing the Annual Accounts.
 - 4.4 **Election of the Committee**

PJ informed the meeting that he, Rory Connelly, Sue Hitching, Frank Inglis, David Ryan, David Sewell, Trish Thompson and David Ward were willing to continue in office. PJ proposed a block vote for all the members. This was seconded by Brian Phillpott and adopted by acclamation. PJ informed the meeting that SH had informed him that this would be her last year as Treasurer as she would be stepping down in September. PJ thanked SH for her continued hard work and invited anyone interested in taking over the role of Treasurer/Membership Secretary to contact him via info@fopa.co.uk
 - 4.5 PJ informed the meeting that George Dean had volunteered for the vacant role of Secretary and proposed that he be appointed to that role. This was adopted by acclamation.
5. **Questions**

PJ invited questions from the floor on the Annual Report and Accounts. There were none.
6. **Any Other Business**

PJ informed the meeting that he had not received any formal requests for AOB but opened up the meeting to the floor should those present wish to raise any issues. A resident sought clarification regarding the pitching of tents and other issues related to rough sleepers. PJ outlined local arrangements set in place through the Ward Councillors. A resident wanted to bring to the notice of the Committee the recent work undertaken by Stuart Grainger in the gardens. PJ responded that he and Stuart had been in contact and welcomed him as a returning member to FOPA. In closing the meeting PJ said that he wished to thank BP for taking on the role of note taker for the past twelve months.
7. The business of the meeting being completed, the meeting concluded at 6.25pm. The next AGM will be held on a date to be arranged.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

This is my 3rd Annual Report as FOPA Chairman of the work of the Committee on behalf of residents during the previous 12 months.

The individual committee members have remained as active as ever, usually working very quietly behind the scenes on behalf of all residents and in the interests of maintaining the unique environment in which we are privileged to live. During the year, Sue Hitching, our long-serving and hard working Hon Treasurer and Hon Sec/Membership Secretary decided to step down to allow herself time to pursue studies for a Masters degree in which endeavour we wish her every success. Shortly after leaving the committee, while Sue and her partner Brian (who had been assisting informally but very valuably as the cttee note-taker), were on a short break in Berlin, Brian succumbed to critical illness and very sadly passed away within days; our deepest sympathies are of course extended to Sue. Sue's former cttee roles have been distributed to Frank Inglis as Hon Sec and George Dean as Hon Treasurer. We are extremely grateful to both of them.

We have also lost the services of another long-serving cttee member in David Sewell on his move to live in the Seven Dials area. David had been particularly active in matters arising from the Local Action Team at whose quarterly meetings he was one of two FOPA representatives together with David Ward. The LAT deals particularly with Council and police liaison and recent good news was that 2 full-time PCSOs had been allocated to our area from Palmeira to Brunswick Squares. We hope we have secured a replacement LAT member in Palmeira resident Alan Donahoe who is interested in a community role in Palmeira/Adelaide without formally joining the FOPA cttee. Separately, as FOPA chairman I have continued to represent Palmeira and Adelaide at the regular meetings of The Brunswick Town Association which seeks to safeguard the community heritage of this very special part of the city, maintaining an active dialogue with the City Council on current issues, particularly in respect of licensing of buildings and public/commercial events.

Two especially active but unsung members of the committee are Rory Connelly and Trish Thompson. Rory is the man you will see regularly on his self-imposed rubbish clearance duty in the gardens and he also deals assiduously with each instance of graffiti on our buildings and walls. His very effective liaison with the Council usually achieves removal of each new Tag within about 24 hours, a level of performance which must be eyed enviously from residents in other parts of the city. He similarly ensures rapid removal of abandoned bicycles and the fitting of replacement bulbs in the street lighting. Trish is the gardening member on the committee and maintains a very effective partnership with the Council's lead gardener for our area. It is unfortunately the case that Council finance, manpower and other resources allocated to public gardens have steadily reduced in recent years but Trish works tirelessly to achieve the best possible utilisation of such resources as are available. She also ensures the optimum deployment of scarce FOPA funds when necessary, to fill gaps left by the Council in respect of bulbs, shrubs and trees.

An interesting non-FOPA development in the gardens during 2019 has been the creation of The Garden Fund by two concerned residents for the purpose of enhancing the efforts of the Council gardener and of FOPA by additional planting. They are financing these efforts by the occasional table-top sales which took place throughout 2019 and are expected to continue in 2020, all subject to appropriate licensing on each occasion. FOPA is maintaining close contact with these endeavours via Trish Thompson, to ensure compatibility between our respective programmes which are otherwise separate.

Heritage issues in our locality are very closely observed by long-time Palmeira resident and past FOPA cttee member Richard Hawkes who remains extremely vigilant on our behalf and intervenes as necessary with our Ward Councillors Phelim MacCafferty and Hannah Clare who fortunately share our concerns and regularly intervene for us or exert pressure when needed in the appropriate corridors of power. They are very helpful; our thanks to both.

A feature of the last two Annual Reports was planning and then monitoring of progress in respect of the replacement of house rubbish collections by communal bins in strategic locations. The communal system is now well-established and beyond some inevitable teething problems seems to have worked better than many feared. There remain problem days when for one of a variety of reasons there is some sort of hiatus in rubbish collection generally around the City and doubtless this will always be so but communal bins are here to stay, requiring all of us to collaborate towards the achievement of smooth working.

The FOPA website (www.fopa.co.uk) which has been designed and installed for us free of charge by IT professional and FOPA cttee member David Ryan and his partner Simon, is regularly updated by David with news of past or forthcoming events or matters which should simply be drawn to resident's attention eg the spate of house break-ins which occurred in Palmeira properties last November. If you live in the FOPA area the website is certainly recommended reading on a regular basis.

The annual message remains valid that we are always looking for new blood to refresh the committee so please chat to one of us if you feel this rewarding but undemanding and sociable local involvement would interest you. Formally, the cttee meets only three times a year in the Cornerstone plus the AGM so it is not an onerous commitment although there might be ancillary roles which grab your interest. We currently lack a Membership Secretary in particular, probably the least onerous role of all and mainly requiring computer access and

very basic IT skills. Please do have a chat with me or any member of the current cttee if you think this might interest you.

As separately promulgated by notices and on the website, the 2019 AGM in the Cornerstone at 6pm on 11 Jan is again being immediately followed on the same evening by our Annual Party, an enjoyable opportunity for FOPA members to mingle informally for an hour or so with a glass of wine and some small eats - all organised by committee members to whom I am extremely grateful - and all for the very modest charge of £10pp, payable in advance via party@fopa.co.uk or on the door. Our Ward Councillors have been invited and will I hope be present together with our new PCSOs and I hope, all of you. I very much hope you will attend for both parts of the evening and I look forward to seeing you there.

PETER JUKES, CHAIRMAN

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2019

THE FRIENDS OF PALMEIRA AND ADELAIDE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

PERIOD ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2019

INCOME				INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
01/12/2018	HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT			£	547.60		
	HSBC POLICE PROPERTY FUND			£	276.20		
30/04/2019	REVIEWED FIGURE BROUGHT FORWARD						
	DONATIONS			£	150.00		
	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE			£	116.00		
	CHRISTMAS PARTY			£	290.00		
	POLICE PROPERTY FUND	INTEREST		£	0.14		
EXPENDITURE							
30/04/2019	BUSINESS STREAM	M				£	20.00
	CORNERSTONE ROOM HIRE					£	16.50
	AGM AND PARTY JANUARY 2019					£	242.58
	UK2 WEBHOSTING BIENNIAL FEE DOMAIN					£	19.93
	DONATIONS BRUNSWICK R.A			£	50.00		NOT CLEARED 30/04/2019
	DONATIONS GARDENERS			£	13.30		
	HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT CARRIED FORWARD					£	1,017.63
	HSBC POLICE PROPERTY FUND						
				£	1,379.94	£	1,379.94

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PERIOD ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2019

INCOME				INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
01/05/2019	HSBC CURRENT ACCOUNT BROUGHT FORWARD			£	1,017.63		
	TABLE TOP SALE DONATION GEORGE DEAN			£	27.40		
07/07/2019	DONATION SIMPSON AND SIMPSON			£	10.00		
01/05/2019	BUSINESS STREAM					£	4.00
10/05/2019	DAVID RYAN - RECYCLED FLIERS					£	27.40
03/06/2019	BUSINESS STREAM					£	4.00
03/07/2019	BUSINESS STREAM					£	4.00
01/08/2019	BUSINESS STREAM					£	4.00
02/09/2019	BUSINESS STREAM					£	4.00
01/10/2019	BUSINESS STREAM					£	4.00
30/11/2018	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD					£	1,003.63
				£	1,055.03	£	1,055.03
ITEMS PAID BY TREASURER BEFORE MANDATE OBTAINED							
10/06/2019	G.DEAN PAID CASH			£	16.50		
	CORNERSTONE BRUNSWICK ROOM RENT					£	16.50
07/10/2019	G.DEAN PAID CASH			£	16.50		
	CORNERSTONE BRUNSWICK ROOM RENT					£	16.50
	G.DEAN PAID CASH			£	21.70		
	GARDEN EXPENSES TO TRISH					£	21.70
				£	54.70	£	54.70

ANALYSIS FOR ACCOUNTS							
INCOME							
DONATIONS	XMAS	XMAS	INTEREST	INTRODUCED			
	RAFFLE	PARTY		G.DEAN			
£ 150.00	£ 116.00	£ 290.00	£ 0.14	£ 16.50			
£ 27.40				£ 16.50			
£ 10.00				£ 21.70			
£ 187.40	£ 116.00	£ 290.00	£ 0.14	£ 54.70			£ 648.24
EXPENDITURE							
BUSINESS	ROOM	AGM AND	UK2	DONATIONS	FLIERS	GARDEN	
STREAM	HIRE	PARTY	WEBHOST			EXPENSES	
£ 20.00	£ 16.50	£ 242.58	£ 19.93	£ 50.00	£ 27.40	£ 21.70	
£ 24.00	£ 16.50			£ 13.30			
	£ 16.50						
£ 44.00	£ 49.50	£ 242.58	£ 19.93	£ 63.30	£ 27.40	£ 21.70	£ 468.41
RECONCILIATION AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2019							
HSBC BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD				£ 547.80			
HSBC POLICE FUND BROUGHT FORWARD				£ 276.20			
INCOME				£ 648.24			
INTEREST				£ 0.04			
EXPENDITURE						£ 468.41	
HSBC BANK CARRIED FORWARD						£ 1,003.63	
POLICE PROPERTY FUND						£ 0.04	
				£ 1,472.08		£ 1,472.08	