

Friends of the Hatton
Notes of the Committee Meeting held on
Saturday 2nd November 2024
Hatton Learning Room

Present:

Chair-Bill Jackson: Vice Chair: Maggie Bassendine: Secretary: Richard Thompson:
Treasurer: John Dance: Bulletin editor: Roger Newbrook: Lecture programme;
Polina Chizhova: James Stephen Wright.

1. Apologies

Joyce Quinn; Josephine Cousin; Sue Dibben

2. Notes of previous meeting.

Previous meeting held on 2nd August 2024: **Agreed** as true record

Matters arising. Outstanding Items from 2 August meeting and 2024 AGM to be carried over to 2nd November 2024 meeting.

3. Standing items:

a. **Chair BJ.** Welcomed all present.

b. **Treasurer's report JD.** Balance: £4084. There are no outstanding invoices. James Stephen Wright has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer when John Dance retires at the 2025 AGM. JD to add JSW as signatory to account documents, although this transfer could take the bank some time to process.

c. JSW to set up new payment system via QR code ASAP. It was expected this would simplify payments and other financial transactions in future.

d. **Membership report RT.** Membership currently listed as 104. At the AGM there were 146 members. The position had not changed since the last report in August. It was thought this was attributed to the process we currently have in place for potential new members e.g. having to download a form, fill it in and send it off.

e. **On line Media. RN.** Details of events and workshops etc were now in place for the next Bulletin. (details previously provided by **JC**). It was also agreed to include advance notice of the 2025 AGM and the 2025 members exhibition in the Bulletin. **RT** to provide details. Any further Bulletin items should be sent to **RN** ASAP.

f. **Lecture Programme PC.** Unfortunately, a recent lecture had to be cancelled due to illness. However, **PC** listed a range of upcoming talks for inclusion in the Bulletin.

4. Outstanding items from previous meetings

a. Digitising Hatton Collection. Not progressed

b. Donating artwork to the gallery. Not progressed

c. **SD/AB Life Classes.** Although the idea of the re-introduction of Life Drawing Classes had been well received, the classes were not yet in place. **RT** to contact **SD** to determine how this can be progressed.

d. **Retirement of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary in April 2025.** **MB** suggested that **RN** offer himself for the post of Secretary and **PC**, having expressed some interest, to take on Chair. **RT** to provide with job description of Secretary's post.

5. Items Delegated from 2024 AGM

- a. Increase of Membership Fees. Not progressed
- b. Charges for talks and lectures. Not progressed
- c. Increase in charges for non-members Not progressed.

Comment: Financial issues not progressed due to pending changeover of Treasurers role.

6. Other Business

JQ had contacted the committee via email to say she had recently met with the new head of TWAM, Keith Merrin, who had expressed an interest in attending a future FotH committee meeting. It was agreed to invite Mr Merrin to the next meeting scheduled for Saturday 1st February 2025 or to the 2025 AGM.

The 2025 AGM is scheduled for Saturday 5th April. Hatton Learning Room, 10.00 to 12.30.

This years annual exhibition will be held in the Ex Libris Gallery betwee 31.3.25 and 13 4.25

Richard Thompson (secretary).