

Minutes of HGPA Committee Meeting

Tuesday 16th December 2025, 1830
10a Huntly Gardens

Present: Lawrence Weaver, Mo Gillespie, Dorothy Gillespie, Andy Whilance, Stewart Curren

The Minutes of Committee Meeting 13 March 2025 were reviewed and accepted.

The Minutes of AGM 24 February 2025 were reviewed and accepted.

Garden Business. Mo Gillespie, who has taken over from Hilary Barclay as coordinator of the Garden, reviewed the business, events and activities of the last eight months. A number of trees were damaged or fell during storms, and she wondered if a formal 'tree survey' should be considered. GardenWise has been providing a good service, but Andy (?), who provides it, feels that with more hours of employment, it could be even better. Mo G confessed that her horticultural knowledge was inadequate to make decisions about new planting and some other gardening matters, and wondered if we could find someone with 'green fingers' who could support her in this role. She would also like help with the administrative work, of collecting fees, doing accounts, communicating with resident's requests, complaints, providing keys, and being available when acute problems arise, such as a fallen tree.

Andy Whilance, who presently looks after our website, agreed to take over the admin duties, and Dorothy Gillespie volunteered to review our current contract with Garden Wise, and look at other possible Garden Care Providers and report back. We will issue an invitation to all members of the HGPA and residents of the Gardens for someone with horticultural interests and experience to join Mo, Dorothy and Andy in looking after the garden. We proposed that the annual garden fee remain at £132 per year.

Road Business: Kew Lane is looking good, though we have had some complaints that the HG North Side bins are sometimes overfilled or left untidily parked. No other active business.

Abandoned Vehicles: Some progress has been made in persuading the Council to do something active about the abandoned vehicles in HG and in other streets in the West End.

Railings No 11: It is hoped that some action to repair these will occur in 2026.

HGPA Website: Andy W reported that there has been quite a lot of 'traffic'. Minutes of AGM and Committee meetings are now posted, along with Garden and Road reports and accounts. The cost of the website will be borne by the annual garden fee.

The date of AGM 2026 will be Monday 23 February 2026, and the next meeting of Committee on Monday 16th March. Dorothy G will book the Belmont Room for the AGM.