

Minutes of the 74th AGM of the Barnet Society, Thursday 13th June 2019 at 8.30pm

1.0 Introduction

52 members were present. Apologies for absence were recorded from Peter Bradburn, Dick & Jane Elms, Helen & Dave Howson, Neil & Jenny Kobish, Alison Lakin, David Lee, Marina Marshall, Penny Mayes, Greta Morris, Eamonn Rafferty, Susan Skedd, Jacky & Colin Smith, Jonathan Supran, Jessica Vamathevan, Andreas Tjirkalli and Theresa Villiers MP.

2.0 Minutes of 73rd AGM on 14th June 2018

Approved unanimously.

3.0 Approval of the 74th Annual Report

3.1 Chairman's Report

To his Report in the Newsletter Robin added that in March around 140 residents had debated 'Barnet Beyond Brexit' with local politicians and experts. Membership is higher than for 16 years, but subscriptions alone can't sustain the quality of public meetings, website, Newsletter & ICT systems we need these days.

3.2 Planning & Environment Report

In addition to his published Report, Robin referred to more recent cases at High Barnet Station, Monken Hadley Common, King George V & Barnet Playing Fields and Whalebones. 1,881 dwellings are currently proposed in major developments alone.

Approval of both Reports: proposer Committee, seconder Bill Foster, approved by all.

3.3 Membership Report

John Hay said membership had increased from 395 to 423 household members, or 617 individual members. Costs have been reduced by persuading 40% of PayPal and cheque-payers to switch to Standing Order and by Derek Epstein's database improvements.

Approval: proposer Robin, seconder Jenny Remfry, approved by all.

4.0 Treasurer's Report & Accounts for y/e 31st March'19

Mary Pettinger said the Report in the Newsletter shows a deficit of £603.55 compared with a deficit of £2,494.17 last year. The accounts had been independently examined by Jim Nelhams.

Approval: proposed by Committee, seconder Doreen Martin, approved by all.

Mary was standing down after 5 years as Treasurer, and Robin proposed a vote of thanks for all her hard work, which was approved unanimously.

5.0 Election of Independent Examiner 2019-20

Jim Nelhams was nominated again by Robin, seconded by Les Bedford and approved by all.

6.0 Election of Secretary

Jonathan Supran, having moved to Borehamwood, was stepping down after 6 years. Robin proposed a vote of thanks for all Jon had done, which was approved unanimously. He proposed Andrew Hutchings in his place. This was seconded by Jenny Remfry and approved by all.

7.0 Election of Treasurer

The Committee proposed Derek Epstein. This was seconded by Les Bedford and approved by all.

8.0 Election of members to serve on the Committee

The Committee proposed John Gardiner and Andreas Tjirkalli, who had been co-opted onto the Committee last year. This was seconded by Jenny Remfry and approved by all.

All other Committee Members will continue in post.

9.0 Life Membership of Barnet Society – Peter Willcocks

Robin said it the Committee had decided to recognise all the good work Peter Willcocks had done for the Society over the years, and to offer him Life Membership, and Jenny Remfry added her thanks. There was unanimous agreement to this proposal, which Peter accepted.