

BARNES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7.30PM HELD BY ZOOM

Attendees:

Nicki Urquhart (Chair)	Philip Thomas (Vice Chair)	Gary Smith (Hon Treasurer)
Alison Cowpe (Hon Secretary)	Charlotte Sharpe-Neal	Leyla Hutchings
Helen Edward (Trustee)	Ian Edward	Carline Marshall Foster
Michael Spillane	Gill Spillane	Isabel Woolf
Mike Hildesley	Steven Mindel	Matthew Purser
John McNeilly	James Thomason	Andy Hirsch
Anne Johnstone	Esther Senhenn	Jo Dallal (Trustee)
Micky Forster	Ian Haddow	Raphael Zachary-Younger (Trustee)
Simon Danciger	Tom Burnett	Sarah Wilson
Emma Robinson	Heather Gubics	Gabriel West

A quorum was present and the meeting was opened by the Secretary confirming how the order of business would happen using a virtual meeting.

The Chair summarised the reasons for the time lapse for holding the AGM and the unusual nature the virtual meeting rather than one face to face, then moved to the first order of business which was to welcome everyone and ask for the minutes of the meeting held in April 2019 to be approved. The resolution was carried by more than the majority of those attending.

The Chair then gave a summary of the activities in 2019 and those in 2020 including the response to Covid and the initiatives which had been put in place to support the community and thanking those members of the community for their support to the BCA to enable it to continue to support the community.

The Hon Treasurer then provided a summary of the 2019 finances and commented on the current financial status of 2020 and the actions taken by the BCA regarding the furlough scheme for its staff and how decisions had been taken to bring back some staff members. Mr Smith asked those attending to approve and adopt the 2019 financial statements. The resolution was carried by more than the majority of those attending.

The Chair then thanked Mr Smith who was standing down at this AGM for his long service to the BCA. She also thanked other retiring and recently departed trustees – Mandy Smith, Shelina Begum, Jo Dallal, Catherine Ellis and Jenny Mackenzie. Their contributions had all be hugely valued and the BCA was delighted they would all be continuing to support the BCA in a volunteering capacity. The Chair also welcomed four new Trustees who were being appointed; uncontested as there were

sufficient vacancies to accommodate the four who had put themselves forward. Their first trustee meeting would be in the same week as the AGM and they were warmly welcomed on board.

The meeting then opened to questions of which there were two. The first regarding the BCA's mandate for taking a position on community issues such as the 5G mast, the Stag Brewery development and Harrodian Sports/Social club and how canvassing occurred to take into account the views of the community and BCA members. After significant discussion about this matter where the Vice Chair confirmed that all information had been reviewed carefully, the Vice Chair said that at the upcoming Trustee meeting, the Trustees would consider the request to undertake wider consultation regarding the Harrodian School development to determine if new information would come to light which would amend the BCA's current position. It was noted that the decision would be that of Richmond Council not the BCA to proceed with planning approval. The Chair and Vice Chair also noted that the BCA had learnt that consultation undertakings should differ depending on the current issue under review to ensure all views were captured. Mr Hirsch was thanked for his question and it was noted that the AGM gave the opportunity for members to raise issues for discussion. The second question related to the holding of the summer fair in July 2021 and plan for this; the Chair and Events Organiser both confirmed the planning to hold the fair and that arrangements were already being made for this.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and declared it closed.