Dr Francis Bather was the first Chairman of the Museum Committee. He was a distinguished palaeontologist and geologist, a Keeper at the British Museum, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1909. He was a President of the Geological Society and of the Museums' Association and recognised as one of the world's leading authorities on museums. He and his Swedish wife, Stina, were ardent supporters of Women's Suffrage.

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