

Isle of Dogs Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22nd October 2015, 7.45pm, Alpha Grove Community Centre

Attendees

Between 55 & 60 people attended including Committee members Lorna Byrne, Sarah Castro, Simon Cock, Ralph Hardwick, Richard Horwood (Chairman), Philip Madams, & Andrew Wood

The Annual General Meeting was therefore declared quorate.

The Annual General Meeting followed a Special General Meeting, during which a number of constitutional changes were discussed and unanimously approved (as detailed in the minutes of the Special General Meeting).

Election of Committee Members

The Chairman confirmed that the existing committee members had agreed to stand for re-election as follows:

Richard Horwood - Chair
Ed Berman - Chair
Sarah Castro - Vice-chair
Ralph Hardwick - Vice-chair
Simon Cock - Treasurer
Michelle Rolender - Treasurer
Philip Madams - Secretary
Lorna Byrne - Secretary
Andrew Wood – Secretary

Members voted unanimously to re-elect the above committee members.

Two Forum members also put themselves forward for election as committee members and were unanimously elected:

Ahmed Hussain
Mariya Talib

Financial Reporting

The Chairman explained that the Forum has not provided a financial report in its first year due no funds having yet been received as no grant had yet been applied for. It was resolved to waive the financial report for the first year.

For the purposes of auditing next year's Forum accounts, the appointment of Barretts was proposed, on terms to be agreed:

Ian Barrett FCA FCIE
Barretts, Chartered Accountants and Chartered Tax Advisers 22 Union
Street, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ12 2JS

Barretts are known to the Chairman and have relevant experience.

Members were asked to vote on the proposal to appoint Barretts and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

Presentation of Annual Report

The Forum committee members presented their Annual Report (attached).

The following actions were also unanimously agreed:

1. The Forum will assist residents affected by Project Stone by helping them to access specialist external expertise, but will not make decisions on their behalf (although they could contribute to our Plan by writing their own sections of the Neighbourhood Plan).
2. Subject to further advice, we should establish the Forum as a Community Interest Company and / or charity on a not-for-profit basis.
3. The Committee was authorised to research the possibility of establishing the Forum as a Parish Council for the Forum Area in due course.

There being no further business, the Meeting was closed at 9.30pm.