



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 21 March 2016

at the Henrietta Barnet School Hall at 8.00pm

David Lewis took the Chair and welcomed everyone present to the 104th Annual General Meeting of the Residents Association.

1. Apologies for Absence

These were received from: Terry Brooks, Colin Gregory, Peter Loyd, Peter Phillips, Dr Tony Spring. Brian and Jenny Stonhold

2. Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting dated 30 March 2015

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the previous AGM was proposed by David Lewis and seconded by Charles Gale and carried Nem Con.

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special General Meeting was proposed by David White and seconded by Alan Brudney and carried Nem Con.

3. Approval of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2015

The Accounts for the twelve months to 31st December 2015 had been printed with the Notice of AGM, and had been placed on the chairs.

A Motion to receive and approve the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts was proposed by David Littaur and seconded by Janet Elliott and carried Nem Con.

4. Elections of Officers and Council Members for 2016-17

Election of Officers

Chairman - Gary Shaw chaired the Meeting for this item

Brian Ingram - Proposed by Richard Jones & Seconded by Neil Palmer

David B Lewis Chairman - Proposed by Terry Brooks & Seconded by Charles Gale

Claire Calman suggested that as this was contested the candidates leave the room to enable a secret vote to be held. The Meeting agreed.

Both contestants delivered a speech explaining how they would like to take the RA forward and they took questions from the floor.

An election took place with members of the RA raising their voting cards in favour of each of the candidates

David B Lewis won by a majority vote. (*There were 15 abstentions*)

The following Officers were elected by a show of voting cards by members of the RA in favour and against each of the candidate. These positions were not contested:

Max Petersen - Vice Chairman - Proposed by Terry Brooks, & Seconded by Tony Brand

Gary Shaw - Hon Secretary - Proposed by Lynda Cook & Seconded by Charles Gale

Louise Hillman - Hon Treasurer- Proposed by Ann Spencer & seconded by Tony Ghilchik

Nominations for Election to Council for 2016-2017:

Stephanie Hurst, Amanda Reuben and John Sells had retired from Council during the year and Douglas Blausten, who had been a member of Council for over 35 years, had also retired. The Chairman thanked them for all the work they had done.

Eight individuals offered themselves for election to Council: The election was by a show of voting cards by members of the RA, in favour and against each candidate.

One candidate, Brian Ingram, proposed by Richard Jones and Seconded by Neil Palmer was not elected.

The other seven were elected Nem Con as listed below.

Barbara Bliss - Proposed by Meyer Pearlman & Seconded by Hilary Pearlman

Terry Brooks - Proposed by Alan Brudney & Seconded by Tony Brand

Alan Brudney - Proposed by Louise Hillman & Seconded by Jonathan Seres

David Littaur - Proposed by Gary Shaw & Seconded by Charles Gale

Peter McCluskie - Proposed by Christopher Matthews & Seconded by David B Lewis

Harry Simmonds - Proposed by Gary Shaw & Seconded by Charles Gale

Ian Tutton - Proposed by Lorna Page & Seconded by Elizabeth Swynnerton

5. To consider the suggested annual subscription for Membership year 2016

The RA Council had recommended that there be no change to the suggested annual subscription of £15 per household, which had been in place since 2007. It was agreed to keep the subscription at £15.

The Chairman asked for the views of the Meeting as to whether there should be a vote given to each registered member of the household which would require a change to the Constitution. He also asked whether the subscription should be at a higher rate for residents who are not on standing orders. Janet Elliott pointed out that there are between 800 and 900 members who pay their subscriptions by standing order.

Ken Murrell said that the present system is working so why change it and Simon Abbott pointed out that some residents may not be able to afford an increase in the subscription.

6. To appoint an Honorary Accountant

The Chairman thanked Paul Hartley for acting as Honorary Accountant of the Association and for agreeing to continue for a further year.

A Motion to re-appoint Paul Hartley as the RA's Honorary Accountant for the coming year was proposed by Louise Hillman and seconded by David B Lewis and was carried Nem Con.

7. To appoint Honorary Life Members

The RA Council had recommended that Rosalind Josephs be appointed as an Honorary Life Member of the RA. The Chairman told the Meeting about the work she had carried out whilst she had been living on the Suburb

Rosalind Josephs said that she appreciated the honour which meant a great deal to her and was given a framed Certificate by the Chairman.

9. Any Other Business

The Chairman invited members to ask any questions.

Suburb News

Lorna Page asked for more contributions from residents to Suburb News.

Willifield Way

Judith Brockhurst of Willifield Way complained about the pollution and congestion in Willifield Way. Ken Murrell thought that it was unfortunate that the speed humps had been removed. Cllr John Marshall said that when roads were resurfaced there had been a consultation with the emergency services and local residents and neither was in favour of keeping them.

Mark Sinden said that the noise levels have improved but requested double yellow lines by the Dulux shop in Willifield Way.

Nicky Roche from Hogarth Hill complained about people sitting in their cars on their mobile phones with the engines running.

Harry Simmonds said that Roads and Traffic will look into this but Terry Rand pointed out that we are all responsible as we drive our cars on the Suburb.

Dr Jane Bailey suggested a one way system around Hampstead Way/Willifield Way but the Chairman said that most Suburb residents do not like one way systems.

Pavements

Micky Watkins said that something should be done about the state of the pavements which the Chairman thought was due to lack of funding.

Cllr Marshall pointed out that specific problems should be reported and will be dealt with. Cllr Rozenberg said that money has been allocated for this purpose but it is about spending it in the most effective way.

Adrienne Franklin suggested that residents should pay for the repair of pavements outside their homes when it had been caused by their building work and Cllr Marshall urged resident to take photos of any vehicles seen to be damaging the pavements.

Ann Lewisohn said that any problems with paving stones should be reported to FixMyStreet.com or the LB Barnet web site and Tom Heinesdorf suggested that resident look at what has been achieved in Abbotts Gardens.

Alan Brudney suggested that resin bonded gravel could be used as had been placed around Jack Straw's Castle

Fallden Way

Terry Rand pointed out that Cllr Rozenberg had promised to look into 'no cycle' signs on Fallden Way but despite reminders had failed to contact him. Cllr Rosenberg suggested that Terry Rand contact a London Assembly member.

Mark Sinden suggested that the default poster on Suburb Notice Boards should say that no cycling is allowed on pavements

The meeting closed at 9.50pm for refreshments.