

**BOWES PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**("the Company")**

**MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company**  
**held at St Michael at Bowes Church on 18 September 2013 at 19.30 p.m.**

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

Apologies: Kate Franzmann, Catharine Perry, Pauline Latchem, Lynne  
Featherstone M.P., Mary 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. It was explained that the meeting would start with two presentations and the Chair introduced Susan Holton from Haringey TimeBank. Susan told the meeting about the use of Timebank by residents to exchange skills and experience. For example, one person may offer an hour of gardening clearance which gives them one hour of credit that they can exchange for something with which they need help such as putting up shelves. Sometimes the credit can be exchanged for yoga classes or visits. People can join online and say what they can offer and what they would like to receive. People can log the voluntary work that they do for the BPCA as credit. ([www.haringeytimebank.org.uk](http://www.haringeytimebank.org.uk))

Nigel Thorne who is a volunteer at the North London Samaritans then gave a talk about the redevelopment of Shaftsbury Hall. Nigel gave an account of the history of the hall - originally built as a chapel for the railway workers - and was pleased to report that the redevelopment plans had received unanimous support at a public meeting. A planning application will be submitted soon and Nigel asked that the application should be supported. £250k has already been identified for the work but another £150 to 200k will be needed. It was agreed that the BPCA would support the application and looked forward to working with the Samaritans to make Shaftsbury Hall a community resource.

**3. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM**

The proposal to accept the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting was proposed by Caroline Simpson and seconded by Joanna Burke. The minutes were unanimously agreed to be an accurate account of the meeting.

There were no Matters Arising.

#### **4. 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 2013, 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 focus on Myddleton Road improvements which included a thank you to Caroline Simpson for her work on monitoring planning applications and removal of satellite dishes,
- the English Heritage funding for the restoration of some shop fronts,
- the Big Lottery grant which was used to improve Finsbury Gardens,
- the great work of gardening volunteers in both Finsbury Gardens and Myddleton Road Community Garden,
- the achievement of the Outdoor Gym which now needed extra funding for the resurfacing.

Dee thanked the Red Sea supermarket for all their help to the community. Thanks were also given to Hobarts who have continued to fund the Newsletter.

Future activities include:

- The Myddleton Road market
- Sustainable Bowes Park and planters on the railway station
- More work with the Council on Myddleton road
- The resurfacing of the outdoor gym
- Fundraising and social events

#### **5. THE ACCOUNTS FOR April 2012 – March2013**

The Chair presented the annual accounts in the absence of the Treasurer and the proposal to accept the annual accounts was proposed by Sue Baylik and seconded by Liz Bell.

The meeting unanimously accepted the annual accounts.

#### **6. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Chair noted that three trustees of the BPCA –Christine Campbell, Kate Franzmann and Cathy Herman-were stepping down this year and thanked them all for their work. No new Trustees were elected. Two nominations for election to the committee were accepted from the floor (Les Roberts and Betty Smith)and the meeting unanimously voted for the proposed members to be on the committee.

The Chair noted that the Treasurer of the BPCA was no longer going to act in this role and thanked her for all her hard work. She requested volunteers to consider taking on this role.

#### **7. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.