

Minutes

Friends of West Barnes Library

Annual General Meeting

9th October 2021 at 4pm

1. Present from Committee

- Toby Ewin (Chair)
- Penny Price (Treasurer)
- Dan Griffiths (Secretary)
- Danny MacDonald (Library Manager)
- Mary-Jane Jeanes (Committee Member)
- Madeleine Maguire (Committee Member)
- Sarah McAlister (Committee Member)
- Alison Honor (Committee Member)

2. Apologies

- Rachel Taylor (Vice-Chair)
- Anthony Hopkins (Head of Library & Heritage Services)
- Theresa Clarke (Committee Member)
- Brenda Brevitt (Committee Member)
- Hina Bokhari (West Barnes Ward Councillor & London AM)
- Eloise Bailey (West Barnes Ward Councillor)
- Carl Quilliam (West Barnes Ward Councillor)
- Stephen Hammond (MP)
- Brian & Gilli Lewis-Lavender

3. Highlights from Annual Report

TE opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Thanks to MJJ and SMcA for the cakes. TE read selections from the annual report followed by updates from PP, DG and Danny MacDonald as the new library manager.

There was an email from Stephen Hammond MP sending apologies: "good Luck with you AGM and apologies I am not able to attend. I know the Library is at the hub of the local community and I wish you all success in the coming year."

Also an update by email from Gilli & Brian Lewis-Lavender sending apologies and the following update on Tuesday Rendezvous which "is now up and running on restricted numbers and is being very well supported by library staff. Also due to Covid regulations we are not able to take any new members at present. There is a waiting list. The members are very happy to be back in the library as it is a very important day in the week for them."

4. Election of Officers

All officers were willing to stand for re-election. This was proposed, seconded and passed.

5. Appointment of the Hon Auditor

PP noted that accounts had been prepared and approved for FY 2020-21 and will be added to the website. PP to confirm that Brian Lewis-Lavender is happy to continue as our auditor.

6. Any Other Business

TE mentioned that annual membership cards will no longer be provided to reduce admin. Instead, all life-members will be provided a life membership card.

The free reservations and free DVD rentals no longer apply. DVD are being phased out of Merton Libraries and there are fewer and fewer now available to rent. TE and DMcD agreed that members could still claim their free reservations by showing their membership card to staff at the front desk.

It was noted by TE that we have some anniversaries coming-up. The library is 75 years old in 2022 and Motspur Park itself is 100 years old in 2025. This is the date the station was opened and the first shops built along West Barnes Lane. We will agree how best to celebrate these milestones in due course.