



MEETING TITLE	Minutes of the 78 th meeting of the Blue Plaques Panel
DATE	12 February 2020 at 11am
LOCATION	100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7AN
ATTENDEES	Professor Ronald Hutton – Chair Sir Peter Bazalgette Professor Martin Daunton (items 8 - 11) Dr Rebekah Higgitt Dr Rosemary Hill Alan Hollinghurst Philip Mould Dr Viviane Quirke Anna Eavis – Curatorial Director and Panel Secretary Jeremy Ashbee – Head Historic Properties Curator Cathy Power – Business Manager Rebecca Preston - Blue Plaques Historian Howard Spencer – Senior Historian, Blue Plaques Alex Carson - PR Manager

Item 1 – Apologies, announcements and declarations of interest

- 1.1 Apologies were noted from Jane Glover and David Olusoga, both of whom had submitted comments in writing.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed the historian Rebecca Preston, who had recently joined the Blue Plaques team.

Item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2019

- 2.1 **Agreed as a correct record.**

Item 3 – Matters arising

- 3.1 There were no matters arising.

Item 4 – Secretary’s report (oral)

- 4.1 Anna Eavis updated the Panel on the following:

- Responses to decisions made at the last Panel meeting
- Installations and unveilings since the last Panel meeting, with thanks to Panel members who had assisted.
- Forthcoming unveilings, including Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan, to coincide with International Women's Day; Barbara Hepworth and John Skeaping; and Gerald Durrell
- Numbers of nominations received
- Interviews currently being held for new Panel members, following advertisement on the EH website
- Work to improve the Blue Plaques App
- Plans to publish the minutes of the current Blue Plaques Panel meeting and future meetings on the EH website
- Interviews and other promotional activities/discussions with those responsible for other plaque schemes
- Measures to address damage to/removal of existing blue plaques

Item 5 – PR Update

5.1 The Panel noted the PR Update.

Item 6 – Plaques Approved

6.1 The Panel noted the list of plaques approved for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Item 7 – Criteria for the evaluation of Blue Plaque proposals

7.1 Included for information.

Item 8 – Consideration of Preliminary reports

8.1 Under its terms of reference, the Blue Plaques Panel advises English Heritage on the erection of Blue Plaques. The Panel considered 24 preliminary nominations as follows:

Janet Aitken (1886-1982)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Marjory Allen, later Lady Allen of Hurtwood (1897-1976)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist

Lilian Barker (1874-1955)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist

Josephine Barnes (1912-1999)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist

Louise Eates (1877-1944)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Isabella Gilmore (1842-1923)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Ruby Grierson (1903-1940)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Mariga Guinness (1932-1989)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Alice Head (1886-1981)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Edith Holden (1871-1920)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Jind Kaur (1817-1863)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Edmonia Lewis (1844-1907)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist

The London Lesbian and Gay Centre (1985-1991)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Olivia Manning (1908-1980)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Marie-Louise Von Motesiczky (1906-1996)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Flora Murray (1869-1923)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Bill Owen (1914-1999)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

William Pleeth (1916-1999)

The Panel agreed to defer consideration of this nomination to the next meeting.

Margaret Pyke (1893-1966)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Barbara Pym (1913-1980)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist

Joan Robinson (1903-1983)

The Panel's decision was to shortlist

Githa Sowerby (1876-1970)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Henrietta Vansittart (1833-1883)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Andrew Weir, later Baron Inverforth (1865-1955)

The Panel's decision was not to shortlist

Item 9 – Shortlist of recommendations awaiting final report

9.1 Noted

Item 10 – Consideration of final reports

10.1 *This item is included in a protected appendix to these minutes as it contains information that is potentially protected from public access.*

Item 11 – Any other business

11.1 The Chairman announced, with great sadness, that Philip Mould had come to the end of his tenure on the Panel. He thanked him for his eloquent and measured contributions to the Panel's discussions. In turn, Philip expressed his enormous pleasure in having been able to participate in such stimulating debates.

11.2 There was no other business and the meeting finished at 12.45 pm.

Kathryn Lanning
Governance Officer
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