

BOWES PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
("the Company")

MINUTES of the first ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company
held at St Michael at Bowes Church on 19 September 2012 at 19.30 p.m.

Present: D. Kushlick-Williams (Chair)
See attached attendance list

Apologies: Cllr J. Christophides (Haringey)
Cllr Y. Brett (Enfield)
Cllr A. Georgiou (Enfield)
Cllr A. Sitkin (Enfield)
L. Bell
M. Blake

1. NOTICE AND QUORUM

It was reported that notice of the meeting had been given to all those entitled to receive it. It was noted that a quorum was present and the meeting proceeded to business.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Chair formally opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. The Chair explained that this was the first AGM since the incorporation of the Company as a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity since the association approved the incorporation at the AGM in November 2010.

3. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair summarised the objectives of the Company which could be found in the report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012, copies of which had been distributed to members on arrival. The Chair mentioned some of the highlights of the year which is as follows:

- The Company received a grant of £8,000 to build an outdoor gym from Haringey council. The plan is to start building next year.
- Mary Blake set up a Sustainable Bowes Park Group with the help of a grant from Enfield council.
- Finsbury Gardens received a grant of £49,999 and the Chair explained that this is not shown in the report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 as the grant was received after period end.
- The Community Garden continues to be well-used by families and local people and the picnic was a great success as in previous years.
- The Chair mentioned the various groups available such as the Walking Group which meet monthly, the Arts Group and the Community Choir. As in previous years there are plans to hold a Christmas concert the last Saturday before Christmas.
- The newsletter is now sponsored by the Hobarts Estate Agents and distributed twice a year.

- The Chair mentioned the space at 128 Myddleton Road which had been a great success in the community, however due to the lack of funding it had no longer been possible to keep it opened but the Chair thanked Haringey council for the support received to enable it to run for a year.

The Chair asked the members if there were any questions. One member said that he found the Company's website particularly useful for recommendations for local services, another member expressed his thanks to everybody involved on the committee for a job well done.

A motion to approve the report was proposed by Sue Baylik and seconded by Catharine Perry – this was passed unanimously.

4. ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

The Chair thanked Pauline for her excellent bookkeeping and also thanked Liz Bell for working long hours to produce a report and accounts acceptable for filing at Companies House.

The Chair pointed out that whilst the summary accounts looked very healthy, £11K was committed to the outdoor gym – an £8k grant from Haringey and £3k from the BPCA – work had been delayed due to the time taken to negotiate with Thames Water and Haringey over the lease of the land.

Money in the Finsbury Gardens account and the Community Gardens account was ringfenced and funded the two summer activities in the gardens which were much enjoyed by local residents.

A motion to approve the accounts was proposed by Cathy Herman and seconded by Caroline Simpson – this was passed unanimously

5. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES/ COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Chair explained that Liz Bell and Catharine Perry had expressed interest in becoming trustees. Due to work commitments Mat Riches has resigned as a trustee. Two other trustees, Christopher Hook and Gemma McNab had moved out of the area and so resigned as trustees. Olivia McDonald and Asha Patel had resigned as committee members. Joanna Burke expressed an interest in joining as a committee member. The Chair asked the members if anyone had any objections to the proposed changes to the committees and no objections were heard.

6. MOTION PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE

That the annual subscription for the BPCA be raised to £9 for individuals/£5 concessions and £15 for households/£8 concessions.

The Chair explained to the Meeting that there had been no increase in the subscription fees since the BPCA was first formed 11 years ago. Last year members were given an incentive of a free glass of wine at either The Step or Mum's Lounge. This year the Bounds Green Tennis Club has agreed to waive the £25 joining fee for members of BPCA.

The running costs for the association, excluding the publication of the newsletter was approximately £1300 a year and the money raised by subscriptions last year was £770. Whilst it was not expected to cover these costs completely through subscriptions the committee had felt that it was time to consider increasing the subscription fee.

Main points of discussion: New members expressed surprise that the subscription fee was so low and supported an increase. Concern was expressed that in the present economic climate unwaged and older members might find any increase difficult. Members recognised the benefits

the BPCA has brought to the area and there was some discussion about whether local businesses might be willing to give concessionary rates to members.

After some discussion an amendment was proposed by Cathy Herman and seconded by Doris Quinn:

To increase the individual fee to £10 and the household fee to £15 and to leave the concession membership at the current level (£2 for individuals and £4 for households). The amendment was passed with one vote against

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sue Baylik mentioned that the Autumn newsletter will now be distributed in mid-November.

James Francis who has taken over the walking group organisation mentioned that they have some exciting ideas for future walks, a treasure hunt for families and also a trip to Berlin. The next walk organised is from Egham to Windsor and new members are welcomed to join.

One member questioned the council's decision to chop down a number of trees on our streets and was concerned that no new trees had been planted in their place. Councillor Ali Demirci explained that the reason why the trees had been chopped down was that a lot of trees were diseased and there were plans to plant more trees in the future. The councillor said he would follow up on this and report back to the Committee.

The formal part of the Meeting was declared closed

The formal meeting was followed by a quiz prepared by Richard McKeever which tested members' knowledge on Bowes Park.

Jude Habib then shared some voice recordings which had been done as part of a project My Bowes Park. The recordings were of interviews of local elderly residents by young residents on what it is like to live in Bowes Park in the past.

Matt Cooke finished the Meeting by giving a very informative and interesting presentation of the developing plans for Alexandra Palace and its surroundings.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 10pm.

Dee Kushlick-Williams

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Chairman

Attendance register for the AGM held on 19 September 2012

Name	Member
Cathy Herman	y
Richard McKeever	y
Ed Balleny	y
Paul Hamblin	y
Helen Wolstencroft	y
Christine Campbell	y
Doris Quinn	y
Bernard Londeix	y
John Draper	y
Pauline Latham	y
Joanna Burke	y
Deirdre Stowell-Smith	y
James Francis	y
Lawence Koonin	y
Kari Koonin	y
Jonathon Keeley	y
Daniel Lowber	y
Sue Baylik	y
Stephen Lubell	y
Paul Flavell	y
Catharine Perry	y
Caroline Simpson	y
Kate Franzmann	y
Dee Kushlick-Williams	y
Jude Habib	y
Cllr Ali Demirci	
Cllr Matt Cooke	
Kirstin McCarthy Haringey Council	
Sam Williams	
Elaine Walters	
Martin Peck	
Heidi Mirza	