



## Minutes of the MA Committee meeting – 4.4.17

1. **Present:** Ricci, Bob, Clive, Eileen, Len, Liz, Richard, Tom, Nicky S and Nigel. Apologies were received from: Nicky C., Andrew C., Andrew S., Marc, and Gareth (post-meeting). Ricci read a letter from Andrew, S. in which he tendered his resignation, due to his changed circumstances. Committee agreed to ask Ricci to write to him, thanking him for his contribution and to wish him well for the future.
2. **Minutes of the 10.1.17 Committee meeting:** These were agreed as a true record.
3. **Treasurer's report:** Nicky reported that we had £2,676.07 at bank on 21.2.17, having spent £31.54 and received a donation of £500 from the agency running the London Fashion Week event at the Army Centre. Noted that a further £56 was spent on stationery today and £147.96 on plants for the MCG.
4. **Chair's Report - the report was noted with the following action points:**
  - **AirBnB:** Nigel kindly agreed to take the lead on this issue, following Andrew's departure.
  - **New Camden refuse and recycling contract:** Noted that there had been a delay in implementing the planned changes and that teething problems with the new collection rounds had left streets full of uncollected waste for the entire day on Monday and Tuesday (this week). Noted that Ricci had been pro-active on the issue, writing to the Cabinet Member, local Councillors and senior Officers responsible for managing the service. It was agreed to request the collection time for Marchmont and Leigh Streets to be set at 9am, thus avoiding the need for residents and some businesses to leave refuse out overnight with the attendant problems of vermin, anti-social behaviour and cross-contamination of waste by passers-by.
  - **Donation by the London Fashion Week agency:** Noted that a £500 donation had been received from the organisers of an event in the Army Centre in Handel Street as compensation for the inconvenience caused to the local community. Noted that some of this had been spent on plants for the MCG. Agreed that the balance should be allocated to the MSP 2017, to be used if required. Agreed to write to the agency explaining our decision, as a matter of courtesy.
  - **Shop Front Awards 2016:** Noted that Fork Deli Patisserie had received the award from the Deputy Mayor of Camden for Best Shop Front 2016/17. Agreed that the short-list for next year's award should only include

premises where improvements have been implemented since the last award was given. This is designed to encourage more shops to improve their premises, although it was noted that many of them had done just that over the past 12 months.

- **History Project:** Agreed in principle to proceed with another historical publication about the area north of Tavistock Place centred on the Skinners' Estate. It was also agreed to consider producing simultaneously a booklet focussed on the history of Cartwright Gardens, on the understanding that there would be a ready market for it with students staying in the Garden Halls and tourists visiting the hotels in the crescent.
- **Marchmont Street Party 2017:** Noted that we had raised sufficient in terms of pledges from local businesses and a grant from Camden to enable us to proceed with this event on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. It was therefore agreed to proceed.
- **Defective paving outside Judd Hotel, Cartwright Gardens:** Agreed to report this to Camden.

5. **AOB:** None.

6. **Date of next meeting:** AGM – 16.5.2017, 7pm, Holiday Inn Hotel.