



Fox Lane and District Residents' Association
London N13 & N14

AGM MINUTES Reconvened - 21 APRIL 2021

Host: Lia Dover (LD)
Joint Host: Philip Sheffield (PS)
Tech Support: Neil Hepworth (NH)

Start time: 7.28pm

LD: Intro - information on technical help, zoom and the functions.
Agenda 1) Motions relevant to elections. 2) Intro of candidates and elections. 3) Remaining motions relating to the programme.
Gives thanks for the support and apologies for technical failings last time.
Intro of NH as technical help. Further thanks to proposers who agreed to withdraw. Could not work with all committee members and at time felt bullied and harassed.
Tensions of opposing camps resulting in withdrawal of candidate applications. In current position of Chair will be standing down and handing over. The Association should not be ran by a particular group and the new committee should play a role in reuniting the committee.

NH: Intro - tech help. Presentation by way of screen sharing to give example of how to vote.

LD: **MOTIONS**

Motion 2 - proposer Graham Sievers seconder Keith Weller. No responder.

There is no room for offensive emails or bad behaviour to be allowed within the association. Such behavior and bullying are inexcusable.

I move that the lead officer, once elected, should exclude anyone responsible for such behavior within the association.

For 90% Against 1% Abstain 9%

Motion 3 - proposer Tony Kidman Seconder Alice Hale. No responder.

As both candidates to the chair have associations with the Pro-and Anti-LTN campaigning groups respectively, I move that these candidates explain how they propose to represent sections of the community that are not in agreement with their views on the LTN.

For 88% Against 8% Abstain 5%

Motion 7 - proposer Martyn Row Seconder Keith Wickham - responder Richard Thompson (RTh):

I propose that: As this is not a completely new meeting but is a continuation of the adjourned AGM, for which strenuous efforts had been made by the Offices and Committee members to ensure fairness to all by laying down strict rules of participation, I move that this meeting and the elections should be conducted in the manner which has been agreed before.

RTh states not in constitution and asks why no explanation of motions not being dealt with in order.

For 71% Against 21% Abstain 8%

Motion 8 - proposer Martyn Rose (MR). No responder.

I move to maintain the list of voting members as per rules agreed by the Committee for this AGM on the basis that it is part of the same meeting and to respect the huge amount of work undertaken by the organizers.

MR: Similar to motion 7 and issues addressed by motion 7.

Motion 9 - Proposer: Richard Thompson Seconder: John Phillips

This meeting does not agree it is fair or democratic to restrict voting for officer and committee posts only to those who were both able to join the Zoom AGM on 23rd March and also able to participate tonight. This excludes a large majority of the membership and is against natural justice. We therefore agree to hear all candidates tonight, but to task the Acting Chair with organizing a paper ballot of all members to determine the elections.

Fails due to motion 7 being adopted

Motion 10 - proposer Philip Sheffield Seconder Liz Partridge

There are 3500 homes within the FLdra catchment area. Fewer than 5% of those are represented here tonight. All homes within that area have been invited to participate in a current Council consultation. I move that the Association should make no representations either for or against the LTNs whilst that democratic process is in place

LD tries to remain neutral and mentions letter to council in a bid to remain neutral.

For 83% Against 9% Abstain 9%

Motion 11 - proposer Eleanor Gray Parsons (EGP). Seconder Julia Kyprianou

I move that the FLdra remain neutral and balanced in its view of the Fox Lane LTN in order to represent all residents in the area.

If this motion is voted for positively I move that this should be put in the new constitution.

Agrees to withdraw in view of motion 10.

Motion 12 - proposer Keith Wickham. Seconder Peter Warford No responder.

I move that the debate on the proposed new constitution be adjourned to a date to be fixed, for separate consideration. Reason: the membership requires a full debate on this document which is too important to be rubber-stamped without analysis by the wider membership.

Issues with constitution and in particular clause 7.

For 78% Against 12% Abstain 9%

NH: Mentions chat and Emma Maloney (EM) wanting to speak to motion 10 and 11. Could not be found. Andy Barker (AB) wanting to speak to motion 12.

LD: Motion 12. AB happy with how this motion went so does not need to speak on it.

Asks for EM in order to revisit motions 10 and 11.

EM: Motion 10 - what about after the democratic motion. Can PS remain neutral?

LD: Asks PS to respond.

PS: Agrees that the Association should remain neutral - even after this experiment.

LD: **Motion from the Chair to do away with 3 motions.**

Discussion as to whether all motions should go ahead. Put it to the members. NH will run a vote. Other motions put forward last minute but has not had the opportunity to deal with them. This is a motion to skip motions 4, 5 and 6.

For 67% Against 25% Abstain 9%

Motion 5 momentarily shown on screen to AGM participants but not voted on as per motion from Chair – see addendum for detail

5 MINUTE BREAK

LD: Discussion on question in chat (Jill wants a motion to get rid of other motions). You propose to do away with motions that named individuals. It went to the vote and the outcome was in favour.
Does EM want any motions re-run? EM: wants motion 11 to be re-run. Wants neutrality to be incorporated within the constitution.
Motion 11 has now been withdrawn by the proposer EGP: believes that it needs to be debated at another meeting. EM: wants to put it forward and asks the floor for a seconder.
No further motions are allowed.

ELECTIONS - Some candidates have dropped out. Uncontested Chair PS who will co-host and you will hand over. PS gives thanks to LD.

PS: Intro - promises neutrality. Further intros given as follows: Ron Tabor (RTG) who is uncontested, John Macrory (JM) also uncontested (mentions motions against him by Richard Thompson (RTh) and GDPR - states nothing wrong with communicating with fellow candidates. Questions whether RTh capable and asks him to withdraw his application).

LD: Intervenes. Point of order raised by Irene Sallas (ISA) re JM motion. Explains motion. Does not accept point of order and GDPR is not a blanket policy. Wants to draft away from this subject.

PS: Announces contested seat as Secretary. Candidates Paul Dick (PD) and Christian Ignatiou (CI). Invites PD to speak. PD is not in the meeting. CI invited to speak and gives intro. Further call for PD. Not in meeting. Committee members called to give intros as follows: Liz Partridge, Adrian Day, Richard Thompson (also responds to JM and does not like that he has been referred to as "That silly fxxxxr"), Peter Warford, Sabrina O'Reilly.

LD: Asks for info on PD and whether PS has heard anything.

PS: Nothing heard.

LD: Vote on seat for Secretary.
CI 66% PD 27%

OPEN FLOOR

Floor to be open following comments in chat. EM wants to speak. EM: speaks about public posts about her and refers to the activities surrounding the AGM as vile. Not allowed to have any views on the LTN and therefore you are withdrawing your statement. You are appalled.

Floor given to RTh: Disappointed that 3 motions raised and none put out. You refer to GDPR issue held by FLDRRA leading to someone writing you a horrible email based on a leak of the Association.

PS: Agrees to observe GDPR to the best of his ability. s sorry that EM wants to leave but happy Adrian Day will stay.
JM replies to RTh: Does not believe this is an issue as responses were only shared with candidates.

LD: Priority of Committee:
1. Schools - acknowledges RTh has done a lot of work.
2. Environment - council's blue and green strategy and the new incinerator.
3. Planning issues - extended to work on the High Street.
4. Crime - prevent and avoid being a victim.
Nothing to suggest there cannot be new ideas - i.e. car sharing.

PS: Various messages received from ISA - invited to speak. Not within the meeting.

LD: Comments to be taken only on priorities.
Dana Roberts: Can we have tree protection scheme? Yes

PS: Balance between 100 year old trees and the pavement. RTG previously mentioned pavement group. Other things mentioned such as Anti-Social Group. Graham Sievers mentions electric cars as we must be looking to improve environment.

ISA now back in the meeting: Lots of time given to JM for GDPR. Some committee members subjected to bullying and harassment. JM mislead committee as GDPR exists and signed up to.

Annual General Meeting of the FLDRRA closed with a comment by PS

PS: Promises again to look at GDPR. Gives thanks to LD, all, and the committee.

End time: Approx. 9.55pm

Addendum

Motions raised but excluded as per motion from Chair

Motion 6 - Proposer: Richard Thompson, Seconder: Irene Sallas

This AGM is horrified to learn that the outgoing Treasurer, John Macrory, has deliberately broken the Data Protection Act and acted in breach of the GDPR statement of FLDRRA in passing personal data held in confidence on committee members to others. This data has then been used by external agents to send abusive messages to committee members. This AGM agrees to remove John Macrory as a candidate for election as an officer or to the committee for 2020-2021.

Motion 5 - Proposer: Charles Keer; Seconder: Becky Beach

I move that, having set rigid rules for eligibility to stand for election to the committee of which Mr. Dick is a prominent member, and which said committee pursued relentlessly against two other candidates, Mr. Dick, having missed his subscription payment before the agreed date should not be permitted to stand for re-election to the committee. Failure to adhere to this rule with consistency will render the election null and void and risk the whole association being held in disrepute.

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Motion 4 – Proposer: Ron Tabor, Seconder: Philip Sheffield

Contrary to the current Fox Lane Constitution and to the Association's policy to support local businesses during lockdown, a recently co-opted member who is standing for election has publicly joined a campaign to boycott local businesses that oppose the LTN.

I move that this candidate be required to explain his stance.

Minutes taken by Sabrina O'Reilly and Christian Ignatiou