



Minutes of the Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Held at Pittville School, 20th September 2006.

Present: 44 members of public

Council Officers: John Crowther, Rosemary Mansbridge

Councillors: Dave Prince, Diane Hibbert

Press officer

Apologies: Ron Pattinson, Joan & Fred Balfour, Terry & Judy Langhorne, Geoffrey Pratt, Anne Roberts, Peter Simmonds, Adam Reynolds.

Cllr. Dave Prince welcomed everyone and gave a brief resume of the history of the 'Friends of Pittville'. DP explained the objectives of the group as set out in the constitution.

The following discussion highlighted the importance of **communication**, with a request for full meetings to be held regularly to keep the membership fully involved, the importance of ensuring a **fully inclusive representation** of all elements of the community and to have a clear understanding of the **time frame** to which the group would be working to support the Heritage Lottery Bid.

Reference was made to the new website.

Constitution

The constitution was amended following suggestion from the members present. It was noted that there was provision for a representative from PARA a representative from Parkwatch and two Pittville Ward Borough Councillors to be co-opted but that co-opted members should not take up the position of Chairperson. The Constitution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Election of Officers, Executive committee and Co-opted members

The AGM had been advertised around Pittville and in the PARA newsletter. Nominations for the executive committee had been received and DP gave a brief description of each of them.

Chairman:	Tony Mason
Treasurer	Paul Weston
Secretary	Ron Pattinson

Committee	Colin Enyon Fiona Clarke Geoffrey Pratt Anne Roberts Terry Langhorne Arran Stibbe Roger Turner
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Co-optees	
PARA	Peter Simmons
Parkwatch	Desmond Fitzgerald
Councillors	Dave Prince Diane Hibbert

The committee was nominated by Barry Poulton, seconded by Graham Hopwood and elected by the members present.

Air Vice Marshal Tony Mason chaired the meeting from this point.

The Chairman summed up the discussions that had taken place during the evening. He made particular reference to the importance of communication, cross community representation and the time frame of the proposed restoration project.

TM noted that para. G7 of the constitution would allow the committee to introduce working groups and sub-committees if they felt they would serve a useful purpose.

The chairman introduced Mr John Crowther, the assistant director for green environment at Cheltenham Borough Council.

JC reported the current position regarding the Heritage Lottery Bid and set out the timescale for the project (see annex attached). CBC has applied for a Project Planning Grant of £50,000 in order to take the bid to

the next stage. He explained that it was his intention to take a cross borough approach which would be fully inclusive and encompass other projects that may be planned in the locality.

JC suggested that the 'Friends of Pittville' may like to consider other grants such as 'Awards for all' and 'Young Roots'.

In response to a question, JC explained that CBC would have to contribute some capital to the project and this may come from developer contributions from neighbouring schemes and from capital reserves. None of this was guaranteed at this point.

Mr Bonney offered a link with St Vincents Hospice as away of ensuring that the needs of disabled resident's were considered.

Mr Enyon asked that general maintenance of Pittville Park should not be delayed whilst the long term restoration project was progressed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and confirmed that the newly elected committee would arrange to meet in the near future to discuss the issues that had been raised and would report back to the members in due course.

Date of next AGM – Wednesday, 24th October 7pm