



World's End Residents' Association

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Minutes of the WERA Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th of September 2004 at 7.30pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

Actions

Jules Montero (JM) confirmed that a quorum (33 or more members) was present.

The meeting was initially chaired by the Secretary, Jules Montero (JM) in the absence of an elected Chair, and assisted by the Treasurer, Margaret Grayling (MG). Once a new Chair had been elected by the membership present, the new Chair would conduct the rest of the meeting.

Ian Twyford (IT), Alasdair Manson (AM) and Gary Riley (GR) were present on behalf of the borough-wide TMO.

1. Introduction

JM welcomed everyone to the AGM, apologised for the delay in starting the meeting, and then introduced himself, Margaret Grayling, Ian Twyford, Alasdair Manson and Gary Riley.

2. Secretary's Report

JM read out the Secretary's Report to the meeting. JM asked the floor if there were any questions. There were none.

3. Treasurer's Report

MG read out the Treasurer's Report to the meeting. JM asked the floor if there were any questions. There were none.

4. Election of Committee

JM noted that the number of members present and eligible to vote was 34.

4.1 JM introduced the next item on the agenda, the election of WERA officers and committee members, and then handed the meeting over to AM.

AM thanked the committee for its hard work and commitment since the last AGM. AM then read out all of the nominations that had been received prior to the meeting. AM asked the floor for any additional nominations. There were none.

4.2 For the position of Chair, the sole nomination was for Margaret Grayling. The nomination was seconded. Margaret Grayling was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 28 votes in favour, 0 against. **Margaret Grayling is therefore duly elected as the association's Chair.**

4.3 For the position of Secretary, the sole nomination was for Jules Montero. The nomination was seconded. Jules Montero was asked to make himself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 30 votes in favour, 0 against. **Jules Montero is therefore duly elected as the association's Secretary.**

4.4 For the position of Treasurer, the sole nomination was for John Rendall. The nomination was seconded. John Rendall was asked to make himself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The

result of the vote was 30 votes in favour, 0 against. **John Rendall is therefore duly elected as the association's Treasurer.**

4.5 AM stated that the election of officers was now complete and proceeded to the election of members of the committee.

4.6 David Longley was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. David Longley was asked to make himself known to the meeting. It was noted that he was not present.

JL asked to speak before the vote was taken. AM suggested that it would not be appropriate for anyone to pass comment on the nomination, as the nominee was not present. Several members from the floor voiced their opinions as to whether comments on individual nominations should be permitted. AM repeated that he felt it inappropriate to allow comments on the nomination.

A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 7 votes in favour, 19 against. **David Longley's nomination has therefore been rejected by those present and he is not elected to the association's committee.**

4.7 Brendan Kelly was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Brendan Kelly was asked to make himself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 21 votes in favour, 0 against. **Brendan Kelly is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.8 Kaz Gasior was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Kaz Gasior was asked to make himself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 28 votes in favour, 0 against. **Kaz Gasior is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.9 Eryl Humphrey Jones was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Eryl Humphrey Jones was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 21 votes in favour, 0 against. **Eryl Humphrey Jones is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.10 Helen Morris was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Helen Morris was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 32 votes in favour, 0 against. **Helen Morris is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.11 Tim Rice was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Tim Rice was asked to make himself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 25 votes in favour, 0 against. **Tim Rice is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.12 Isabel Neves was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Isabel Neves was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 30 votes in favour, 0 against. **Isabel Neves is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.13 Joy Laven was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Joy Laven was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 33 votes in favour, 0 against. **Joy Laven is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.14 Maggie Byrne was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Maggie Byrne was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 33 votes in favour, 0 against. **Maggie Byrne is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.15 Caroline Fairchild was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Caroline Fairchild was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 31 votes in favour, 0 against. **Caroline Fairchild is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

4.16 Marye Kenton was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Marye Kenton was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote

was 29 votes in favour, 0 against. **Marye Kenton is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**

- 4.17 Monica Boholst was nominated for election to the committee. The nomination was seconded. Monica Boholst was asked to make herself known to the meeting. A vote was taken. The result of the vote was 33 votes in favour, 0 against. **Monica Boholst is therefore duly elected to the association's committee.**
- 4.18 AM read out the names of all elected officers and committee members and congratulated them. He then handed the meeting over to the newly elected Chair, Margaret Grayling.
- 4.19 JM noted that the elected committee met the requirements prescribed by the association's constitution.

5. **Any Other Business**

MG opened the floor to questions.

A resident raised the issue of safety, in particular with regards to recent incidents of violent and anti-social behaviour on the estate. The resident also raised concerns with regards to the smoking of marijuana and the consumption of other drugs in the lifts and stairwells. The resident claimed that all of these issues and incidents had been reported to the Police and the TMO but that nothing appeared to have been done to address them.

Tim Rice (TMO board member for Chelsea West) stressed that the TMO board was concerned by incidents of anti-social behaviour and drug taking on the properties it managed and described the possibility of introducing a dispersal order on the World's End Estate. He confirmed that he was aware of serious incidents of anti-social behaviour on the estate, particularly in the vicinity of the sheltered housing.

IT stated that incidents of anti-social were unfortunately becoming more and more common and were not limited to Council properties. IT restated that the TMO would tackle incidences of anti-social behaviour on the properties it managed. IT said that the TMO had been moderately successful in tackling incidents of extremely serious anti-social behaviour but that it was often difficult to identify the perpetrators due to a lack of witnesses. IT stated that the TMO and Police were focused on tackling anti-social behaviour in the area. IT said that a letter would be going out to all residents informing them of the steps being taken and advising how they could assist.

Several residents raised the issue of the security patrols on the estate. They were not as frequent as they would like them to be and they were not effective in deterring loitering or anti-social behaviour. GR and IT stated that the TMO were investigating how to improve the effectiveness of the security patrols.

A resident described incidents of loitering youths playing loud music into the night which often resulted in mess and litter in the walkways and gardens near the sheltered housing scheme. IT said that the TMO were aware of the problems and had tried to discourage loitering around that particular part of the estate. IT admitted that these had not been as successful as the TMO would have liked.

A resident asked why it took so long for the Police and TMO to investigate incidents when witnesses had been able to provide the names and addresses of the perpetrators. Another resident pointed out that this was evidence to the fact that residents were willing to assist the Police and TMO but that for this to continue that the Police and TMO must act and, most importantly, be seen to act, on the information provided.

A resident pointed out that the TMO did not do enough to deal with problems at source. By the time the TMO tried to address a problem its severity had increased ten-fold, as was the case with the gangs of youths on the estate which could and should have been dealt with when the gang members were children. Now they were young adults, they simply caused chaos and the TMO appeared unable to deal with them.

GR stated that the attitude of "what's the point, nothing will be done" needed to be changed. GR asked for the residents' trust and co-operation in dealing with anti-social behaviour. He promised

that the TMO would use information provided by residents, which would be treated in confidence.

Caroline Fairchild asked whether the TMO might be able to provide WERA with a filing cabinet and safe. IT said that funding was available to resident associations though he did not know whether it would cover the supply or purchase of a filing cabinet and/or safe. JM offered to check whether such funding was available with the TMO's tenant participation unit.

JM

JL proposed that the TMO ask the previous WERA secretary, David Longley, to return items of association property (a fax machine and assorted paperwork) that were still in his possession. AM said he would.

MG thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting then closed

..... Chair