

Draft Minutes

Friends of Kennington Park AGM Held at The Durning Library Monday 9th July 2018

Welcome and Chair's Report for 2017/2018

The Chair, Marietta Crichton Stuart, welcomed the attendees to the AGM. Reporting on a very busy year for the Friends, she highlighted the extended programme of events commemorating the 170th Anniversary of the 1848 Chartist Rally and other activities such as the RSPB Bird Watch, volunteer gardening sessions and Bat Walks. A joint tree survey with Trees for Cities, which involved training a number of volunteers in measuring techniques provided a better understanding of the park's trees and resulted in planting of 20 new ones. The work of Lambeth Landscapes and that of a range of individual and corporate volunteers was noted, their efforts helping to keep the park generally tidy and ready for Green Flag and London in Bloom inspections. The challenges facing the park for 2018/19 were also highlighted, including the increasing pressure from the Council's Events Team to hold income-generating events, the lack of progress on the Capital Spending plan and budget and the pressure on park staff working with more limited resources.

No questions or matters arising from the report were raised

Minutes of the 2017 AGM

FoKP members had been advised that the draft minutes of the 2017 AGM were available on the website and some copies were circulated at the meeting. There were no matters arising.

Approval of the draft 2017 AGM minutes:

- Proposer: Adam Blacklay
- Seconder: Gordon Johnston

The minutes were approved by the AGM

Financial Report by the Treasurer

The Treasurer outlined the main points of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2018 and confirmed that the accounts had been audited. He thanked the Committee for their responsible approach to financial management and HW Associates for their timely completion of the accounts and recommended that they be appointed for another year. He confirmed the current balance of unrestricted funds as £8,245 and noted that a total of £2,337 had been received in 2017/18 from membership subscriptions and donations.

Approval of the 2017/18 Accounts and the re-appointment of the auditors

- Proposer: Kathryn Penn-Simkins
- Seconder: Nikki Smiton

The accounts were approved by the AGM

Election of the Office Holders and committee for 2018/19

Marietta Crichton Stuart was nominated as Chair for a further year

- Proposer: Gordon Johnston
- Seconder: Sally Gainsborough

Marietta Crichton Stuart was elected un-opposed.

Marietta expressed thanks to Dave Sellers for his outstanding service as Treasurer over many years and presented him with a token of the Friends' appreciation. She also thanked Emily James and Christian Clark whose planned relocation had resulted in them standing down from the Committee.

The remaining members of the committee (details below) had agreed to stand for a further year and the AGM was asked, and agreed, to conduct a single vote for all.

Name	Post
Rita Sammons	Secretary
Adam Blacklay	Committee Member
Colin Hunte	Committee Member
Kathryn Penn-Simkins	Committee Member
Marnie Searchwell	Committee Member
Nikki Smiton	Committee Member

- Proposer: Gordon Johnston
- Seconder: Sally Gainsborough

All Office Holders and Committee Members were elected un-opposed

Marietta then introduced three new nominees, one as Treasurer, two as Committee members.

Name	Post
Vilde Aagenaes	Treasurer
Andrew Horsler	Committee Member
Rachel Williams	Committee Member

- Proposer: Marietta Crichton Stuart
- Seconder: Brenda Wheeler

The new appointees were approved by the AGM

Funding New Developments

Rita Sammons presented a paper seeking the AGM's agreement to a three-pronged approach to raising additional income to help fund new initiatives and improvements in the park. These were:

1. Making an increased number of grant applications to funding bodies such as Sport England, Heritage Lottery, Arts Council, etc
2. Exploring the possibility of grants and investments from local businesses
3. Increasing membership fees with effect from 1st August 2018 to **£6 – individual; £10 – household; £3 – concession**

- Proposer: Brenda Wheeler
- Seconder: Lucy Reeve

The proposals were approved by the AGM

Any Other Business

- A St Mark's Church Women of Purpose Event to be held in September was highlighted and the considerable contribution of the Church to the Kennington Chartist programme was noted
- Speaking on behalf of the members, Gordon Johnston expressed thanks for the work of the Committee

The AGM was closed by the Chair at 8.05pm.

Post- AGM Talk:

Richard Galpin gave a short presentation about the work of the **Kennington Chartist Project #1848-2018** – the programme of events commemorating the 170th Anniversary of the Chartist Rally on Kennington Common. He described one of the aims as being to help people engage with their local history in new ways and in so doing increase their respect for the park. He acknowledged the considerable support of The Heritage Lottery Fund and the work of volunteers and described the wide range of events and activities which had taken place – walks, talks, schools and youth group projects, Chartist research, etc. He also noted the enthusiasm of the UK-wide `Chartist community` who contributed time and specialist knowledge to the work programme. Highlighted 2 specific activities, Richard referred to the day of Workshops and Action held on 7th July and urged everybody to get involved with the Open Call exercise which continues until later this year. Open call is designed to involve as many people as possible in contributing designs for one or more permanent memorials (statues, structures, annual events, pathways, etc). Submissions have been made by clay modelling, through drawings and paintings and in writing. He also highlighted other future events including a September Quiz and KCP's involvement in Black History month (based around the role of William Cuffay). Marietta thanked Richard for all his hard work