

THE CRESENTS

OF WIMBLEDON PARK

Minutes of AGM held on 22 July 2021 at 7.30pm at Christ the King Church Hall

Present were: Ute and Douglas Dallimer, Bob Ball, Janet Carter, Rich Catton, Alain Hendrich, Beate Eberhardt, Tom Riddell, Susanna and Aron Thompson, Rosemary Langford, Chris and Mo Burton and Paresh Modasia. Apologies were received from Robin and Peter Rhind, Malgosia and Jan Chudzynski and Mary Healey.

1. Minutes of previous AGM

The Chairman (Douglas Dallimer) opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and introducing Chris and Mo Burton who had recently moved into The Crescent.

Douglas asked whether anyone present had any comments on the minutes of the last AGM, held on 21 March 2019. 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 Aron and seconded by Susanna.

2. Chairman's Report

Douglas reported on matters from 2019 and 2020:

- There had not been an AGM in 2020 and not much activity during the year because of covid;
- The Cresidents had collected approximately £1200 for the project to provide meals for St George's staff. This was used to fund the cost of sandwiches made by Farida of Café du Parc for eight weeks or so. Best One had provided drinks as had Café du Parc. When the project finished there was a surplus of £448 which was donated to Furloughed Foodies who were providing hot meals for NHS staff at hospitals across London.
- At the end of the year no Christmas lighting up ceremony was held but The Cresidents had installed the lights on the tree in the Christ the King garden as usual. These were left on a bit longer than usual (until early February) to provide a bit of cheer.
- Otherwise there were no other activities – hopefully things will get back to normal next year.

Douglas was also pleased to report that the lift being installed by TfL at Wimbledon Park tube station was expected to be ready very soon. He had spoken to the installation team who confirmed that the lift was now in final testing.

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3. Presentation of accounts

Ute presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020, 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 2020) was £5,146.72;
- the balance at the end of the year (ie 31 December 2020) was £4,449.58; and
- the net reduction of £697 was mostly due to the annual insurance of £180 and the Christmas tree lights installation costs of £460. The other items were largely self-explanatory.

Alain asked about the returned donations of £75, which seemed unusual. Ute explained that when the sandwiches for NHS project finished, there was a surplus of over £400 from the funds raised. Some donors, such as she and Douglas, did not want their donations to go to Furloughed Foodies, so their donations were returned. Tom clarified that when The Cresidents had originally raised the £1200, donors had been told that the money would be used to support a project by a team of volunteers lead by Marissa, an experienced caterer who lives in The Crescent, to make hot meals in the Christ the King hall kitchen, to be delivered to NHS staff at St George's. The project was one of many across London under the umbrella of Furloughed Foodies. Hospital staff were working long shifts and hospital food outlets were operating restricted hours. Staff sometimes had no opportunity to get food when they came off shift. Douglas noted that the St George's hospital food outlets were closed to covid ward staff in any case.

The problem with our local Furloughed Foodies project was that The Cresidents could not get the hospital catering execs to make suitable arrangements for receipt of hot meals, even though the medical staff were very keen to receive them. As a result The Cresidents diverted their effort to supplying cold sandwiches made by Farida, with the donated funds being used to fund the ingredient costs. Tom had contacted each donor and asked whether they were happy for this change of plan, with any surplus at the end of the project to be donated to Furloughed Foodies. Most had said yes but a few had preferred their donation returned.

The accounts were adopted as correct, proposed by Rich and seconded by Alain.

4. Election of Committee Members

Douglas noted that the existing committee members were himself (chairman), Ute (treasurer), Susanna, Aron, Beate, Tom, Rich and Bob. Mary had resigned recently. Douglas invited the existing committee members to indicate whether they were

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willing to continue, and anyone else present to nominate themselves should they like to join.

There being no new nominees, the existing committee members were elected to continue. Tom mentioned that under The Cresidents constitution, which was the standard Charities Commission one for small unregistered charities, Trustees were supposed to be appointed annually, and suggested that the committee members be the Trustees. This was agreed.

5. Future Events

Douglas mentioned The Cresidents traditional events of a wine tasting in October/November, the Christmas lighting up ceremony on the last Saturday before the first Advent (Saturday 27 November this year) and the neighbours Christmas drinks in the hall, usually on a Sunday just before Christmas. He advised that he was willing to organize a wine tasting in October/November as usual, which could be for up to 60 people.

Tom suggested that it would be good to have it earlier this year, eg September, as he did not feel confident about the government's covid control measures, and it would be good to have it when it would be warm enough to have the doors open, perhaps using part of the garden as well.

This was agreed, with the potential date of Friday 10 September chosen, as Douglas and Ute would be away from mid September.

The meeting left it to the committee to determine closer to the time whether the other potential events could be held.

The question was raised of what should be done to welcome the residents expected to move into the new housing in The Crescent, recently built on the old Woodman site. It was agreed that the wine tasting in September would be a good opportunity.

6. AOB

Paresh asked whether The Cresidents were thinking of any celebrations, such as a street party, in 2022 to do with the Queen. After a bit of confusion Rich identified that in 2022 it would be the Queen's platinum jubilee being 70 years since becoming Queen on 6 February 1952. It was left to the committee to explore the idea further.

There being no other business, Douglas thanked attendees for coming and invited everyone to stay for a chat over drinks and sandwiches. The meeting closed at 7.55pm.