

Croydon Communities Consortium

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 15 November 2013

Present: Christopher Adams, Barbara Armstrong, Eddy Arram, Elizabeth Ash (Vice Chair), Mahbub Sadiq Bhatti, John Cheetham (Chair), Roger Clark, Alan Clifford, Marion Clifford, Roy Colbran, Ken Coates, Charlotte Davies, Ben Devlin, Tarsem Flora, Adrian Fosberry, Michael Fuller, James Gill, Jay Ginn, Jean Gulum, Charmian Gunnis, David Harmes, Lauren Hughes, Toby Keynes, Bernadette Khan, Charles King, Clive Locke, Ann McGillivray, Linda Morris, Vincent Morrison, Marzia Nicodemi-Ehikioya, Said Otmani, Elizabeth Radcliffe (Secretary), Peter Spalding, Donald Speakman, Peter Staveley, Janet Stollery, Helen Toumazos, David White

John Cheetham welcomed everyone to the reconvened AGM.

1. **Apologies for absence** received from Mira Armour, George Ayres, Simon Brown, Michael Buckley, Syd Cheeswright (Treasurer), Peter Clark, Pat Clouder, Peter Collier, Sean Creighton, Alisa Flemming, Mark Johnson, Peter Morgan, John Payne, Margot Rohan,
2. **Accounts** – John Cheetham read out a statement from Syd Cheeswright, attached. The accounts had been distributed and approved at the original AGM. A question relating to the depreciation item was raised. The Chair confirmed that this was on a microphone or microphones purchased. The Working Group confirmed that these items had never been seen or used. The accounts were proposed, seconded and adopted.
3. **Working Group**
The report of the Working Group was delivered by Elizabeth Ash, outlining CCC's previous inaction, the work carried out by the Working Group on the constitution, based on the model constitution of the Charity Commission, uploaded for comment prior to the meeting. A series of public meetings has been put in place.
4. **Constitution and Operations**

This had been circulated in draft in response to comments and questions from those assembled it was agreed that an Equalities statement would be added. Bernadette Khan offered to provide wording for consideration. The constitution was adopted by a vote of all present (1 against and 7 abstentions)

It was confirmed that CCC is independent from the council but has received funding from the council and is bound by the terms of the funding agreement.

It was confirmed that CCC would act as a facilitator to give those with an interest in Croydon an open forum to share views and concerns and to debate important issues. CCC could facilitate meetings on specific topics as the need arose. CCC would also act as a central point to receive information of the results of actions taken by groups as a result of this.

The need for council officers to be present was raised by the membership and it was confirmed that, as an independent body we could not ask council officers to attend meetings on a regular basis, they could however attend if they wished to do so. It was agreed that where a specific subject was discussed the relevant council officers would be invited. The plan to hold meetings in different locations across the borough was explained, to engage as many people as possible, and that meetings, irrespective of where they were held, would be open to all.

5. Elections – The following were elected onto the committee:-

Chair – Elizabeth Ash – proposed by Janet Stollery, seconded by Roger Clark

Vice Chair – Clive Locke – proposed by Elizabeth Ash, seconded by Charlotte Davies

Secretary – Marzia Nicodemi-Ehikioya – proposed by Said Otmani, seconded by Peter Staveley (Marzia has sadly had to stand down soon after the meeting for personal reasons)

Treasurer – Roger Clark – proposed by Elizabeth Ash, seconded by Alan Clifford

Membership Secretary – Janet Stollery – proposed by Elizabeth Radcliffe, seconded by Marion Clifford

Three committee members – Said Otmani, Peter Staveley, Mahbub Bhatti offered to stand and were duly elected.

John Cheetham thanked everyone and left the meeting. Elizabeth Ash then took the chair, thanked everyone, especially the Working Group for their hard work in the intervening period and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.

A Public Forum followed the AGM.

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