



World's End Residents' Association

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Minutes of the WERA Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th of December 2013 at 7.30pm in the WERA Clubroom, 16 Blantyre Street

Actions

It was confirmed that a quorum was present.

The meeting was chaired by John Rendall (JR) (WERA Chair).

The following persons were in attendance as guests of the RA: Councillor Gerard Hargreaves, Olivia Hutchison (TMO), Samantha Dehaan (TMO), Police Sgt Tim Otway and PC Ware.

1. Introduction

JR welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanked them for attending and introduced himself, the other Committee members helping him conduct the meeting and guests present.

2. Minutes of the Previous AGM

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. JR asked the meeting to approve the minutes. The minutes of the previous AGM were approved as correct.

3. Annual Report

JR ran through the Association's Annual Report and then took questions from the floor.

4. Election of Committee

JR introduced the next item, explaining out that every member of the RA's Committee would now stand down and that those wishing to stand for re-election would do so. Each nomination was put to the meeting and a vote taken on a show of hands.

The following persons were elected by the meeting:

- Margaret Grayling as Chair.
- Paul Miller as Vice-Chair.
- Patricia Fordyce as Secretary.
- Hilary Nassim as Treasurer.
- Ali Ahmed as a member of the Committee.
- Monica Boholst as a member of the Committee.
- Maggie Byrne as a member of the Committee.
- Kai Choudhury as a member of the Committee.
- Fiona Churchill as a member of the Committee.
- Caroline Fairchild as a member of the Committee.
- Eryl Humphrey Jones as a member of the Committee.
- Marye Kenton as a member of the Committee.
- Joanna McDermott as a member of the Committee.
- Sara Ourida as a member of the Committee.
- Nigel Palmer as a member of the Committee.
- John Rendall as a member of the Committee.
- Dean Smith as a member of the Committee.
- Kathrin Vowinkel as a member of the Committee.

Those elected were congratulated.

The co-option of a non-resident, Jules Montero, was then proposed. A vote was taken on a show of hands. The resolution was passed. Jules Montero was appointed a co-opted member of the Committee.

The meeting was then handed to MG as newly elected Chair.

5. **Subscription**

It was proposed that the Association's existing membership fee – that membership was free – remain in place. A vote was taken on the proposal. The resolution was passed. **Membership of WERA shall remain free.**

6. **Upcoming Meetings / Open Discussion**

MG asked the meeting to consider a proposal for the refurbishment of the ground and first floor lift lobbies, which the Committee hoped would be funded by the Council's Housing Regeneration Programme following the submission of a bid for funding. The meeting was asked to support the proposal and bid. A vote was taken on a show of hands. The meeting approved the proposal. Those attending were asked to sign a petition supporting the proposal at the end of the meeting.

The following additional issues were noted and/or discussed at the meeting.

- Incidents of late-night anti-social behaviour and the consumption of alcohol in the estate's gardens and other communal areas. A resident asked why the "man and dog" patrol of the estate had been removed and whether it could be reinstated.
- Persistent rubbish dumping on many of the walkways, particularly at weekends. A resident asked whether any of the rubbish was ever inspected to try and identify the culprits.
- Residents repeatedly throwing rubbish into the estate's garden areas from their windows, some of which was of an unsanitary nature.
- Incidents of dogs running loose on the estate and fouling in communal areas. A resident asked why the Council/TMO continued to fail to follow the example of other boroughs such as Wandsworth in dealing with dog-related anti-social behaviour on its estates.
- Foul odours emanating from residents' sinks and baths, which were thought to originate from the building's drains and stacks.
- The poor state of the Triflex in some of the communal walkways and the poor quality repairs attempted by the TMO's contractors.
- Issues around the communal lighting, in particular the lengthy periods during which the lighting was either all switched on or all switched off. Several residents also noted that repairs to communal lighting often took a very long time. One resident complained about the amount of light cast by the column lights in the gardens.
- Parking, and in particular the poor management of the estate's car park, which was under-utilised, the overcrowding in Blantyre Street, and the lack of disabled and visitor bays.
- That some residents continued to feed the pigeons.

Everyone was thanked for attending. The meeting then closed.

..... Chair