

ABOYNE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for 2013 (the 25th year of the Association) held at 8pm on Friday 15 February 2013 at Aboyne Lodge Nursery School.

Attendance: 24 member households were represented. A list of these appears at the end of the Minutes.

1 Welcome

In the unavoidable absence of the Acting Chair, Eddy Battersby, Chris Debenham (a past ARA chair) welcomed everyone present. He noted that the purpose of the meeting was to revive the Residents Association and elect Officers as laid down in the constitution. It would not be appropriate to discuss how the new committee would operate: that would be their prerogative. He commented that future proposals for the city centre would be bound to impact on the ARA area

2 Proposal that Chris Debenham should chair the meeting

The proposal was made by Barry Cropper and seconded by Jan Cropper.

3 Apologies for absence

Eddy Battersby

4 Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting held on November 2006

Copies of the Minutes were made available for reference.

5 Treasurer's report

An unaudited statement of accounts prepared by Neil Drury, the retiring Treasurer, was circulated. The current credit balance was £504.96.

6 Election of Officers

Nominated from the floor and elected *nem con* were

Chair: Mary Conneely

Proposer: Fiona Coupar; Seconder: Sue Noon

Vice Chair: Andrew Dawes

Proposer: Patrick Hughes; Seconder: Jack Pia

Secretary: Sue Noon

Proposer: Mary Conneely; Seconder: Cynthia Ireson

Treasurer: Cynthia Ireson

Proposer: Fiona Coupar; Seconder: Jack Pia

7 Appointment of Auditor

Nigel Gale

Proposer: Peter Hawkyard; Seconder: Patrick Hughes

8 Handover to new Committee

The new Chair, Mary Conneely, spoke briefly. She referred to the June 2012 Newsletter, produced by the previous Secretary Marjorie Byers, as a wake-up

call for residents. She promised to ensure continuity in the hand-over from previous Officers by asking that the latter pass on information to their successors on request but noted that at that point the new Committee must stand on its own feet. Street representatives will still be needed to engage in dialogue with residents: in response to a question from Jack Pia she commented that the status of previous street reps would be a matter for discussion by the new Committee. She concluded her remarks by asking that anyone interested in the future of the RA should send their email addresses to the newly established mailing list: aboynera@gmail.com

9 Any other business

(a) Chris Debenham noted that the next meeting of the combined Group of residents and community associations was scheduled for 25 February: a member of the ARA committee normally attends,

(b) Chris Debenham commented that an open meeting to update on the Look! St Albans project would take place on 20 March at 7pm at the Lower Dagnall Street Baptist church.

(c) Marjorie Byers brought to the attention of the new Committee three matters: the importance of awareness of how localism will be implemented in St Albans, the existence of NORA (National Organisation of Residents Associations) and her view that future Newsletters should continue to be in print format.

(d) Bashir Jirvani expressed his pleasure that ARA was to continue.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm

Households represented

Family name	First name(s)	Street	House number
Austin	Michelle	Etna Road	8
Jirvani	Bashir	Etna Road	18
Conneely /Hughes	Mary Patrick	Selby Avenue	7
Coupar/Kobrak	Fiona/Paul	Selby Avenue	15
Dawes	Andrew/Carly	Selby Avenue	10b
Debenham	Chris/Alison	Selby Avenue	20
Ireson	Cynthia	Selby Avenue	19
Noon	Sue/Roger	Selby Avenue	3
Boswell	Pat	Spencer St	43
Emmerson	Cecilie	Spencer St	48
Palmer/O'Brien	Phil/Jennifer	Spencer St	39
Pia	Jack/Pippa	Spencer St	56
Waldron	Rita	Spencer St	41
Byers	Marjorie	Upton Avenue	5
Cropper	Jan/Barry	Upton Avenue	7
Grey	Victoria/Tom	Upton Avenue	3 upper
Hogg	Simon/Sarah	Upton Avenue	8
Bellamy	Roy/Selena	Worley Road	46
Costin	James/Jo	Worley Road	22
Gale	Nigel/Alison	Worley Road	2
Hawkyard	Peter/Sue	Worley Road	40
Knight/Harris-Matthews	Barry/Jane	Worley Road	13
McDougall	Alan/Pauline	Worley Road	47
Semple	Clive/Liz	Worley Road	24

