

THE CRESIDENTS

OF WIMBLEDON PARK

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th April 2014

at 17 Crescent Gardens at 7.00pm

Present: Bob Ball, Janet Carter, Ute & Douglas Dallimer, Beate Eberhardt, Shirley Hatherly, Mary Healey, Vincent O'Sullivan, Peter & Robin Rhind, Tom Riddell and Ruth Turck.

Apologies: Joy Smith

Douglas Dallimer welcomed everybody present and thanked Tom & Beate for their hospitality.

Minutes of 2013 AGM: Douglas referred to the minutes of our first AGM. Janet Carter proposed and Shirley Hatherly seconded that they be accepted as a true record.

1. Chairman's Report

Lift Appeal: Douglas advised that the committee had now put the lift appeal on hold, because it was clear that there was no realistic prospect of TfL prioritising it at this stage. There is not enough footfall in Wimbledon Park compared to other stations without a lift. This might change, should plans for a football stadium in Plough Lane materialise. Everyone who had given individual contributions had been approached and their monies returned, if they wished. The committee recommended that the balance of funds raised be retained for future expenses, such as the Christmas Lights.

Expenses: One further cost this year will be the trimming of the big Christmas Tree in the garden of Christ the King, which has grown considerably since the Cresidents first used it, and is now too high for the lights. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Charity support: The meeting discussed which local charities the Cresidents might like to support, for example Trinity Hospice. Douglas noted that the profits from our very successful wine tasting in November last year had been donated to St.Raphael's Hospice. If it is intended that the profits from a particular event will be donated to a local charity, the guests are normally told that in advance. The Cresidents' main aim for the coming year is encouraging a community spirit in Wimbledon Park, and so not all events will be for fund raising. For example the well received quiz evening held on Friday, 4th April was not a fundraiser and the small profit will be put to the Christmas lights costs. The meeting agreed to leave the question of donations to the committee.

Wimbledon Park Hall: The meeting discussed the new Wimbledon Park Hall which had very recently been finished, and whether the Cresidents should hold a hall warming party to welcome the new facility. Members thought that an event such as a children's party would be a good idea. However any decision was deferred

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because it was not known whether the Wimbledon Park Residents Association would be organising a party.

2. Treasurer's Report

Ute Dallimer presented the accounts for the year ending Dec 2013, stating that these had been checked by Tom Riddell. Ute noted that the accounts were available on The Cresidents website www.thecresidents.com. She pointed out that the high cost of the Christmas Lights was mainly the cost for maintenance of all the lights in Arthur Road, which was paid to Merton Council. Ute explained that for quite a few years now, Merton had not funded the Christmas lights for Arthur Road, and so the Cresidents had taken on the task of fund raising for them. The initial purchase price and the annual maintenance costs both had to be paid to Merton council, who then stored the lights and put them up each year. The Cresidents raised the money from shop keepers, WPRA and The Cresidents' own fund raising events. The treasurer then referred to the donation of £100 made to St. Mary's Spire Appeal. It was suggested that similar donations should be made to two other churches in the area. The accounts were adopted, proposed by Beate Eberhardt and seconded by Mary Healey.

3. Election of Office Bearers

All present officers were happy to continue in their post. There were no further nominations and accordingly all were re-elected. The meeting discussed ways of ensuring the Cresidents remained relevant to families with young children in the community, and concluded that one of our younger neighbours could be co-opted. This will be actioned at the next committee meeting.

4. Future Events

The Christmas Lighting Up Ceremony was confirmed for 29 November this year. Ideas were invited for future events, in addition to the afternoon teas, wine tastings and quizzes which have been our main events in bringing the community together. Suggestions included a New Year's Eve party, a summer party, and a party in the new hall, for either children or adults or both, perhaps at a nominal fee. Ideas will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

It was noted that there will be a concert in Christ The King Church on 9th May – not organized by The Cresidents, but a number of members would be supporting it.

5. AOB

- Bob Ball offered his help with any of the events which The Cresidents decide to put on.
- Shirley thanked Tom & Beate for looking after us this evening.
- Tom asked whether The Cresidents could think of ways to support Nigel Foster and his annual Song Festival. There were no objections to this proposal and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Next committee meeting: Monday, 19th May 2014.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.