

The Friends of the Watts Memorial

First Annual General Meeting

5 September 2015, 2.00pm, Museum of London

Those present: Robert Jeffries [RJ], John Price [JP] (acting Chair), Jak Riley [JR] (acting Treasurer) and Tina Naughton [TN] (acting Secretary).

Apologies: Louisa Allen, Martin Sergeant, Sarah Hudson.

1. Election of Management Committee

All acting members stood down from their positions and the election process was undertaken. On a proposal by Robert Jefferies, seconded by Jak Riley, John Price was unanimously elected as Chair. On a proposal by Jak Riley, seconded by John Price, Tina Naughton was unanimously elected as Secretary. On a proposal by John Price, seconded by Robert Jefferies, Jak Riley was unanimously elected as Treasurer. On a proposal by Tina Naughton, seconded by John Price, Robert Jeffries was unanimously elected as a member of the committee. All members accepted their posts and the Management Committee was duly elected.

2. Constitution

On a proposal by John Price, seconded by Jak Riley, the following amendment to the constitution was put forward: "3.2.5 Members of the Management Committee will serve terms of five years from the date of the AGM at which they are elected. At the end of each five-year term, the post will come up for election." This amendment was unanimously accepted. On a proposal by Tina Naughton, seconded by John Price, the amended constitution was unanimously adopted.

3. Chair's Report

John Price expressed his enormous satisfaction that the Friends of the Watts Memorial had finally been founded and his hopes that it would be a fruitful and successful organisation that would protect and preserve both the fabric and the spirit of the memorial. He was also pleased to report that the Management Committee had met twice since its establishment and that a great deal of work had been achieved in a relatively short space of time. John sincerely thanked the members of the Management Committee for agreeing to undertake their roles and for committing their time and their good will to the organisation's aims and objectives. The chair reported that the Management Committee had worked on establishing the constitution, which had been adopted, and primarily on administrative issues such as opening a bank account, establishing a website and planning for future events. These issues were all progressing well; the bank account was very close to being open and as soon as that was done the various elements of the website would be purchased and the website launched. Plans were also afoot for collaborative events with the Friends of City Gardens and Christian Heritage London, as well as involvement with Open House and Open Garden Squares. The matter of charging a subscription for membership of the FWM had been much discussed by the management committee and the decision had not been taken lightly. It was felt, though, that the rate of £5 per annum was suitably small so as to not deter

membership but sufficient to give the organisation enough funds to initially undertake its work and organise other fundraising initiatives. The organisation was still very much in its infancy but it was clear that a great mass of people had a wealth of affection for the monument and a keen desire to see it protected which the chair hoped would soon translate into membership, revenue and action.

4. Secretary's Report

Tina Naughton reported that there were not yet any members of the FWM, beyond the commitments of the Management Committee, but that this was largely due to waiting for the bank account to open so that membership fees could be collected and the organisation publicised through the internet. The secretary confirmed that the management committee would also join as members and would be the first four members of the organisation. Four Management Committee meetings had been planned for the year ahead (November, February, May and August) and the AGM had been scheduled for September 2016.

5. Treasurer's Report

Jak Riley reported on progress with opening an account with the Co-operative which, although taking some time, was nearing completion and he expected it to be completed and the account opened by the end of October at the latest. There had been no income and no expenditure and the current balance of the account was £0. He understood from John Price that, once the account was open, the remaining balance of the grant previously received to create the Everyday Heroes Mobile App would be transferred to FWM to pay for the ongoing hosting costs associated with the App (which was closely linked to the aims and objectives of the FWM).

6. Any other business

No other business was put forward for discussion

7. Date of next AGM

It was agreed that the 2016 AGM of the FWM should be held on Saturday 3 September 2016 and it was proposed to hold the AGM at the church of All Hallows by the Tower. Following the AGM, Rob Jeffries kindly offered to provide a guided tour of the church for those attending.