



MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

9TH SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 8PM

DUE TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON MEETINGS IN PUBLIC THE MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

The meeting was recorded and a video uploaded to the HADRA website for public viewing.

APOLOGIES: Tony Sales (Police Liaison), Councillor Ian Parker, Councillor Luke Clancy, Councillor Steve O'Connell.

COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: Lee Cooper (Chairman), John Clarke (Newsletter Editor), Elaine Clark (Secretary), Josephine Hurray (Treasurer), Rita Lewis (Minutes Secretary and Health Representative), Colin Etheridge (Planning Representative), Clive Lang (Transport and Environment Representative), Diane Hearne (Committee Member and Editorial Advisor), Lucia Briault (Road Steward Liaison Officer)

OTHER ATTENDEES: Councillor Margaret Bird, Councillor Simon Brew, Councillor Oni Oviri. Janet Stollery (Chair, Old Coulsdon Residents Association). Members of the public. Prospective Committee members: Vicky Burley (Newsletter Editor) and Jackie Fowler (Membership Secretary).

The Chairman began the meeting by introducing himself and explaining the procedure for the online meeting which was due to the restrictions of Covid-19 regulations. HADRA is bound by its Constitution to hold an Annual General Meeting, but this was the first time that the HADRA AGM was held virtually.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020

The Chairman gave a brief update on the activities of the Committee, which continue despite the Covid-19 restrictions. Although there were no Spring or Autumn Newsletters produced this year, the Committee has continued to communicate via email and meet on Zoom in order to support our residents. We hope to produce a Spring 2021 newsletter.

PLANNING: The Committee have spent considerable time keeping up with planning applications and deciding what action to take in response. HADRA often supports residents in objecting to inappropriate applications, as well as getting involved with enforcement issues, complaints about constructor behaviour, and other associated matters.

HEALTH: Our representative monitors proposed changes to local health services. The NHS is currently undertaking organisational changes across SW London Clinical Commissioning Group area, which include the Croydon Clinical Commissioning Group area and 5 other areas in the South West of London.

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT: Our representative monitors changes to bus and train services, road and rail repairs and closures as well as consultations on proposed changes to these services.

POLICE LIAISON: Local police newsletters are regularly uploaded to the HADRA website to inform residents of activity in our area.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM ON 19TH JUNE 2019

The Minutes were posted onto the HADRA website last year. They were formally approved, having been proposed by Elaine Clark and seconded by Colin Etheridge.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2019/20

The Accounts were posted onto the HADRA website before the meeting.

The Chairman highlighted that HADRA's main income was from subscriptions totalling £1,230.45 with a further £857 from advertising. Combined with donations, tombola, interest earned and the dinner/dance, our total income was £3,184.70.

Our major expenses last year were £1,628 for the production of our newsletters and £870 paid out for the dinner/dance. Our total expenses (including miscellaneous items detailed in the accounts report on our website) came to £3,353.15.

HADRA therefore operated at a loss of £168.45 and following the preparation of these accounts the Committee agreed to transfer £1,000 from our deposit account to our current account to keep us afloat, as Spring 2020/21 subscriptions were not able to be collected. This bank transfer will be reflected in next year's accounts.

The Accounts were agreed, having been proposed by Elaine Clark and seconded by Colin Etheridge.

There were no matters arising from the Minutes or Accounts.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2020/21

The Chairman thanked John Clarke, Josephine Hullay and Diane Hearne for the immense amount of work that they have been undertaking for HADRA for many years. Elaine Clark was also thanked for her secretarial work for the Committee.

New officers (elected unopposed):

ACTING CHAIRMAN	Lucia Briault
VICE CHAIRMAN	<i>Vacant</i>
TREASURER	Clive Barger*
ACTING SECRETARY	Elaine Clark
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Jackie Fowler
MINUTES SECRETARY	Rita Lewis
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Vicky Burley
PLANNING OFFICER	Colin Etheridge
TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT	Clive Lang
POLICE LIAISON	Tony Sales*
HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE	Rita Lewis
OTHER MEMBERS CONTINUING	John Clarke, Diane Hearne, Josephine Hullay, Matthew Almeida*
NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL ADVISORS	Heather Elliott*, Diane Hearne
WEBMASTER	Vipula de Silva*
HONORARY AUDITOR	Mike Hearne*

* Note that these members were not present at the AGM and were (re-)elected in their absence. Subsequent to the AGM, Clive Barger withdrew his application to become Treasurer, so Josephine Hullay has kindly agreed to continue in this role until a new Treasurer can be found.

The Acting Secretary will welcome any enquiries for any positions which are vacant or offers to assist the Committee.

At the end of the formal part of the AGM, Lee Cooper thanked the Committee Members for their work and support. He formally stepped down as the current Chairman of HADRA and handed over to Lucia Briault as Acting Chair.

ACTING CHAIR

On behalf of the Committee, Lucia thanked Lee for his service as HADRA Chairman. Lucia has joined the HADRA Committee following involvement with the public consultation on the Croydon Local Plan as well as individual planning applications within the HADRA area and the Purley Tower. She is concerned at the number of flats, particularly blocks of 9 units, which are replacing family houses in our area.

Lucia is also a member of Croydon Friends of the Earth and is involved in the Housing, Planning and Built Environment working group of the Croydon Climate Crisis Commission, an independent body established by Croydon Council after its declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019.

Lucia thanked Jackie, Vicky and Clive for volunteering as well as the existing Committee Members who have agreed to continue to drive HADRA forward.

Councillors Margaret Bird and Simon Brew welcomed Lucia to the HADRA committee.

Following the conclusion of the formal business of the AGM, there was an **informal discussion**.

Cllr Simon Brew highlighted some of the issues affecting the whole area such as the campaign to have a **democratically elected Mayor of Croydon**, which may help to bring the various areas of Croydon together.

Following a question from Diane Hearne regarding **Purley Pool**, Cllr Brew highlighted that the south of the Borough had limited leisure facilities. Purley Leisure Centre remains closed and would not be opened in 2020 or 2021, whereas other centres in the Borough had reopened. Councillors are campaigning for more leisure facilities, due to the increasing younger population in the South. He stated that the money that should come from the many developments in our area is being spent elsewhere.

With regard to **Croydon Council's finances**, important Cabinet and Full Council meetings have been scheduled to decide what action to take; Croydon Council has debts of £1.5-2 billion pounds and is effectively bankrupt. Cllr Margaret Bird said that the leadership of the Labour Councillors (the majority party) needed to change because of their record.

Lucia mentioned that there have been efforts to get the various **Croydon Residents Associations** together, particularly to look at planning issues and to compile their views on the Government's latest proposals to change the existing planning system.

Rita Lewis asked about the delay in plans to build a **Medical Centre** at the CALAT site in Coulsdon. This has also delayed the relocation of the Community Centre. The funding is still to be agreed.

The HADRA AGM Zoom meeting ended.