



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on
Thursday 23rd May 2019 at 8pm
at the Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Rd, Addiscombe**

Chairman: Vincent McLaughlin

The meeting commenced at 8.00 pm.

Present: In excess of 25 members of the Association were present.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Steve Storey and Daryl Seyforth

2. Welcome Guest Speakers

The Chairman welcomed three representatives from the local Safer Neighbourhood Police Team (SNT) Dean Littlewood, Alex Maxted and Mez Gholami.

They explained their role and gave some details of the revised structure of the SNT.

Addiscombe East is an area of low crime the most prevalent being theft from motor vehicles.

Handouts were given out showing the breakdown of different types of crime over a twelve week period.

Knife crime is not considered to be a problem locally.

Some information was shared on the role of Behaviour Detection Officers (BDOs) and how they work to detect any behaviours that could be part of the 'county lines' drugs problem and exploitation of young people. East Croydon station and the local trams are used as a hub for this kind of activity.

In answer to the question 'How to help the Police' it is still best to call 999 in an emergency and 101 for less urgent incidents.

To contact the local SNT the email is: Addiscombeastsnt@met.police.uk

There were some questions from the floor on illegal parking, and the team agreed to look into this when time permitted. They thought the use of CCTV was unlikely.

The Chairman thanked the team for their time.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes were distributed and attendees were asked if they were in agreement with them. The minutes were agreed and signed.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read his report to the meeting. A copy is attached.

5. Summer Outing

There were two choices of destination to put to the meeting from the suggestions made at the Social evening, Littlehampton or Hastings.

Vote: Hastings 10
Littlehampton 6

Hastings will be the destination for this Summer.

6. Subscription Fees

The Chairman told the meeting that the committee had decided to raise the Subs from £3 to £4 as from this year.

Question from the floor on why raise the subs if the accounts showed a good balance. The Chairman explained there needed to be a substantial sum in case of unexpected expenses. A vote was taken with 16 hands in support.

Proposed by Vincent McLaughlin
Seconded by Valerie Phillips

7. Membership Secretary's Report

Sheila gave the number of paid up households at 280. She asked for any residents in roads with no Road rep in them if they could take on the role. Betty Borfiga offered to help out in Coniston Road and Vincent will liaise with her.

8. Treasurer's Report

Jill distributed the auditor's report and asked for any questions. A discrepancy between the number of households on the list and the amount of money received was queried which will be discussed fully at the next committee meeting on 12th June.

The report was left 'open'.

9. Election of Officers

The current committee members were all willing to stand again and asked if there were any interested members who would like to take on a role.

Sheila Batchelor was formally adopted as Secretary and Steve Storey offered to take on the Membership secretary role. All other roles will continue.

Proposed by Keith Phillips
Seconded by Ann Nicholson

10. Election of Auditors

The Auditors John Goddard and Paul Henson were accepted.

Proposed by Vincent McLaughlin
Seconded by Steven Barakeh

11. Any Other Business

11.i The Chairman mentioned the Community garden which is looking good at the moment, and asked if any members could contribute hardy plants which would be very welcome.

11.ii The local bowling club would like more members.

11.iii The Friends of Ashburton Park are raising money to improve the children's play area. The council will match the amount raised if it is high enough. Updates can be found on the website.

11.iv Railway Park has lots to offer of local interest

11.v Question was asked on what was happening to the house in Ashburton Park, formerly the Park keeper's residence. Jill informed the meeting that it was undecided at present.

John Goddard thanked the Committee for their work over the past year.

The Chairman encouraged members to check the website and read the Newsletter for local information. Heather explained the advertising costs:

£30 full page for businesses
£15 half page “ “
£20 full page for community groups
£10 half page for “ “

There was a suggestion for putting a flyer on the Association through every household in our defined area to increase membership.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

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