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105th Residents Association AGM



The 105th AGM of the Residents Association was held on March 27 at the Henrietta Barnet School Hall and this year was an occasion for change, but with no hustings as there was no contested election. Chairman, David Lewis, welcomed everyone and mentioned that this was his last year in the job. It was his second term as chairman and he was pleased to be handing over the reins to a younger team.

He went on to thank Max Petersen (Vice-Chairman), Peter McCluskie (Hon Sec), Emma Howard (Hon Treasurer) and Rosemary Goldstein (Assistant Secretary) for their service, and then looked forward to the election of the new team of officers later in the meeting.

The meeting then moved on to the usual early business of apologies and approvals of minutes, reports and accounts, all of which was swiftly dealt with. The next item on the agenda was the election of officers and members of the council.

Although there was no contested election for the officers, ballot papers had been handed out to members so that they could express their approval, or not, of the proposed officers and members of council. There was no need for the combative arguments of the two previous AGMs as there was no contest, and the ballot papers were collected and taken away for counting.

Members voted to keep the annual subscription at a

recommended minimum of £15, and to re-appoint Paul Hartley as the association's Honorary Accountant for the coming year.

The Chairman then introduced Michele Roiter, who had agreed to take over the vital role of Membership Secretary from Janet Elliott. Janet had filled this position for 13 years, and combined it with chairing RA council for a time. She was thanked for her contribution and presented with a fine bouquet of flowers.

A way for the Residents Association to reward members of our community for their commitment and contribution to life here is through making them RA Honorary Life Members and this year David and Joyce Littaur, Valerie Codron and

Micky Watkins were proposed and accepted as life members.

David, with the unfailing support of Joyce, has worked hard on RA council and as chairman of its Events Committee, and for many years has helped organise many of the talks, meetings and other gatherings such as the Summer Funday or New Year's Fireworks.

Valerie Codron was a mainstay of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Theatre Club, which organised theatre outings for 28 years from 1989 until last year, and was much-loved, giving a great deal of pleasure to Suburb theatre goers.

Micky Watkins has spent over 20 years working on the HGS Archives helping to collect periodicals, photos, press cuttings and other records relating to the Suburb. She also helped organise the wonderful Suburb centenary exhibition.

David Lewis then invited those present to join in the traditional session of questions from the floor, which proved to be the liveliest part of the evening's proceedings. The subject of potholes was clearly the topic that was most on people's minds, with the state of Suburb pavements and cyclists using them running close behind.

Members of the RA who also use its web e-mail forum, the HGS List, will be aware that for many the Suburb feels as if it has become one huge pothole. The questions asked at the meeting left no doubt that residents think that Barnet has lost control of the situation and is unable to cope with the ravages this winter has wrought on the Suburb's already dilapidated roads.

There were unfavourable comparisons made with roads in developing countries, and

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Trust grant giving

Most residents of the Suburb will know of the Trust's role in regulating alterations to Suburb properties and the maintenance of some communal areas. One of the less well-known aspects of the Trust's operation is its modest grant giving. Charity grant giving is an area that has been in the news recently, and the Trust has recently reviewed its own procedures following a mistake that was pointed out by a member.

The Trust's Memorandum of Association allows the Trust to assist, promote or support an organisation with charitable objects whose activities, at least in part, are carried out within the Suburb and which are likely to benefit residents. Whilst the

organisation given the Trust's support must have charitable objects, it does not necessarily have to be incorporated or a registered charity. However, the Trust is not able to make grants to an individual person.

So far as collective memory goes, the Trust has given grants to various bodies. Successive Trust Councils have decided, whilst being mindful that the Trust is spending some of its reserves generated by one-off sales of balance sheet assets each year, that the Trust should contribute towards the wider Suburb community by way of grant giving. In recent years the Trust has established the Grants & Amenities Committee to advise

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Letchworth Garden City

Sustainability and Community

An illustrated presentation by Graham Fisher, Chief Executive of Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation, and formerly of Toynbee Hall.

3:30pm Sunday 20 May 2018
Friends Meeting House, 17 North Square

Tea and biscuits at 4:30pm



No entry charge

A donation of £5 however would be welcome to cover our costs

This is a popular annual event organised by the HGS Residents Association in memory of Michael Rowley.



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