

Marchmont Association AGM 2017 minutes.

Holiday Inn, Coram Street, Tuesday 16 May 2017, 7pm

Ricci Defreitas (Chair) called the meeting to order.

As an introduction, attendees were invited to state their street address.

Apologies were given.

Andrew Sorene had resigned from the Committee and was thanked for his contributions

The meeting was informed that Nigel Kemp had offered to stand down if others wished to stand instead. The balance of the Committee 50/50 mix of businesses and residents was aimed for but not absolutely required.

The minutes of the last AGM were tabled by the chair and were adopted.

Nicky Sinnet stated the MA's Income was £13,263.00 and an expenditure of 12,724.00. Balance of £2628.11 Nicky was thanked for her report.

The Accounts were adopted.

The Chairs report was presented.

- An appeal was made by the chair to support removal of redundant BT phone boxes. The Bloomsbury Conservation Area Advisory Committee had been consulted here.
- Rishi Madlani (Camden Council Bloomsbury Ward Councillor) gave an appeal for comments regarding the Night Tube, the West End Project and pedestrianisation of Oxford Street.
- Debbie Radcliffe appealed for sharing of information across ward boundaries especially King's Cross Ward and Bloomsbury Ward.
- Rishi Madlani agreed that King's Cross residents would be allowed to attend Bloomsbury Ward meetings.
- Bob McIntyre invited any issues regarding Cartwright Gardens to be raised with the Cartwright Gardens Community Liaison Group.
- The chair reported that the formation of a Community Liaison Group was promised by Cllr
- It was confirmed Cllr Theo Blackwell has promised a CLG regarding the refurbishment of the Town Hall Building.
- Reporting of short let abuses to Camden Council was encouraged.
- The Chair has contacted Camden Council on many occasions to point out that Marchmont Street was the worst affected street regarding the new refuse contract. This was discussed . There was concern that many other streets were affected, Nicky Coates indicated there were significant problems on Judd Street.
- The chair has been promised an early collection for Marchmont Street.
- Glen Fenemore Jones added that the winds generated by tall local buildings were exacerbating the problem, blowing the refuse around.
- 31 Leigh Street was described as a magnet for refuse which appears to be accumulating, the Cartwright Gardens CLG would raise this.
- It was pointed out that there appear to be fewer bins but more takeaways in the area.
- The public Inquiry into the Tavistock Torrington traffic scheme will start on the 3 October, BRAG chair, Nicky Coates indicated that BRAG would be participating.

- Rishi Madlani appealed for suggestions for sites for new trees which the Council has received funding for.
- BCAAC had objected to the café proposed at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Local residents encouraged objections to the commercialization of Tavistock Place especially with regard to the planned food outlet at the new building.
- The Gym at Coram Street has been objected to by MA as a 24 hour premises, there was disquiet from the floor regarding this objection, after some debate a vote was taken 9 voted against this objection and 6 voted for with a handful of abstentions.
- There appears to have been an increase in moped enabled thefts, especially of mobile phones, vigilance is encouraged.
- Debbie Radcliffe reported BRAG was meeting the developer of the Dairy site to discuss their plans
- The Chair thanked Gareth Maer for his work on the MA blog and Gareth made an appeal for submissions to the MA blog.
- An appeal was made for contributions to the approx. £4000 cost of works to the MA garden.
- This year will see the first street party since 2014 on 23 September.
- Bob McIntyre asked whether book sales north of Euston Road should be shared with the socially disadvantaged communities north of Euston Road.

Committee business:

- Nicky Coates stood down and was thanked by the chair (in her absence) for her contribution over the year
- Trevor Shonfeld of Judd Street agreed to join the MA committee and was voted in.
- Debbie Radcliffe asked if she might "Jobshare" with Trevor Shonfeld
- Debbie Radcliffe was instead co-opted as a full committee member
- Rishi Madlani expressed concern at the gender balance on the committee.
- Rayia Evans was co-opted as a full committee member.
- A note of thanks was requested to be sent to Andrew Sorene for his work.
- The Holiday Inn was thanked for their hospitality
- Trevor Shonfeld thanked Ricci for chairing the meeting and the meeting concluded.