



MEETING TITLE	APPROVED PUBLIC Minutes of the 86th meeting of the Blue Plaques Panel tracked changes post-June meeting	
DATE	1 March 2023 at 11am	
LOCATION	English Heritage Offices, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7AN	
MEMBERS	Professor William Whyte (Chair) Mihir Bose Dr Simon Chaplin Chania Fox Dr Gus Casely-Hayford OBE	Emily Gee Alex Graham Andrew Graham-Dixon Professor Claire Harman Amy Lamé
ATTENDEES	Gerard Lemos – Chair of Board of Trustees Anna Eavis – Curatorial Director & Panel Secretary Jeremy Ashbee – Head Historic Properties Curator Jessica Bishop – Philanthropy Manager Alexandra Carson – PR Manager (by Teams) Cathy Power – Blue Plaques Manager Rebecca Preston – Blue Plaques Historian Howard Spencer – Senior Historian, Blue Plaques Judeth Neville – Head of Governance (minutes)	
APOLOGIES	Professor Richard Aldrich	Susie Thornberry

Item 1 – Apologies, announcements and declarations of interest or any other business

- 1.1 Anna Eavis welcomed new Trustee and Chair of the Blue Plaques Panel Professor William Whyte and, as an observer, the new Chair of Trustees Gerard Lemos.
- 1.2 There were no new declarations of interest.

Item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2022

- 2.1 Approved as a fair and accurate record.

Item 3 – Matters arising

- 3.1 There were no matters arising.

Item 4 – Secretary’s report (oral) (Anna Eavis)

- 4.1 The Panel noted that in April we are hosting an event to relaunch the Blue Plaques Circle to fundraise for the Scheme, to which all Panel members are invited.
- 4.2 The Panel congratulated Howard Spencer on his recent admission as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.
- 4.3 The Panel noted that the Board’s Remuneration and Appointments Committee has appointed Sophie Anstee de Mas as a new young Panel member with effect from 1 June 2023.

A further update from the Secretary is included in a protected appendix to these minutes as it contains information that is potentially protected from public access.

Item 5 – PR Update

5.1 The Panel noted the PR Update.

Item 6 – Blue Plaques Programme - Progress Report

6.1 The Panel noted the progress of the plaques programme, including why it is necessary for some plaques to be launched without an unveiling event.

Item 7 – Criteria for the evaluation of Blue Plaque proposals

7.1 Noted.

Item 8 – Preliminary considerations

8.1 Under its terms of reference, the Blue Plaques Panel advises English Heritage on the erection of Blue Plaques. The Panel considered 22 preliminary reports as follows:

Joan Hassall (1906–1988)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

John Hassall (1868–1948)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Christopher Hassall (1912–1963)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Sir Fred Pontin (1906–2000)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

John Venn (1834–1923)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

Sir Ashley Bramall (1916–1999)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Mollie Bagot Stack (1883–1935)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Emily Ward (1850–1930)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Sir Charles Bright (1832–1888)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

Sir Samuel Canning (1823–1908)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Dorothea 'Dolly' Woodward-Fisher (1894–1974)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Yoshio Markino (1869–1956)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Madge Tennent (1889–1972)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Faiz Ahmad Faiz (1911–1984)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

Bill Naughton (1910–1992)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Walter Pagel (1898–1983)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Ray Noble (1903–1978)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Thomas Tomkison (1764–1853)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Nina Boyle (1865–1943)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Peter Finch (1916–77)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Albert Phillips (1915-1972)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Miguel García García (1908–1981)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Item 9 – Shortlist of recommendations awaiting final report

9.1 Noted.

Item 10 – Final reports

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Item 11 – Any other business

11.1 None.