

## **Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links**

Minutes of AGM on 7 September 2020

Zoom meeting at 7pm

Apologies: Martin Hyman, Elizabeth Jogee, Alison Carr, Maureen Parnell

Present: Angela Gibson, Jim Orr, Iain Black, Martin Howorth, Joan Carter, Jimmy Robertson, Philip McDowell, Bridget Stevens, Neil Roger, Gordon and June McLeod, Alec Mann, Graeme Cruickshank, Sarah Tolley, Alison Service

The Convenor welcomed all present to the Zoom meeting and declared the AGM open

**The minutes of the previous AGM.** The minutes were approved. Jimmy Robertson asked if the 5 Year Plan has been updated. Neil Roger to follow this up.

**The Annual Report.** The report was discussed. Bridget Steven asked about the memorial bench for Robin Morris and Neil Roger confirmed that it is in place, in Bruntsfield Links. The plaque will be funded by Merchiston Community Council.

**The Financial Report.** This, together with the Annual Report was approved.

**Election of Trustees.** Jim Orr, Iain Black, Joan Carter, Bridget Stevens, Neil Roger, Alec Mann, Maureen Parnell, Kaaren Haughton, Alison Service, and Sarah Tolley were approved to serve for another year,

Angela Gibson and Martin Howorth were elected.

The new Trustees were welcomed by all present.

**Any Other Business.** Philip McDowell queried the presence of an ice cream van on the grass, on the Meadows. Graeme Cruickshank asked for an update about the Jawbones and Neil Roger reported that they have been restored and will be reinserted in the Spring 2021. Jimmy Robertson mentioned that the Short Hole Golf Course has been closed for the first summer since the end of the War; the flags are considered a health risk, and the course is vulnerable to picnickers and BBQs.

The Meeting decided to hold the Autumn gathering online and will look into using Business Zoom.

The AGM closed with thanks to the Convenor for chairing the meeting.