

# Broomfield Home Owners' and Residents' Association

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> June at Bounds Green Bowls and Tennis Club, N11

1. **Present:** C. Chenier (in the chair), R. Blows, A. Forsyth, R. Turner, 17 attendees in total.
2. **Apologies:** Alessandro Georgiou, Achilleas Georgiou, Y. Brett, A. Sitkin & PC A. Michaelides.
3. **Minutes of the AGM held on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 and matters arising:** The Minutes were approved as a correct record.
4. **Chairmans' Annual Report:** The full report was covered during the meeting.  
This year has been a busy year for all members of the BHORA committee. BHORA have achieved success with some issues, and with others have not been so successful. Please read the Chairmans' report ('BHORA Chairman's Report 2015.pdf') on the following local issues.
  - Car Parking At Arnos Grove and New Southgate Stations
  - Back Lanes behind Seaside Corner unknowingly SOLD
  - The Ritz Parade
  - A406
    - Milton Grove/Telford Road
    - Dangerous wet conditions
    - Phasing of Traffic Lights at Wilmer Way Junction
    - Wilmer Way Footbridge
    - Rubbish
    - Childrens safety
    - Speeding Motorbikes
    - Accidents
  - Air Quality
  - Tree Felling
  - Flood Risks
  - Accounts
  - Membership
5. **Audited Accounts:** The accounts were audited by Peter Pate and passed.  
Income
  - Is £30 down from last year
  - 50% or thereabouts less members
  - £33 less and we put the subs up
  - Expenditure was raised by 20%
  - Reason: loss of members  
Expenditure
  - No publicity this year
  - No legal fees
  - Spent on AGM and the Arnos Grove Car park campaign
  - £372 paid to Tony Newton after investigation to clarify if £575 claimed by Tony was correct as books were so badly kept in latter years. NB. This amount should have been paid by the committee in 2011

### Balance sheet

- £580 worth has gone down – last year £2999
- This year £2419.24

The accounts were passed for approval. Laura Davenport proposed passing the accounts and Roger Turner seconded the approval.

## 6. **Election of Officers and Committee**

### Committee members:

Caroline Chenier officially stepped down from the chair and with no one stepping forward to take her place the position is now vacant.

- Chairman: Vacant (from June 2015)
- Honorary Treasurer: Vacant (from March 2015)
- Honorary Secretary: Vacant

There were no nominations for any of the above positions.

Ordinary members of the committee re-elected in bulk, with one addition are as follows:

- Roger Blows
- Roger Turner
- Andrea Forsyth
- Roland Hewes
- Laura Davenport

Anna Chacko proposed, Helen Wolstencroft seconded the proposal for re-election of the above candidates. Members voted in favour of the candidates.

Laura Davenport made an appeal for members to volunteer themselves to join the Committee as an Ordinary member even if they can only offer a very small amount of time. Roger Blows made the point that being a member need be only as onerous as you make it.

### **CLOSE of Official AGM Business, Start of Open Meeting**

## 7. **Discussion led by Karl Brown on Air Quality**

Karl Brown presented some very interesting and startling information on Air Quality. He introduced the discussion with the first and last slides taken from a slide deck produced by Ned Johnson (Principal Officer Pollution at Enfield Council). The slides highlighted the indiscrimination of poor Air Quality, namely that we are all at risk from it, and we are all responsible for improving it.

- Who is at risk from air quality? Answer: Everyone
- Who is responsible for improving Air Quality? Answer: Everyone

Dirty Air is killing us and the main cause is road traffic. The impact on health is where we were with smoking 30 years ago. High levels of pollutants can shorten life expectancy by up to 12 years. The list of complaints believed to be associated with poor air quality is great. One of the more shocking facts is....

“Babies gesticulated in areas with high air pollution are born with smaller heads  
Circumference directly related to pollution levels  
“which in turn suggests a reduction in brain volume”  
Jonathan Grigg, Professor of paediatric medicine, Queen Mary University of London”

Please read Karl Brown's notes on Air Quality ('BHORA AGM 30 June 2015 Air Quality.pdf'), and the comprehensive report on 'Air Quality in Enfield, a guide for Public Health Professionals' by the Greater London Authority.

At the end there was a discussion on what we could do to improve Air Quality. One member stated she has given up her car and now walks everywhere. Richard McKeever, suggested that BHORA could consider setting up a locally based car sharing scheme between residents.

## 8. **Issues Reported**

### Dumping of rubbish:

- by people living in the flats at junction of Brownlow Road and Bowes Road.
- Junction of Bowes Road with Highworth Road.

Landlords should be made responsible for their bins. Recommendation to contact Enfield Council online who should respond within 4 hours and address the problem promptly.

Dementia Care: a resident is having problems with getting support needed. Recommendation to contact Achilleas Georgiou.

Car Wash North Circular: Problems with Cars parking in front of premises. Enfield Council put up metal poles to prevent the parking but the Car Wash people have outsmarted by moving the garden beds that had been adjacent to their entrance so cars can go around the poles. Also doing dangerous U turns on Warwick street to into the car wash. Weekends are when these problems most occur.

9. **Raffle:** Raffle of a bottle of Champagne raised £8 and was won by Laura Davenport.

10. **Close of Meeting** at 9.10pm.