

**Charlton Central Residents' Association
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on Thursday 10 October 2019 at 7.30pm in St Richard's Hall, Swallowfield Road

1. Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping

Officers referred to in these minutes:

Chair - Jodie Coughlan (JC)

Treasurer - Jas Dhesi (JD) and Baljinder Dhesi (BD)

Membership Secretary - Jacqui Mitchell (JM)

Vice Chair - Brenda Taggart (BT)

Secretary - Jonathan Sanders (JS)

JC welcomed members to 12th AGM.

JS noted that the AGM is not quorate (25 members are required to be quorate, but only 20 members were in attendance). JS explained that according to our Constitution, we should adjourn and reconvene after 14 days to complete the business. However, noting that this could be logistically challenging, JS proposed that we go ahead this evening as if we are quorate. We would then circulate the minutes to members, explaining that the meeting was not quorate, but proposing that it nevertheless stands as the 2019 AGM. We would give members 14 days to object and request that we hold a further AGM, as set out in our Constitution. However, if no objections are received, no further AGM will be held, and this evening's meeting will stand as the 2019 AGM.

This proposal was put to members and agreed unanimously.

2. Apologies

Chris Harrison, Martina Keating, Ana Sampaio and Brenda Taggart.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 4 October 2018

Under point 2, Apologies, delete - 'Sarah Roseblade.' The minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Report from the Chair of the Association

Please see Annex A.

6. Report from the Vice Chair (read by JM on behalf of BT)

Please see Annex B.

7. Report from the Secretary

Please see Annex C.

8. Report from the Treasurer, including statement of accounts and auditor's report

Please see Annexes D and E.

A member asked about adverts in *Grapevine*, noting that some invoices will never be paid but that it is always sensible to chase as hard as possible.

JD said that the main advertisers continue to advertise and pay for their adverts in *Grapevine*. She also noted that the auditor has suggested that rather than invoicing in blocks, we should invoice after every edition of *Grapevine*. The editorial team will be considering this with JD and BD.

A member noted with satisfaction that there is an increase in money from membership, then noting that we have had some success obtaining grants and asked if we have any in the pipeline.

JC said that we have had a grant to support the exercise classes but that as this was received in July, it will be included in next year's accounts.

9. Any proposed changes to the Constitution

JM read a proposal to change the Constitution, which has been moved by BT.

Existing clause:- “6.1 The Association shall have a Management Committee that includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The Management Committee will include the officers of the Management Committee plus representation from each road in the Association by the agreement of the Management Committee. At the AGM, the officers of the Association shall be elected plus at least 12 Management Committee members, endeavouring that at least one Management Committee member from each road will be selected. Officer roles may be held jointly by two or more individuals who should be proposed and accepted in the normal way.”

Proposed clause - “6.1 The Association shall have a Management Committee that includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each of these elected Officers roles can be held as a job-share position. In the event of an Officers’ vote, one vote will be ascribed to each position. The Management Committee will include the officers of the Management Committee plus representation from each road in the Association by the agreement of the Management Committee. At the AGM, the officers of the Association shall be elected plus at least 12 Management Committee members, endeavouring that at least one Management Committee member from each road will be selected.”

JM seconded the motion. She noted that JD and BD have been joint Treasurers since the last AGM and that this has worked really well. The proposal was therefore now to make this a formal option for all officer roles and to put.

JC asked if there were any amendments to the motion. A member said that on their reading, the motion sounded like it meant each person sharing a post would have one full vote.

JC said that the intention was for there to be one vote per position rather than per person.

Jane Bland proposed that the relevant section of the motion be amended from: - “In the event of an Officers’ vote, one vote will be ascribed to each position.”

To: - “in the event of an officers’ vote, one vote will be ascribed to each position and not each person.”

Jill Austin seconded the motion.

The amendment was put to members and agreed unanimously. The amended motion was then put to members and agreed unanimously.

The new clause is therefore:

“6.1 The Association shall have a Management Committee that includes the following elected officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Each of these elected Officers roles can be held as a job-share position. In the event of an Officer’s vote, one vote will be ascribed to each position and not each person. The Management Committee will include the officers of the Management Committee plus representation from each road in the Association by the agreement of the Management Committee. At the AGM, the officers of the Association shall be elected plus at least 12 Management Committee members, endeavouring that at least one Management Committee member from each road will be selected.”

10. Election of officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Chair: Jodie Coughlan - proposed by Jas Dhesi and seconded by Liz Somerville.

Vice Chair: Jane Bland - proposed by Dave Picton and seconded Baljinder Dhesi.

Secretary: Jonathan Sanders - proposed by Jodie Coughlan and seconded by Baljinder Dhesi.

Treasurers: Jas Dhesi and Baljinder Dhesi were proposed by Dave Picton and seconded by Chris Harrison.

These were put to the members and agreed unanimously.

11. Election of Management Committee

The following were proposed and seconded as members of the Management Committee:

Nominee	Proposer	Second
Armindo Cachada	Chris Harrison	Liz Somerville.
Jane Bland	Dave Picton	Peter Somerville
Jodie Coughlan	Brenda Taggart	Armindo Cachada
Baljinder Dhesi	Jodie Coughlan	Dave Picton
Jas Dhesi	Liz Somerville	Dave Picton
Chris Harrison	Jodie Coughlan	Brenda Taggart
Martina Keating	Liz Somerville	Jas Dhesi
David Gayther	Jas Dhesi	Dave Picton
Jacqui Mitchell	Chris Harrison	Liz Somerville
Dave Picton	Peter Somerville	Chris Harrison
Jonathan Sanders	Liz Somerville	Jas Dhesi
Liz Somerville	Jas Dhesi	Armindo Cachada
Peter Somerville	Baljinder Dhesi	Brenda Taggart
Brenda Taggart	Chris Harrison	Jodie Coughlan

These matters were put to members and agreed unanimously.

12. Resolutions

None.

13. AOB

- *Future amendments to our Constitution*

A member suggested that in the future, we could amend our Constitution, so that fewer members are required for the AGM to be quorate. JC agreed that this could be explored in the future.

A member suggested that we could also amend our Constitution to make the Membership Secretary an Officer. JC agreed that this could also be explored in the future.

- *Vote of thanks*

JC proposed special thanks to BT, who is standing down as Vice Chair, and there was a round of applause from all members present.

- *Rockwell planning application*

Jane Bland encouraged people to get involved in the work of the Planning Action Group to object to Rockwell's plans for Charlton Riverside (Rockwell is appealing against the Mayor's decision to refuse them planning permission). It is important to get as many people as possible to object, and this can be done online here: <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3233585>. In time, there are likely to be public hearings and it will be important for as many people as possible to turn up to voice opposition in person - watch this space.

- *Exercise classes*

Dave Picton said that the exercise classes started last Monday. Twenty people came, making the first class a success. Dave encouraged people to come along. Classes will be at St Richard's, 11am on Mondays for the next 20 weeks.

The formal part of the meeting concluded 8.30 pm.
Minutes taken by Jonathan Sanders.