

KIDBROOKE PARK ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

7th April, 2024

Chair's Welcome and Outline of Meeting Procedures

After a general welcome to the large turnout of members, the Chair explained the general objectives of the meeting and the procedures that would be used to elect the new officers and members of the committee.

The Chair responded to some questions of clarification from the floor.

Items of business:

1. Chair's annual review

Reflected on a year of challenging weather and the challenges of negotiating our Social Value Award from Greenwich Council and Durkan. Problems with car parking and runoff from the construction site had caused major flooding and severe damage to many members plots were noted. Also, on a number of occasions, the water supply had been interrupted due to breakage of our water pipes or workers failing to turn our water supply back on after reconnecting damaged pipes.

2. Notices

The sudden death of Richard Cocksedge was a particular sadness for all who knew him.

3. Highlights of the year included

- The summer BBQ where we took the opportunity to celebrate Evy's 80th birthday.
- The Christmas gathering.
- The shop clear out and new management including the move to card payments using SumUp to reduce/end the use of cash transactions.

4. Site report from Jane

Jane elaborated on the challenges, highs, and lows of member turnover and the closure of the waiting list until further notice. The condition of some plots was still falling below acceptable standards, and the general condition of pathways and hedges and the shortage of volunteers to help keep the site in good condition was lamentable. This was placing too high a burden on members of the committee, and more help going forward was urgently needed.

A discussion followed on how we might re-energise the important work of keeping our site in better condition. A range of imaginative ideas was forthcoming from the floor, where a number of members volunteered to help and take on supportive roles for the committee.

5. Financial Report

A general report on income and expenditure was presented by the secretary in the absence of the treasurer.

6. Election of new officers and committee members
The Chair took the opportunity of thanking John, Jane, and Evy for their many years of service, as they had decided to stand down from the committee.

The Chair also explained that as part of the election procedure, all remaining officers and committee members would now be stood down to allow the election process to take place.

A number of candidates had put their names forward to the committee and officer positions. To this end, the Chair handed over the election process to the Secretary.

Outgoing Committee:

Chairperson: Stuart Mulholland

Association Secretary: Emma Creasey

Treasurer: Acting treasurer Emma Creasey

Communications coordinator : Emma Creasey

Site Officers and membership: Jane Sheldon and Evy Hoyte

Shop Manager: Franklin Boitier

Deputy Shop Manager: John Payne

Shop: Frances Leon

Site officer: Glen Spencer

Supportive role: Ella Sharp

Results of the election process:

New Chairperson: Damasa Garrido

New Association Secretary: Annette Fox

New Treasurer: Anne Stevenson

New Membership secretary: Rachel Buckley

New Site Manager: Ausra Gabrilaviciute

Communications coordinator : Jo Jeyaratnam

Re-elected shop manager: Franklin Boitier

8. There were also some members who volunteered for site officer roles :

Jean-Luc Villa, Sonia Jeilani, Sarah Edwards, Jane de Tisi.

7. With immediate effect the new Chairperson and Treasurer will assume all financial management responsibilities from the outgoing committee and replace the current signatories on the Association bank accounts.

8. AOB

None.