

Battersea Fields Resident Management Organisation

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 24 July 2018 at 7:00pm

Present:

Val Boxall (VB), Chair
Tony Self (TS), Vice Chair
Sara Taylor (ST), Board Member
Malcolm Shoesmith (MS), Board Member
Ayo Oyelami (AO), Board Member
Dannielle Parrott (DP), Board Member
Gary Seary (GS), Board Member
Godfrey Agaba (GA), Finance Manager
Vanessa Antar (VA), Housing Manager
Jo Baxter (JB), WBC RPO
Sharron Lecky (SL), WBC Area Manager
Kate Stock (KS), Councillor WBC
5 residents

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed residents to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Apologies

Marie Collins (MC), Board Member

3. Audit Report

VB introduced GA who talked through the Income Statement, highlighting a profit of £174,147 for year end 31/03/18, as compared to £173,584 in the previous financial year. The Management and Maintenance allowance for 2017/18 was £647,176 as compared with £657,931 for the previous year.

A query was raised about the much higher expenditure in respect of bulk rubbish removal during 2017/18 of £21,760, against £8,768 spend during the previous financial year. GA pointed out a sum of £8,065 had been coded against 'miscellaneous estate costs',

explaining that in the previous year, all related expenditure had been grouped together, resulting a much higher figure under one code. Irrespective of this, bulk rubbish collection was acknowledged to be a costly service, but one that was regarded as necessary.

The accounts were unanimously accepted.

4 Minutes from the last meeting

The Chair asked whether there were any matters arising. VD pointed out that she had been present at the previous meeting, as this was not clearly stated in the minutes.

The minutes were approved and signed by ST and VB.

5 Housing Manager's Report

Stats

VA talked through the performance figures distributed for arrears, repairs, antisocial behaviour and voids.

She also gave updates on the following:

Chutes

VA acknowledged residents' concerns about some of the chutes being out of service and the general problem of them getting routinely blocked. She advised residents that she had obtained two quotes, both of which recommended substantial works which she was now discussing with WBC.

Door entry

Residents had been previously advised that Melray, the contractor engaged by WBC for the door entry upgrades had gone into liquidation. VA advised that WBC were still liaising with solicitors about the way forward, and that a meeting had taken place on 10/05/18. Further updates were expected in the near future.

Front door inspections

VA advised that, due to unforeseen circumstances, the surveyor engaged to inspect the front doors was no longer employed to do this. The work on this would be resumed at the earliest opportunity.

Parking

Residents were reminded of the outcome of the consultation in September 2017 to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone to improve parking conditions in the area. Though there was no implementation date, the introduction of the CPZ was set to take place in the near future.

6 Comments from the Chairperson

VB advised that she'd received very positive feedback about the fun-day on 21/07/18, which was very well attended.

ZH felt that it would have been good to provide catering for vegan people. Also, that the person running the raffle should not have participated in it. This generated a lively discussion, with differing views, and a level of support in favour of allowing organisers (who in many cases bought the most tickets thus generated the most income) to continue to participate.

VB advised of various sessions being arranged for children on 1, 8 and 15 August, and also a trip to Hastings on 1/09/18.

LP queried whether a trip to Chessington was being arranged, as some funds had already been obtained for this purpose. VB explained that the funds allocated to this were insufficient to fund this trip and that the Board were considering options on how to take forward.

VB advised that Sue Devine had successfully completed a three-day First Aid course and was able to act as First Aider at the fun-day.

7 Resignation of Board Members and Election of new Board Members

JB advised that 3 Board Members had stood down so there was no requirement for any further members to stand down.

12 nominations were made as follows:

Ann Self Nominated Tony Self

Sara Taylor nominated Val Boxall

Val Boxall nominated Vicky Dickson

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Sara Taylor nominated Malcolm Shoemith

Wendy Simpson nominated Emmanuel Jones

Val Boxall nominated Marie Collins

Sara Taylor nominated Gary Seary

Val Boxall nominated Ayodele Oyelami

Vicky Dickson nominated Danielle Parrott

Ayodele Oyelami nominated Sadie Havlin as Co-optee

Wendy Speck stood down

JB gave a special thank you to LP for all her hard work during her time as Chair. The Board and VA seconded this.

The meeting ended at 8.21pm