

# Friends of Harry Sotnick House

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## Emergency Special General meeting:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Purpose:

This is to provide members with advance notice that the Committee wishes to call an Emergency Special General Meeting (ESGM) to seek feedback and a decision relating to the proposals set out below.

### Background:

As we near the end of the Friends' Financial Year, the Committee would normally be planning the AGM to review the past year, elect new officers and discuss the next year.

This year has seen the activities of the Friends severely curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This has impacted the Friends on a number of fronts such as:

- Inability to access the Home for social gatherings and regular meetings.
- Inability to arrange fundraising activities due to the rules relating to social gatherings and social distancing.

These restrictions mean that diarising an AGM is likely to be very difficult to arrange, not least because the Constitution calls for a minimum attendance of 12 members to be quorate. It is therefore proposed that the Friends hold a remote ESGM using email to approve/reject the proposals.

The Committee is seeking Members' views on the proposals outlined below, which in effect, suspends all Friends' activities until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 at the earliest. All members are requested to send an email to [harrys.secretary1@gmail.com](mailto:harrys.secretary1@gmail.com) stating a simple "approve" or "reject" to each of the three proposals in turn.

The Year End Accounts will still be produced for members to review within the same time period.

### Proposals:

**1) That members approve the temporary suspension of all Friends' activities until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 at the earliest.**

**2) That members agree to the postponement of the FY19-20 AGM until after the resumption of Friends activities.**

**3) That members agree that the existing Committee members stay in post during the suspended period.**

### **Results and Outcome.**

Under the Constitution, a simple majority is all that is required at an ESGM to pass or reject any of the Proposals listed above.

Email responses should be returned to [harrys.secretary1@gmail.com](mailto:harrys.secretary1@gmail.com) by midnight on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, allowing a count to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Subject field should state "ESGM Return"

Responses will be counted and published on the Website within 72 hours.

Should there be any rejections a follow-up will be arranged to address the issue.