

FRIENDS OF THE HATTON GALLERY
COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday 12th February 2019.

Present. Geoff Mills (Chair) (GM); Jo Cousin(JC); John Dance (JD); Roger Newbrook (RN); Richard Thompson (RT); Tomke Kossen-Veenhuis (TKV); and Zoe Allen (ZA); representing the gallery

1. **Apologies for absence:** Heather Baker; Maggie Bassendine; Simon Court; Bob Young;
2. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting of 11th December 2018 were signed as a true record.
3. **Matters arising.** None
4. **Gallery Report.** (ZA).
 - a. The Francis Bacon exhibition, with feature pieces from the Hatton's own collection, alongside the Ellen Gallagher show will run until 18th May.
 - b. The 'Pods' (Gathering) which change every 2 weeks with different artists ends on Saturday. This will be followed by a range of activities including:
 - i. Workshops during half term
 - ii. A visually impaired group and a dementia group comprised of members of different ages and a mental health group. These will all be engaged in art based activities.
 - iii. Students 'wellbeing' (not necessarily art students) aimed at addressing new students issues, for example home sickness.

The next major exhibition in the gallery will be the BA show ending with the 'Late Shows' which will include the Newcastle University Jazz Group.
5. **Treasurers Report:** (JD). The current balance is £7676. Internet banking is now up and running with TSB allocating a 'personal complaint handler' to FotH. In addition compensation of £150 has been paid to the Friends account.
6. **Membership Report.** (RT)

Membership continued to show a marginal increase

May	155
July	163
August	167
October	173
December	173

January not included as renewals about to start.
7. **Talks and Lectures Report.** (JC).

The following had been arranged:

 - a. Laura Edgar, Talk - working with textiles and mixed media. Seminar Room, Hatton Gallery, Tuesday 26th February.
 - b. Carol Nicholson, Glass-painting Workshop. Learning Room, Hatton Gallery. Saturday, 9th March - 1-3 pm.

RN had put the previous talk by Katherine Renton on-line.
ZA and JC agreed to establish the 'link' with students from fine art
TKV was about to take maternity leave and was not able to arrange further events at present. This role needed to be considered at the forthcoming AGM.
8. **On-Line Media co-ordinator.** (RN)
 - a. RN sought agreement to put items that were included on the bulletin on-line and if necessary he agreed to help with the bulletin.
 - b. RN also wanted a Face Book 'Closed Group' for members and link with the Amazon Charitable Trust 'smile' which is a method used to donate to charities.
 - c. RN proposed to deliver a talk at the forthcoming AGM on 'Word Press'. The use of the Learning Room projector would be required for the presentation.

9. March Bulletin.(All)

Items to be included:

- a. Forthcoming AGM 6th April
- b. Summer Exhibition (13th July to 3rd August). Overview.
- c. Contemporary Art Club update.
- d. Membership reminder.

10. Any other Business

- a. AGM Proposal (RT)
 - i. That the committee place the following motion on the 6th April AGM agenda:
 "With effect from today, committee post holders are exempt from paying membership fees during the period they occupy the post". The motion was put to the vote and duly carried.
- b. FotH Trustees. JD referred to the Charity Commission who needed the names of the FotH Trustees. The Trustees are: Geoff Mills (Chair), John Dance (Treasurer) and Richard Thompson (Secretary).
- c. Christmas Market Feedback (TKV)
 - i. The Market was a new venture and had been held in the Long Gallery for one day on 15th December 2018.
 - ii. The weather forecast for the day had been very bad, advising people not to travel due to threatening freezing rain later in the day. This was not helped by disruption on the Metro system.
 - iii. Most footfall was earlier in the day.(total fig for day was 135)
 - iv. Gallery was very cold
 - v. Mince pies and mulled wine very successful
 - vi. Event could have benefitted by more advertising.

The meeting ended at 6.15pm

Richard Thompson
Secretary

1. amendment's to meeting minutes of 12th February

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Signed as a true record.....

Chair.....

Date.....