

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2007  
at St Michael-at-Bowes Church Hall, Palmerston Road, N22.**

**Present:** Caroline Simpson (Chair), Kathy McKeown (Secretary), Catharine Perry (Treasurer) Miranda Andrea, Charlotte Argyle, Ed Balleny, Daniele Canuti, Marguerite Canuti, Kate Cooke, Lionel Ferer, Sandra Ferer, Kate Franzmann, Sarah Harris, Cathy Herman, Lukie Hewat, Thomas Jones, Chris Lawler, Ron Lock, Kevin McGarry, Steve O'Leary, Brian O'Reilly, Susan Parashar, Nell Reid, Mat Riches, Anita Shapiro, Deirdre Stowell-Smith, John Sweeney, Karl Sweeney, Neena Surya, Caroline Theodorou, John Waller

Lynne Featherstone, MP

Haringey Councillors: Matt Cooke, John Oakes

Enfield Councillors: Yasmin Brett, Achilles Georgiou, Jeff Rodin

**Apologies:** Mr Brown, Councillor Ali Demirci, Jim Friedman, Nikki Della Porta, Kevin Tipple.

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies were received as listed above.

**1 Minutes of the AGM held on 29 November 2006**

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted as a correct record.

Proposed by Kate Franzman  
Seconded by Adil Certel

**2 Annual Report October 2006 – September 2007**

The Chair thanked Kathy McKeown for her work in producing and circulating the annual report. She thanked all those who had worked during the year to improve the area, particularly the outgoing Treasurer, Catharine Perry. The Annual Report was accepted.

Proposed by Steve O'Leary  
Seconded by Cathy Herman

**3 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer, Catharine Perry, circulated a revised version of the accounts which included amendments to the figure for bank interest and a £20 difference in income and expenditure on events. More importantly, the accounts now reflected gifts in kind from a grant from Haringey Council. The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed by Adil Certel  
Seconded by Ron Locke

**4 Authorisation of Expenditure**

Because the Association's work was growing and there were now several subgroups, it was agreed that expenditure should be authorised in the following way:

Between Meetings

Up to £40 two officers (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary);  
£41 - £70 two officers and one committee member;

£71 - £120 two officers and two committee members;  
£121+ the decision must be taken at a committee meeting. If speed is required, the decision may be taken by three officers after consultation with committee members by email and telephone and the decision minuted at the next meeting.

Proposed by Kate Franzman  
Seconded by Charlotte Argyle

## **5 Election of Officers and Committee**

The following members were elected to the Committee, nem con:

Sarah Harris  
Lukie Hewat  
Kathy McKeown  
Brian O'Reilly  
Susan Parashar  
Caroline Simpson  
Neena Surya.

Proposed: Steve O'Leary  
Seconded: Adil Certil

Caroline Theodorou indicated willingness to serve but wished to attend a meeting as an observer first.

Catharine Perry said that she wished to stand down from the post of Treasurer.  
Marguerite Canuti was elected as Treasurer nem. con.

Proposed: Catharine Perry  
Seconded: Lukie Hewat

Kathy McKeown said that she wished to stand down as Secretary. As there were no candidates, the task of finding a secretary was remitted to the Committee.

Members were pleased to hear that Caroline Simpson was willing to continue as Chair.

## **6 Cheque Signatories**

It was resolved that cheque signatories for the Association should be: Caroline Simpson (Chair); Marguerite Canuti (Treasurer); Kathy McKeown (Committee Member) and Neena Surya (Committee Member).

Proposed: Catharine Perry  
Seconded: Brian O'Reilly

## **7 Haringey Youth Opportunity Fund**

The Chair drew members' attention to the existence of the Haringey Youth Opportunity Fund which gives grants for projects devised by young people.

## **8 Issues**

### **(a) Traffic**

Traffic calming measures for Whittington and Palmerston Roads have been agreed after several years of suggestions and consultations. There will need to be a further consultation before implementation. Karl Sweeney put forward an idea for making Whittington, Truro and Nightingale Roads 'access only' once the traffic calming is in place. Extra traffic had been caused by Whittington Road being on a Satnav system, which gained publicity for Bowes Park in the Evening Standard.

### **(b) Rubbish**

The problem corner of Whittington and Marlborough roads is now being cleaned once a day, and leafleting of residents and a notice in several languages seems to be having an effect; CCTV is due to be installed. Cllr Jeff Rodin reported that Enfield officers have taken notice that the area next to the A406 is a dumping ground, and Environ-Crime teams are in action. When division of houses into flats fronting onto the street with inadequate waste disposal facilities have been approved, problems inevitably arise. Big bins emptied regularly are needed. Another problem is that as vans cannot go to the tip without paying, drivers who only have vans have difficulty in getting rid of their rubbish. As with so many of Bowes Park's problems, enforcement is the key and staffing levels in both Councils are too low.

### **(c) Street Lighting**

Enfield councillors have achieved the installation of new street lights on the Enfield side of Bowes Park.

For Bowes Park, it is very important that Haringey and Enfield councillors coordinate their work.

## **9 BPCA Groups**

### **(a) Community Garden Group**

Charlotte Argyle reported that the Group now has 10 members and in the past year organised a planting day, a picnic, a concert, and a 'Freecycle' day. There are monthly gardening sessions and a planting plan has been drawn up. Good publicity has come through the local papers, and fundraising efforts had been successful. The Garden gained a certificate of merit in Haringey in Bloom, and won a second Green Pennant Award. Following participation in the Open Gardens and Squares Weekend, a cheque for £100 had been received from the organisers. Recently Lionel Ferer had organised the successful 'Freecycle' day where unwanted items were brought to be taken by anyone who could use them.

### **(b) Finsbury Gardens**

Kate Franzmann reported on the development of a group of residents who were working on ways of improving the Gardens. They had received great help from Haringey Council, solving problems of dilapidated equipment and fencing. A 'Planting Day' had taken place with participants ranging in age from 6 months to 81. A 'Making a Difference' grant would soon be received for noticeboards, benches, tables and plants. Kate thanked the Chair who had given a lot of assistance to the Group.

### **(c) Social and Fundraising Events Group**

Catharine Perry reported that a third successful quiz had been held in March at the Bowls and Tennis Club, enjoyed by the 100+ people who took part; it had raised £320 for Association funds. A joint summer barbecue and social with the Bowls and Tennis Club had been affected by bad weather, but had still been enjoyed by about 70 people and raised some funds. Catharine said that she was stepping down from convening the events group (apart from the 2008 quiz) and invited volunteers to help with organising.

### **(d) Walking Group**

Sarah Harris reported that a varied programme of monthly walks had been enjoyed in places ranging from the very local to further afield, such as Bayford in Hertfordshire and Richmond Park. Different people lead each walk, and often there is a shorter and a longer component. Lukie Hewat was thanked for her work as coordinator.

### **(e) Newsletter**

Two issues of the Newsletter had been distributed to every household in the BPCA area and posted to members outside the boundaries. Sponsorship had come from Demetriou & English, Funeral Directors of Myddleton Road, and Adam Kennedy, estate agents. Caroline Simpson thanked Kathy McKeown for her work in organising the distribution of the Newsletter, and those who had done the delivering.

### **(f) Environment Group**

Cathy Herman said that the Group had had three priorities during the year: Myddleton Road, Finsbury Gardens and the stretch of pavement along Bounds Green Road from Whittington to Brownlow Roads. On the first, progress had been made through working with Haringey Council's Myddleton Road Action Group, chaired by Cllr Matt Cooke, which brought together representatives from the relevant departments. New lighting and pavements were being put in and the Group was working with English Heritage to restore the shop fronts. They were also working with Housing Departments to stop the 'dumping' of people into emergency accommodation. CCTV is due to be installed at the Marlborough/Myddleton crossroads. The basic need is for new businesses to come in to the empty shops.

Concluding the meeting, the Chair demonstrated containers for shops to use to recycle plastic bags. Cllr Rodin commended the Association, saying that the positive approach of its officers and members made it a pleasure to work with. Caroline Simpson was warmly thanked for all the work she had done as Chair during the year.

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