

Minutes of the British Museum Friends Advisory Council Meeting

7 October 2024

Present

Clarissa Farr (Chair) (CF)
Fumitaka Eshima (Deputy Chair)
Elisa Albini
Ian Andrews
Samuel Arregger-Robson
Daniel Dodd
Anastasia Doran

Brigid Hains
Dorothy Leng
Georgina Mack
Andrew Robinson
Paul Stokes
Yinsey Wang
Sarah Worthington (Incoming Chair)

In attendance

Sian Hoggett, Head of The British Museum Friends (SH)
Nicholas Cullinan, Director (NC)
Alice Fraser, Head of Capital Projects: Masterplan (AF)
Celine Nonde, Membership and Supporter Events Manager (CN)
Ellie Bason, Membership Services Manager (Member Relations) (EB)

Apologies

Lisa Hopkins

1. Minutes of the last meeting and apologies

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be true and accurate.

2. Introductions and welcome to new Council members

CF welcomed new Council members Ian Andrews, Samuel Arregger-Robson, Anastasia Doran, Dorothy Leng, and Georgina Mack to their first meeting.

3. Update from Director

NC gave a presentation outlining the vision for the future of the Museum, including an update on the architect shortlists for the new Visitor Welcome Programme and the Western Range competitions.

4. Update on Masterplan

AF updated the Council on the progress of the Masterplan, including construction of the Energy Centre, the East Road building, and the Western Range architectural competition.

5. Update on Young Friends programme

CN updated the Council on the success of the free Young Friends programme, including Young Friends emails and sleepover events.

6. Update from Head of British Museum Friends

SH presented the Q1 accounts to the Council and gave updates on the upcoming exhibition programme.

7. Farewell to outgoing Chair, Clarissa Farr

SH thanked CF for her service to the Council as Chair at her final meeting. Sarah Worthington will begin as Chair of the Council at the next meeting.

8. Any other business

No further business was discussed.