

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Council of the Cuckoo Society held at Calverne Lodge Trafalgar Square on Wednesday May 4th 1927 at 5 o'clock, Sir Albert Gray, K.C.B. in the Chair.

Present

Mrs. Countess of Lovelace, Mr. C. H. W. Johnstone, Mr. Aubrey Lawrence, Mr. Percy Lovell, Mr. Graham Petre & Mr. Reginald Blunt

A letter was read from Lord Erule regretting that absence from town prevented his attendance.

Inaugural meeting proceedings

The proceedings at the Inaugural Meeting at Wentworth House on April 1st (Lord Erule in the Chair) as printed and circulated, were taken as read, and confirmed.

Secretary

Mr. Reginald Blunt was appointed as Honorary Secretary.

Treasurer.

Mr. W. H. Maer, Manager, Barclays Bank 348, Kings Road, Cuckoo was appointed as Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Blunt reported that he had opened an account at Mrs Bank in the name of the Society. It was agreed that cheques should be signed by one member of the Council and countersigned by the Secretary.

Account.

Additional members of Council.

Reported: that as noted at the Inaugural Meeting, the Cuckoo Arts Club had nominated Mr. Graham Petre as their Representative on the Council.

Commerce to join their number as the united member.

The Secretary reported

Circulars  
and membership

- (1) That the proceedings of the inaugural meeting had been printed and circulated to those invited to attend it, together with membership forms and that he had received 60 membership applications and £62.10s in Entrance fees to date.

Letters

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- (1) From Miss Clapcott, Mayress of Chelsea, writing co-operation with the Chelsea Gardens Guild. The Council desired the Secretary to reply cordially agreeing to this while deferring the question of affiliation for the present.
- (2) From Dr Walter Griffiths, regretting that the activities of Miss Moulton and other ladies in regard to the Lombard Terrace Petition had not been acknowledged at the inaugural meeting. The Secretary undertook to reply suitably.
- (3) From Mr. Meinhartshagen to the effect that the London County Council would be quite willing to consider fresh plans including the preservation of Lombard Terrace if submitted to them by Mayor Stowe Stanley's Architects.
- (4) From Mr. Maresco Pearce advocating action to preserve Trafalgar Square from being built upon. Sir Albert Gray explained that the plans had not yet been considered by the

Constitution  
and Rules

Mr. Aubrey Lawrence, Mr. Percy Lovell and the Chairman were appointed as a Sub-Committee to draft a constitution and rules for the Society for consideration by the Council at a later meeting.

Proposed Cuckoo  
Loan Exhibition

The Secretary brought forward a proposal to hold a Cuckoo Loan Exhibition in the Council Chamber of Cuckoo Town Hall in the first half of June as a means of inaugurating and advertising the Society and gave details of proposed exhibits of pictures of Cuckoo and other local objects including Cuckoo China, rare books &c. The Council after discussion of various points adopted the proposal, those present guaranteeing £5 each in the event of the proceeds not meeting the expenses.

The Secretary was authorized to proceed at once with all necessary arrangements on the lines outlined by him; and to apply for the loan of the Council Chamber for his purpose.

Bankers Terms

The Bank form for the Society's account was signed and signatures of Sir Albert Gray, Mr. Aubrey Lawrence, Mr. Percy Lovell and Mr. Reginald Bant were authorized for signing cheques.

Secretarial  
assistance

The Secretary was empowered to employ paid typing and secretarial assistance as necessary.

Messrs J. B. Shears & Son.	Printing	£ 5	3	6
R. Blunt.	Petty Cash	£ 5	0	0

Attest  
24 Jun 1927