

Bowes Park Community Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting:
held on 16th November 2010 at 128 Myddleton Road

1. Present: (see appendix)
2. Apologies: Asha Patel, Adam Paul, Catharine Perry, Sue Taylor, Nicky della Porta, Mary Blake, Kate Franzmann, Cllr Joanna Christophides, Cllr Alan Sitkin, Cllr Yasemin Brett, David Burrowes MP
3. Minutes of last year's meeting – these were agreed and signed without amendment
4. The Annual Report – this had been circulated to all members. One amendment had been received from Nicky della Porta with regard the amount of money raised at the quiz night and this was noted, Dee Kushlick-Williams, Chairperson BPCA, then briefly highlighted sections of the Annual Report. She was pleased to report that the Association is now well known to the local community and that many people now drop in to see what is happening. This is because 128 Myddleton Road opened in May this year, giving the community association a base from which to work. 128 has funding for one year and several groups and activities have been set up, in the hope that it will be able to continue. There has been a great impact in terms of community regeneration. She also mentioned the continued support of local councillors – Matt Cooke and Ali Dimitriou which is much appreciated.
Lionel reported back on the success of the give-and-take sessions which take place on the last Saturday of the month, with a bigger event happening twice a year.
The improvements in Finsbury Gardens, in particular the new railings, have made a great difference to the area thanks to Kate's hard work.
Caroline's campaigning for improvements and conservation are also greatly appreciated, as are her efforts in organising the tidying up of the New River Walk. A big 'clean up' took place in the summer with many local people getting involved, and Enfield council installed rubbish bins at their end of the walk. **The 2010 Annual Report was adopted**

5. Treasurer's Report

Doris Quinn briefly summarised the Financial Report, stating that finances had again been turbulent and that everything was detailed in her written report. She thanked BPCA members for the association's higher income this year. She mentioned that ideas are needed raise funds for 128. The accounts have been audited by an independent person at HAVCO as required by LBH due to the level of grant received during this financial year. Caroline thanked Doris for her hard work, particularly in her dealing with the bank which have been very challenging.
Proposed to adopt the accounts: Proposed by Cathy Herman; Seconded .by Caroline Simpson
The accounts for 2009 – 2010 were adopted

6. Election of Committee:

The names of members willing to stand for committee had been circulated. No new nominations were received from the floor. It was noted that Lionel was stepping down from the committee this year and he was thanked for his contribution over the years
The list of nominees included several new members which was very encouraging.
The list of nominees was accepted unanimously. (see appendix).
Gemma McNab was elected as Secretary
Doris was re-elected as Treasurer.

7. Motion: That the BPCA become a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee

Proposed by the committee

A paper had been circulated with the agenda giving a rationale for becoming a charitable company limited by guarantee. Dee outlined the reasoning behind seeking to change the status of the association from being an unincorporated charity to the proposed charitable compant limited by guarantee. This means that all members will be liable for a nominal amount (eg £1). .bin drafting the

proposal. Charities have a greater ability to access funds, and this is particularly important in the current climate because of the tough competition in applying for funds.

Becoming a charity will involve additional administration. The committee members will become the charity trustees.

Cathy spoke of the enormous amount of work involved in setting up 128, mainly done by a small group of people, so it is now essential to raise funds for paid employees as those involved cannot give up all their time voluntarily ad-indefinitum.

The proposal was supported by Cllr Cooke who confirmed the challenges facing all organisations with getting funding in the present economic climate.

After some discussion the proposal was put. **The proposal was passed.**

8. Agree the draft Articles of Association

The draft Articles of Association had been posted on the website and hard copies had been available at 128 and The red Sea supermarket for people to view.

Chris, whose work involves advising charities on legal matters has given valuable advice on the procedures necessary to apply to become a charity limited by guarantee and has prepared the draft Articles of Association. He explained the process of becoming a charitable company.

This would give us a charity commission registration number and make us eligible for gift aid among other things. In the Articles of Association objects were added with Chris's advice and Dee therefore recommends that we accept the Articles.

The draft Articles of Association were accepted.

Once an application to become a registered charity has been submitted to the Charity Commission the BPCA will have a provisional status until the registration process is completed.

9. Second Part of Meeting:

Cathy talked of the need to secure funding to 128 after May2011. This would need to cover the costs of for sessional workers as well as premises costs.

Dates: Carols in Finsbury gardens will be on the 18th December.

Singing at the station at around 6pm on 16th Dec (BPCA fundraising).

27th November 2-4pm, bring and take, check details on website.

25th November Area assembly

Myddleton Road Regeneration Project display at 128.

Caroline explains how funding from English Heritage is matched by Haringey. Architects have been appointed for next stage of the regeneration and the display shows how the street could be improved with the funding we have.

Matt talked about how the group originally formed and worked together on problems in the street and the huge changes that have taken place in five years. With the new funding Victoria shop fronts will be improved. In the next two months Victorian blinds to be installed. Regeneration should improve businesses and housing in the road.

10. AOB

There was some discussion about the impact on surrounding roads of the right turn at end of Whittington Road. It was pointed out that there had been a long consultation period before agreeing the traffic calming measures. If there are still problems these need to be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

The meeting then divided into four groups for further discussion of areas of interest.

1. Matt – marketing and communications
2. Caroline- Myddleton Road project
3. Dee - Fund Raising
4. Cathy – 128

Minutes approved on

Signed:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2010 - 2011

Ed Balleny

Sue Baylik

Christine Campbell

Kate Franzmann

Sarah Harris

Cathy Herman

Chris Hook

Dee Kushlick-Williams

Olivia Macdonald

Gemma McNab secretary

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