

FRIENDS OF THE HATTON GALLERY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes (Key Actions) of the meeting of Tuesday 12th November 2019.

Chair: Geoff Mills

Present. Geoff Mills (Chair) (GM); Simon Court (SC); Jo Cousin (JC); John Dance (JD); Roger Newbrook (RN); Richard Thompson (RT); Tomke Kossen-Veenhuis (TKV); Bob Young (RY)

1. **Apologies for absence;** Maggie Bassendine; Eric Cross, Zoe Allen.
2. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2019 were signed as a true record.
3. **Matters arising.** None
4. **Gallery Report.** ZA unable to attend
5. **Treasurers Report:**
 - a. Current balance: £4706. One Chq for £80.00 to deposit. (previous report £4867). There are no outstanding invoices.
6. **Membership Report.** (RT)
 - a. Current membership 173 (previous report 167)
7. **On-line media Report** (RN)
 - a. R. Talbots talk generated 2.500 hits indicating a healthy FotH Facebook site. In addition, there had been a lot of internet interest in the next scheduled talk.
 - b. JD queried whether members could post links to their own sites. In response RN agreed to devise a member's link page.
8. **Christmas Market** (TKV).
 - a. To date five people, including one non-member had signed up to take a stall. There was some doubt about other activities in the gallery on the same day that could have improved 'footfall'. The event is scheduled for 7th December in the Learning Room.
9. **Talks and Lectures**
 - a. JC referred to Margaret Woodliff Wright's forthcoming talk on 19th November.
 - b. Rhonda Fenwick was now considering a February date for her talk/workshop entitled 'Art and the Creative Process'.
 - c. Mike Collier, Professor of Visual Art at Sunderland Uni has agreed to do an item for the next bulletin and could also give a talk in January 2020.
 - d. MB had sent a brief update on the series of Saturday morning lectures. The next talk was scheduled for 12th January with Chris Jones. Professor of Fine Art Practice at Newcastle Uni.
10. **Bulletin**
 - a. It was generally agreed that this was now much improved with considerable input from RN and TKV. TKV was aiming to produce a December/January copy for circulation before Christmas and articles for inclusion were requested. RN would continue with the new article 'Featured Friend'

11. Any other Business

- a. Policy for non members who wish to engage in FotH activities
 - i. Workshops: Actual workshop fees apply based on actual cost of the event. Charges to be treated on a case by case basis but in all cases non-members would be subject to a £5 surcharge over and above the Members fee.
 - ii. Talks: These will normally be free to Members, but as above there would be a surcharge of £5 for non-members.
- b. Future committee meeting times and dates. It was agreed to keep to the current schedule.
- c. Publicising events/talks. RN places ads in the 'Crack' in addition to maintaining the website, Facebook etc. RT will continue to email reminders of events to the Membership (i.e. those who have agreed to receive on line comms).

The meeting ended at 6.15.pm

Richard Thompson
Secretary

amendment's to meeting minutes of 12th November

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Signed as a true record.....

Chair.....

Date.....

Richard Thompson
Secretary