



CHEYNE WALK TRUST

MINUTES of the Cheyne Walk Trust ("CWT"), **AGM** held on:

Monday 11th November 2024 at, Chelsea Old Church, followed by drinks reception at Petyt Hall

The Chairman, David Waddell, ("DW") opened the meeting by welcoming all to the AGM of the Cheyne Walk Trust and noted that Ben Coleman, the MP for Chelsea & Fulham was to join the meeting later.

DW thanked the Vicar of Chelsea Old Church, The Very Reverend Max Bayliss for permitting the use of the Church for the AGM and Petyt Hall for the reception. DW paid special thanks to Dr May Maguire and her team for organising the reception. He also thanked Henrietta, Countess Caledon for displaying her illustrated Chelsea Riverside Map and would be available to discuss it.

After the AGM Anthea Turner conducted the arranged interview the special guest speaker Bill Wyman.

Apologies Nil

1. DW provided an update on key items:

1.1 Thames Conservation Area. Chelsea Yacht and Boat Company, ("CYBC")– and Chelsea Reach Boat Owners ("CBOA").

C YBC successfully appealed the RBKC's planning committee's decision that enforcement action be taken to have the mega boats removed. RBKC's Planning Applications Committee decided on three separate occasions that the activity constitutes a breach of planning control by reason of intensification. However, the planning inspector, after a two-day review, concluded in favour of the appeal and included a lawful Development Certificate in respect of the 60 houseboats.

Cheyne Walk Trust, ("CWT"), the Chelsea Society ("CS") together with the Lots Road Neighbourhood Forum ("LRNF") will continue to monitor the situation and any influx of new boats and will continue to press the council to endorse the River Thames Conservation Area Management Plan.

1.2. Battersea Bridge and Cheyne Walk junction.

DW commented on the ongoing concern of safety at Battersea Bridge and the Embankment junction. The key points covered were:

- The junction has been an accident black spot for too many years. In 2005 TFL were to introduce safety measures but have failed to carry them through.
- In the 5 years up to the end of December 2020, there were 63 recorded collisions with 72 casualties including a fatality and 2 more deaths in 2021 and 2022.



- TFL's report in 2023 sought to implement a cycling focussed "superhighway 8", ("CS8") despite many local objections.
- The plans for CS8 have already resulted in the banning of the north and south turns at Chelsea bridge.
- Works have started on TFL's scheme south of the river and is scheduled to begin along Chelsea Riverside in May 2025 with an 18 month programme.
- TFL has agreed to engage in discussions with Chelsea Alliance for Safe Traffic, ("CAST").
- The initial meeting suggested little willingness to accept modifications that might lead to an equitable outcome.

1.3 Proposed Tite Street Development- St Wilfreds.

- St Wilfreds, the former convent and care home on Tite's street was owned by the charity Daughters of the Cross of Liege, closed some years ago.
- The site was bought by the Abu Dhabi owned London Square Development Group, with plans for up to 24 houses or 90 flats to be created in buildings of up to 5 storeys high with plans for double basement.
- The draft plans are in conflict with the exceptional historic and artistic character of Tite Street and building over the existing garden- the new Draft Local Plan seeks to protect the garden gap and CWT is supporting the Tite Street residents in seeking a scheme that accords with the heritage character.

1.4 Proposed Tower Block on Glassmill Site.

The controversial proposed development at One Battersea Bridge has become a focal point of debate. The developers have revised their proposals and while it is reduced from 34 storeys the plans are still in effect 29 to 30 storeys.

The proposal has met substantial community opposition, and the local concerns are amplified by the TFL's planned construction program in the area. The development violates the local planning rules as the site is outside the designated tall buildings zone. A further concern is the precedent it would set for a tower cluster in the area.

1.5 Chelsea Riverside Gardens.

Hallie Swanson, of the CWT committee and as chair of the Chelsea Embankment Gardens working Group led the significant refurbishment of the garden this year together with the installation of a new bronze dog to replace the one that was stolen a number of years ago. Sadly, the new bronze suffered an attempted removal and we have plans to remount it more securely on a more prominent and secure plinth. DW complimented her on her contribution which has resulted in an enhancement of the gardens area.

2. The CWT annual Accounts

JK presented an overview of the annual accounts and commented that CWT accounts were in good order. Normal costs were incurred during the year and in addition there were costs in upgrading the Website which has been completed.

There were no objections to the accounts as presented and the accounts were duly approved. Proposer Charles Mayes, Seconder Jill Lewellyn.



3. Election of the CWT Committee

The election of the members, together with the recently coopted member Richard Jacques were re-elected en block- except for Frederick Mostert who has moved from the area. A show of hands was sought and was positive with no objections. Proposer Peter Barratt, seconder Evan Lewellyn.

The AGM was concluded.

Ben Coleman, MP for Chelsea and Fulham, joined the meeting and spoke on his experiences on becoming a member of parliament and gave an insight into what an MP does. He also provided his email address, bencoleman.co.uk and invited questions. The key question areas were Hammersmith Bridge, Battersea bridge which is the responsibility of RBKC and Charing Cross hospital.

DW thanked Ben Coleman for his contributions and introduced the special guest and CWT member Bill Wyman to discuss his book "Billy in the Wars". Anthea Turner interviewed Bill and the discussions were entertaining and very well received.

Date of next CWT Trustee meeting: 13th January 2025



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11 November 2024 at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church Street, SW35DQ

6.30 PM AGM

Opening remarks and report David Waddell, Chairman

Accounts John Kozak, Hon. Treas.

Re-election of the Committee David Waddell

The following submit themselves for re-election:

Chairman: Col. David Waddell

Secretary Bill Toomey

Social Secretary: Dr. May Maguire

Editor Newsletter: Hallie Swanson

Membership Sec.: David Swanson

**Hon. Treas. John Kozak
Committee Charles Mayes
 Roddy Mullin**

**George Nicholson
Denis Strauss**

Anthea Turner

The following co-opted members submit themselves for election:

Committee: Richard Jacques

Conclusion/AOB

**7.00 PM Talk Guest Speaker Bill Wyman, Rolling Stone & Author, will
 speak on his recent book "Billy in the Wars"**



8.00 -- 9.30 PM Reception: Petyt Hall