

THE CRESIDENTS

OF WIMBLEDON PARK

Minutes of AGM held on 21 March 2019 at 7.30pm at 17 Crescent Gardens

Present were: Bob Ball, Janet and Frank Carter, Judith Centofanti, Ute and Douglas Dallimer, Beate Eberhardt, Nicole Greenshields, Tom Riddell, and Susanna and Aron Thompson. Apologies were received from Rich Catton, Flavio Centofanti, Shirley Hatherly, Robin and Peter Rhind and Mary Healey.

1. Minutes of previous AGM

The Chairman (Douglas Dallimer) opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and introducing Nicole Greenshields who had recently moved into Crescent Gardens. Douglas asked whether anyone present had any comments on the minutes of the last AGM, held on 11 March 2018. He noted that these had been published on The Cresidents website and a copy was available at the meeting for perusal. The minutes were then adopted as correct, proposed by Janet and seconded by Judith.

2. Chairman's Report

Douglas reported on matters from 2018:

- the lights which The Cresidents had been using on the tree in the Christ the King garden each Christmas had reached the end of their life last year and had been replaced in time for Christmas. The new ones were a bit brighter and more robust. Neighbours had given good feedback, children particularly liking them;
- a quiz had been held on 11 May 2018, more or less break even;
- a wine tasting was held on 9 November 2018. The surplus of £517 from the wine tasting and the auction had been donated to motor neurone research;
- the lighting up ceremony was held on 1 December. Around 200 people had attended and £122 had been collected towards the costs;
- neighbours Christmas drinks were held in the church hall on Sunday 16 December; and
- a new batch of New Christmas cards had been printed with Paul Reagan's help – these were available from Beate at the same price.

Douglas was also pleased to report that TfL had confirmed that Wimbledon Park was now scheduled to have a lift installed, expected during the next two years.

The Cresidents were interested in the proposals for development of the Woodman site. Douglas had heard that the pub was expected to reopen in May 2019, but the expected tenant was not yet known.

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3. Presentation of accounts

Ute presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018, which had been published on the website. A number of copies were circulated for perusal.

Ute noted:

- the balance held at the start of the year (ie 1 January 2018) was £7,779;
- the balance at the end of the year (ie 31 December 2018) was £5,733 which was down £2,046 from the start of the year;
- most events are intended to break even with any surplus usually being donated to a local charity.

Ute explained that the reasons the cash balance reduced by £2,046 over the year were: we spent £873 on new tree lights - these will last for a number of years; we did not raise funds for the annual costs of the Christmas tree lighting up ceremony of £688 (other than donations on the night of £122); we spent £198 more than we recovered on Christmas cards (but this will break even when the stock is sold); we did not charge for the Christmas drinks event costing £148; and we had other expenses such as the public liability insurance of £213 and website costs of £50. Together these comprise the £2046 reduction. Of that approximately £1000 will be repeated next year, unless we choose to do some fund raising such as inviting business contributions to the Christmas tree lighting up ceremony.

The accounts were adopted as correct, proposed by Frank and seconded by Judith.

Members present discussed whether any of the funds now held of £5,733 should be invested. It was agreed that £4,000 of the funds held should be invested in National Savings and Investment premium bonds. The investment returns would be low but the funds would be available on call if needed.

4. Parking

Aron updated the meeting on the petition in relation to parking pressures, a project which he had sunk quite bit of effort into over the last 1.5 years. The zone was quite large and so there were quite diverse interests in it. The key roads where residents felt parking pressure from football crowds and parking near to the tube were The Crescent, Crescent Gardens and Home Park Road. Further away in the zone pressures were not as great, and there were a number of streets with homes with off street parking. There had been some quite heated comments on the social media app "Next Door" from people opposed to any change as it would result in visitors having to pay if hours were extended or changed to include weekends. The choices offered in the consultation would unfortunately not include a match day ban. Aron was not particularly hopeful of an effective change, and noted that regardless, the cost of existing permits was expected to be doubled by the council.

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5. Election of Committee Members

Douglas invited existing committee members to indicate whether they were willing to continue, and anyone else present to nominate themselves should they like to join the committee. The existing members Douglas (chairman), Ute (treasurer), Mary, Susanna, Aron, Beate, Tom and Judith were reappointed by the meeting. Ute nominated Bob to join the committee (agreed). Judith noted that she would not always be able to attend given various clashes, but would be happy to come when available. Nicole suggested that her partner Rich may be interested.

6. Future Events

Douglas invited any suggestions for new events and ideas for involving residents, noting that the Committee had already planned some core events: a Quiz, to be held around mid year; a Wine Tasting, probably in November; the Christmas lighting up ceremony as usual, Christmas drinks, and another treasure hunt for children if Judith was willing to organise it again. Beate commented that having the wine tasting in November meant there would be three events close together (ie Wine tasting, lighting up ceremony and Christmas drinks), and suggested it would be better to have the wine tasting in October if possible, perhaps pre Halloween.

Aron and Judith noted that street parties had been very popular in the past, and if an opportunity/reason arose it would be good to hold another.

7. AOB

Aron reported that the old Christmas tree lights had been given to Bishop Gilpin school, who were very pleased and would use them in the theatre.

There being no other business, Douglas thanked Beate and Tom for hosting the AGM, and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.