

## MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 7.30pm at the Cooperative Offices,  
33 Henry Jackson Road

The meeting started at 7.30pm, Catherine Desson, Chair, led the meeting.

#### 1 - Present/Apologies

- Present –Mike Biddick, Catherine Desson, Doris Leman, Sarah Yetman, Elena Zanger, Sarah Ashwell, Nasser Hashemi, Bernie Brennan (WBC) + guest, PC Alistair Adams
- Apologies – Ani Chakrabarti, Pier Giacobelli, John Fooks, Sandrine Tiller
- The meeting was not quorate (nine required, six in attendance)

#### 2 - Minutes of last AGM - approval

- The minutes of the last AGM (9 June 2015) were proposed for adoption by Sarah Yetman and seconded by Mike Biddick
  - The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. All members voted in favour
  - Due to the meeting not being quorate, it will be reconvened on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 for actions to be approved

#### 3 - Matters arising from previous minutes

- Item 8 – AOB – query re timing of signage work. Now planned for this financial year (likely July to September)

#### 4 – Information/advice from guest, PA Alistair Adams, Metropolitan Police

- Attendance at public/local meetings is part of WBC's strategy to talk to more people about issues that matter to them
- Terrorism update – threat from Islamic terrorism remains 'severe' (as for the past three years). The Met Police are working well with security services and public, with a result that good results are being achieved. Advice it to keep being vigilant and report things. The Ireland terror threat has been pushed up recently to 'substantial' – does not pick up as press attention but has always been there
- Policing update – 20% cuts to policing in London + 20% reduction in crime + 20% increase in public confidences (all as per targets). Watch out for July introduction of cyber/fraud into the National Crime Statistics
- New London Mayor, Sadiq Khan has appointed Sophie Lyndon as Deputy Mayor in charge of policing. Not yet clear what her priorities will be – seems they may be around neighbourhood policing and crime prevention
- PC Adams' own view of policing priorities over the next decade:
  - Cybercrime (Met Police already has three cyber hubs in London) – recommended people to check out and report activity via Action Fraud ([www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) <http://www.actionfraud/> the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre
  - Terrorism (an ongoing area of focus)
  - Sexual offences (reporting in all forms is much higher)
- All three areas require officers from the Met Police force of just of 32,000 officers.
- WBC's current local policing priorities:
  - Theft from motor vehicles – with a focus on prevention via education programmes, etc. A big issue/hot spot for our ward, Thamesward, at present



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- Operation Unplugged make a big difference as long as officer numbers maintained
  - Burglary - focus on vigilance – numbers relatively low at present
  - Antisocial behaviour – about education. It can be difficult to handle as there are often no recognised offences. An ongoing project run in conjunction with the Met Police and WBC
- Question re suspicion of people smoking cannabis. Advice provided – if you cannot identify exactly who/where it is coming from then it can be very difficult to deal with
  - **ACTION – Nasser** – circulate general crime prevention information to all
  - **ACTION – Nasser** – circulate PC Evans' Twitter handle
  - Thank you to PC Adams for his time at this meeting

## 5 – Audited Accounts 2015-2016

- Presented by Nasser Hashemi (in place of John Fooks)
- Fixed assets circa £10k
- Net assets circa £125k
- Operating surplus circa £23.5k + interest, minus tax = £23,818 – much higher than last FY, generated through savings
  1. Already making savings this FY (eg rent software, change in electricity tariff, BT phone, more online ordering to secure better deals, etc)
- £5.7k reserves will start to build up cyclical reserves over time
- Overall a very healthy balance which was approved by the Management Committee at their last meeting (24 May 2016)
- Bernie Brennan reminded the meeting about WBC's stringent audit requirements and confirmed that the Co-op is performing well in meeting these requirements, therefore no areas of concern
  - The audited accounts 2015-2016 were proposed for adoption by Catherine Desson and seconded by Elena Zanger – all members voted in favour

## 6 – Appointment of Auditors

- The Co-op will be conducting a market testing exercise in the coming months – three firms will be invited to participate in order to identify who will provide audit services for next financial year
- The Co-op and management committee is very satisfied with the performance of the current auditors

## 7 – Continuation Vote

- General discussion re the continuation of the Co-op - recognition of the excellent (and personal) localised service provided by Nasser Hashemi and the team
  - The continuation vote was proposed for adoption by Catherine Desson and seconded by Elena Zanger – all members voted in favour

## 8 – Election of Members

- General discussion re the need for a stable number of management committee members
- The following management committee members stood down and were put up for re-election
  - Catherine Desson
  - Mike Biddick
  - John Fooks
  - Sarah Yetman
  - Sandrine Tiller
  - Ani Chakrabarti
  - Louise Thompson
  - Ellie Rashbrook

Milton Astley  
Leslie Knight  
Elena Zanger

- Sarah Ashwell has agreed to join the management committee
- Management committee members will be election into roles at the next management committee meeting on 12 July 2016

#### **9 – AOB**

- Frequency of residents' meetings – Nasser Hashemi put forward a formal proposal to reduce the number of residents' meetings from four to two per year. The two meetings to keep will be February (budget) + June (AGM)
  - The proposal was proposed for adoption by Sarah Yetman and seconded by Catherine Desson – all members voted in favour
- Fencing – due to be upgraded in a phased approach. Nasser Hashemi and Mike Biddick currently investigating alternative materials. Possibility that we may consider larch wood from overseas – lifespan of 50+ years. The exercise will be formally costed through an Invitation to Tender when the time is right
- Entry door locks – to be replaced over time. Two-fold benefits to the new (KABA) locks - more secure and easier to maintain. KABA locks now being used by WBC across the borough
- Playground improvements – we have been successful in our bid to secure a grant of approx. £15k through WBC community grants
- Recognition of and thanks to Nasser Hashemi and Bernie Brennan for their support over the past year

The meeting closed at 8.55pm