**FRIENDS OF BIRDCAGE WALK Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday 28th June 2023**

**Present: Caroline, Kath, Bob, Trevor, James, Norman, Ros**

**Apologies: Paula, Lesley**

**Actions achieved since our May meeting:**

Constitution signed by Lesley

**Actions from June meeting**

1. **Constitution** needs to be signed by Paula.
	1. **Action Rosalind**
2. **Railings**
3. **Dog = signs about dogs on leads have been taken off within hours of the Council putting them on. Discussion about how to enforce dogs on leads and volatility of Mr Husky were discussed.**
4. **Birdcage Bash Update –** Jane and Kath had a site meeting with two reps from BCC – they are excited about the space and were very knowledgeable and excited about possibilities. However, this is digging up a can of worms most noticeably in the relationship between diocese and BCC Parks; it is very vague. Diocese has to give permission but won’t give permission until all investigations have been completed by BCC. Kath and Jane decided not to mention date change (to 2024) at the moment to ensure that all the plates are still being juggled.
5. **Main concerns = how are we going to manage numbers –** ticketing? This would control numbers but would have to close walkway. Not a great way of celebrating Birdcage. Putting up barriers is not very community orientated. Norman suggested free ticketing through Eventbrite? Trevor asked about Victoria Square – no tickets and quite a low key event.
6. **More discussion about potentially putting this event into May next year.** September 23rd this year looking more and more unlikely.
7. **Trees -** cannot do anything under a tree without a tree inspection, which is scheduled for February 2024. July 5th meeting with Teija and Sandra to look at trees.
8. **July 11th** is next Council meeting with fire police and ambulance service / health and safety – so Kath is going ahead with application to be submitted to council. Caveat is that it is the event will be moved.
9. **Diocese.** Emma Bakewell Being helpful but quite complicated. Archdeacon has agreed to waive the £350 fee.
10. **Application to the Faculty -** Kath has applied to the Faculty to hold the event.
11. **Fundraising –** Trevor mentioned advertising and using banners but until we have an agreed date this remains in the background.
12. **Date of next meeting –** at Kath and Bob’s – Wed 30th August 5pm