



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Friday 27th April 2012 at St Andrew's Church, N19, 7.30pm.

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Present

Committee: Gloria Chandra (chair), Michael Heath, Heather Eggins, Dorothy Leng, Kay Clarke, Tony Wylam, Sean Madigan.

Members: Gasma Callender, David Barry, Elaine Marriott, Mark Ewing, David Barton, Beryl Graham, Efrem Craig, Jonathan Lee, Adam Seale, Adam Roberts, Michèle Byam, Michael Taylor, Shirley Taylor, David Seton.

Guests: Romy Jenkins.

Apologies

Caroline Oakes, Sir Malcolm Jack, Richard Horton, Catherine West, Janet Home, Eva Lloyd, David Sloan.

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting began with a welcome from Gloria Chandra and introductions from the Committee.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2011

The minutes were presented and approved.

3. Election of Committee

The Chair proposed that the nomination of the Committee members be taken *en bloc*, which was agreed. Gloria Chandra, Kay Clarke, Heather Eggins, Dorothy Leng, Sean Madigan, Michael Heath and Tony Wylam were elected to the Committee *nemine contradicente*.

4. Chair's Report

The Chair presented a written report to the meeting and gave a short verbal summary. She highlighted the social activities such as the Family Fun Day and the autumn concert, which raised money for the St Andrew's Night Shelter (a project that offers food and shelter to the homeless during January-March each year). The Chair announced that this would be her last AGM as Chair. After three years she is standing down as Chair but remaining on the Committee. A vote of thanks for her loyal and unswerving service was proposed and heartily approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a written report on the Committee's accounts showing a balance of £6,629.48 as at 27th April 2012 as compared with a balance of £6,662.04 at 27th April 2011. She confirmed that she had been able to change the signatories on the bank account.

One member reiterated her keenness that WHPARA buy a defibrillator and she is going to submit a proposal outlining benefits and practicalities such as storage and access, training in use etc.

6. Website and Membership

There was a brief report on the state of membership and the website, the latter being commended by the meeting as being a very useful local resource. It was noted that membership now stands at approximately 200.

7. Constitutional Amendments

The Chair presented written constitutional amendments, which were briefly discussed and approved by a majority.

8. Future Events and Direction of WHPARA

Members confirmed that three street parties would be taking place to celebrate the jubilee. The chair announced that WHPARA would be sponsoring a barn dance on June 4th.

A discussion then took place about the kinds of events members wanted. Suggestions included:

- Regular meetings with councillors at which residents can share their concerns on issues such as conservation area priorities, the state of the roads, dog mess etc.
- Book clubs
- Film screenings
- A naturalist club
- More regular social and topic-based meetings
- Talks on subjects of interest such as local birds and wildlife
- Supporting the Front Gardens Competition organised by Sunnyside Gardens

Several members expressed a willingness to help organise and publicise such events.

It was agreed that the Committee would take these suggestions forward and would use the website and email to gauge wider interest and to seek further suggestions from the membership.

8. Any Other Business

David Barry praised the usefulness of WHPARA's website and offered to work with us on exploring how to develop it in terms of interactivity along the lines of similar sites such as 'Harrington Online' and 'Opinion8'.

The meeting closed about 9pm