

TATE MODERN MINUTES – COMMUNITY GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING
Meeting held 1 APRIL, at 6.00pm in the Meeting Room

1 WELCOME/APOLOGIES

ACTION POINTS

Present: Synthia Griffin (Chair, SG), Peter Graal (PG), Joyce Bellamy (JKB), Francois Tarris (FT), Alison Dexter (notes, AD), Laura Ivill (LI)

Apologies: Joseph Bonner (JB), Michael Osbourne (MO), Ian Sutherland (IS), Edith Slee (ES), Carole Wright (CW), Colin Brewer (CB), Brenda Vel (BV)

A discussion took place about whether the meeting should go ahead (with only 4 committee members present, plus JKB & AD). The group decided to go ahead with the meeting, but save any major decisions for the next meeting. A discussion was held about boosting and widening membership of the group and attendance at meetings. Add to next agenda.

AD

2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING/MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Smoothing surface of mosaic: PG has asked Arthur DeMobray and given pebbles to test. As a temporary solution for wet events, PG said grit could be used. PG suggested Bim Mackay (Tate contractor) could do this if Arthur is too busy. PG to follow up.

PG

2.2 PG reported the Jubilee Walkway Trust bench is now in place. The group thanked JKB and MPGA for all their support.

2.3 Gate buzzer: SG reported that contractors can't adjust the buzz-time. It would need to be replaced. The automatic shutter also needs replacing. FT said that if we are getting a new gate, we need to look at cost and whether it can be relocated to the new gate. SG to update next meeting.

SG

2.4 The minutes were agreed

3 COMMUNITY GARDEN OUTPUTS (NO OF FRIENDS OF THE GARDEN)

3.1 SG reported the following numbers:

- Friends of the Garden: 188 members
- Last Tate Tots session: 8 (parents/carers & children)
- Spring Clean day: 20

SG has talked to Carole Wright from BOST about ways to boost Tate Tots sessions.

4 PROGRESS ON FUTURE WORK/FUNDING UPDATE (GATE ETC)

4.1 Gate: SG circulated draft commission document. AD to circulate with minutes and group will discuss at the next meeting. Question from JKB: will the gate be

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<p>‘modified’ or completely replaced? SG to talk to contractors about whether the gate mechanism is moveable. SG suggested setting up an advisory panel for the gate project. JKB mentioned that it might be helpful to mention the garden’s Open Days in grant applications. SG had talks with Helen Firminger from BOST about moving the perimeter fence in future - perhaps include portability in the brief. SG said it’s only a provisional brief and everything is up for discussion. It’s important to spend time getting the brief right. Note to add ‘gate brainstorm’ to next agenda.</p>	<p>SG</p> <p>AD</p>
<p>5 MICROSITE (POWER POINT PROJECTION)</p>	
<p>5.1 Group navigated through microsite. Some suggestions / comments included: On the <i>Get Involved</i> page, move the volunteering section up and add to the <i>Get Involved</i> form. PG suggested that the volunteer email group transfer to forum when up and running. Look at rewording ‘specific interest’ on <i>Get Involved</i> page. LI suggested a <i>What’s On</i> button instead of having events listed in <i>Get Involved</i> page. Note to delete ‘explanatory text’ from terms of reference.</p>	<p>SG</p>
<p>6 INTERPRETATION IN THE GARDEN</p>	
<p>6.1 LI would like to learn more about plants & planting / ways to have information about plants & planting accessible to Friends of the Garden. Idea to organise short tours of key planting at events. On the microsite there could be a ‘Plant of the Month’. Revisit at next meeting.</p>	
<p>7 REVIEW OF RECENT EVENTS/FUTURE EVENTS</p>	
<p>7.1 Look to promote party preparations & 1st B’day Party. Waterloo Time Bank will do a flier drop. SG & AD recently did a flier drop to Corporation of London housing ahead of the Spring Clean event.</p>	<p>SG/AD</p>
<p>8 PROMOTION OF THE GARDEN (EG LONDON IN BLOOM, GREEN PENANT, OPEN SQUARES WKEND)</p>	
<p>8.1 Look at being involved in Open Squares Weekend in 2009</p>	
<p>8.2 London in Bloom: the forms haven’t been produced, but PG will follow up</p>	<p>PG</p>
<p>9 UPDATE ON</p>	
<p>Bankside Urban Forest: SG reported that Witherford Watson Mann are the architects working on the Bankside Urban Forest: http://www.wwmarchitects.co.uk/</p>	
<p>Family & Community Programmes at Tate: The UBS Long Weekend is on the 2nd Bank Holiday in May.</p>	
<p>Transforming Tate Modern: SG reported that Vogt (http://www.vogt-la.ch/en/) have been appointed as the landscape architects for Transforming Tate Modern. SG suggested Vogt come and talk to the steering group about their plans for the TM landscape.</p>	<p>SG/AD</p>

10 AOB

10.1 Review membership of the steering group. Revisit next meeting.

SG/ALL

10.2 Trip to Natural History Museum: SG waiting for NHM to confirm a date in May

10.3 SG met with the Museum of Garden History

10.4 PG has set dates for children's plaques sessions in May & June. To be circulated.

PG

10.5 Email volunteer group: look at formalising and widening the email volunteer group. Discussion about ways to do this: monthly e-bulletin from community@tate email, setting up forum on microsite, invite people on welcome letter to join the volunteer email group. To be revisited next meeting.

D.O.N.M –

Thursday 8th May at 6.15pm, Meeting Room, Tate Modern