



MINUTES OF THE 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on 27th April 2011 at St Andrew's Church, N19

PART I

In attendance

Gloria Chandra, Heather Eggins, Michael Heath, Malcolm Jack, Dorothy Leng, Sean Madigan, Carol Rodgers, Tony Wylam.

Apologies for absence

Kay Clarke, Caroline Oakes.

16 members and others attended the meeting.

1. Welcome

The Chair, Gloria Chandra, welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

2. Election of Committee members

The Chair announced that David Seton and Romy Jenkins would not be standing for committee for the coming year. She proposed a vote of thanks be given to them for their loyal and valuable service to WHPARA. It was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

The Chair proposed that the nomination of Committee Members be taken *en bloc*. It was agreed.

Gloria Chandra, Kay Clark, Heather Eggins, Michael Heath, Malcolm Jack, Dorothy Leng, Sean Madigan, Carol Rodgers and Tony Wylam were elected *en bloc* to the Committee *nemine contradicente*.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair presented a written report to the Meeting and gave a short verbal summary of the highlights of the year 2010/11, in particular the conduct of social events, continued liaison with official and other amenity bodies, and invited Members to send in any comments they wished to the Committee whose work had unavoidably been made more difficult by illnesses among its membership during the year.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented a written set of accounts for 2010/11 showing a balance of account of £6,662.04 at April 27th 2011 as compared to a balance of £6,079.50 at 29th April 2010.

There was a discussion about what should be done with the reserve capital but it was noted that expenses in respect of a new computer and printer were likely to arise in the near future. It was noted that WHPARA benefitted from free service rendered by Committee members, for example in the setting up of the website and generally broke even or made a slight profit on events.

5. Future events

The Chair announced two future events: a Family Fun Day in July and an Annual Concert in support of the winter night shelter in late November/early December. Dates would be announced shortly

6. Any Other Business

A discussion took place about the proliferation of signs in the conservation area and the apparent indifference of Islington as to their aesthetic effect.

A linked discussion took place on burglary, police action and crime prevention.

An update on the future of the Ashmount School Site was given by Francis Wilkinson who emphasized the importance of WHPARA being involved in ensuring that the site was used in an environmentally friendly way that would also retain some community use and respect the conservation area.

It was agreed that the Committee would put the matters raised from the floor under any other business on its future agenda and report back to the membership.

PART II – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

The guest speaker, Victoria Howse from Islington Council, spoke on Low Carbon Zone Community Engagement, emphasizing the need to engage the local community in the twin objectives of lowering carbon emissions and reducing energy costs in the Archway Low Carbon Zone. The Council gave out advice to householders on energy saving measures and, within the defined area shown to the meeting (which it was noted did not cover the whole conservation area), provided financial assistance for the replacement of old boilers and for improved, energy- saving lighting. It proposed working with interested groups through eco-teams. The initiative was a mayoral one and affected 10 London boroughs; it involved close discussion with many institutions (such as the Whittington hospital) and local amenity bodies (such as the Better Archway Forum). Information on workshops and other events would be circulated to WHPARA

Norman Beddington spoke on behalf of Viceri, specialists in reducing energy bills in Victorian housing. Jon Grayson, a member, spoke about a project in Harberton Road that is operating successfully.

The speakers and other Members were invited to submit information for putting on the WHPARA website to Michael Heath.

The Chair thanked the Speaker for her presentation and for the contributions from Norman Beddington and Jon Grayson.

The public meeting closed at 9.00 pm.