

THE HARROW HILL TRUST AGM
Tuesday 24 November 2020
MINUTES
Via Zoom

Present:

35 members

Chair's Welcome:

A warm welcome was given by Chairman, Debora Catherall, via Zoom

2. Chair's Thanks:

Thanks were given to all our volunteers especially Mark Mills (Membership) and Simon Less (Planning) as they stand down

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the AGM held on 21 November 2019: members had been invited prior to the virtual AGM to access these at:

<http://www.harrowhilltrust.org.uk/hht-agm-2019-final>

Minutes: correction noted Harrow on the Hill Forum (Ted Allett) rather than Harrow Hill Forum.

Minutes approved and signed

4. Reports

Communications – report by Cate Jaquest

- Cate commented that one notice board on the Hill is limiting in terms of viewings
- Cate informed the AGM that the Harrow Hill Trust Facebook page is very popular with 700 followers, with an advantage that it costs HHT nothing but with the disadvantage that some members may not use it
- The Chair thanked Cate Jaquest for her great work in promoting The Harrow Hill Trust

Social Committee – report by Robert Lemon

- The Chair gave an overview due to technical difficulties experienced by Robert: she noted the challenging times to offer published and planned activities – walks and quizzes
- The Harrow Hill Trust is arranging to put a Christmas tree up on the Green this December but sadly there will be no carols led by the Salvation Army due to COVID19 restrictions
- Robert Lemon informed the AGM that the year started well with: a sold-out quiz at The Castle; a Doodle Art evening for mental health and well being; but sadly the remaining events were cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions

Planned events for 2021 are given below with known dates:

- 3 quizzes: March 17; September 1; December 8
- 3 guided walks: May 8; Sept 18; clash musical evening Harrow School; summer date tbc
- 1 doodle art event around May 18-23 for mental health week
- 1 summer event Sunday 11 July
- Robert invited ideas for social events from HHT members

Planning – report by Simon Less

- Simon Less said all applications had been considered resulting in 19 letters to the council; of these 15 letters were about planning and 4 letters were concerned with planning enforcement; members were asked to see the Harrow Hill Trust website planning page; Simon Less commented that only 4 applications had been granted so we can conclude that the planning committee has been successful this year. Simon Less drew attention to three major applications:
- A: proposals for extending Cricketers Club West Street. This was rejected initially, but the developers are now converting the property to a HMO for six people and as this is the maximum allowed it can go ahead
- B: Paul Catherall leading the John Lyon Oldfield House replacement and the council's lack of consultation has been noted but the good news that the council planning committee has rejected the John Lyon proposal
- C: Harrow School Sports Centre application has gone through despite the support of the Mayor of London
- Simon Less gave thanks to all on committee; with special thanks to Andrew Reed for continuous support and to Paul Catherall who has attended lots of council meetings to represent the committee

Three new members on committee were welcomed Piotr Chlapowski; Adam Howard; Mario Andrade

Treasurer – report by Paul Catherall

- Paul Catherall noted the good financial position of the Harrow Hill Trust given COVID 19 times; figures were shown to attendees on a shared screen
- Paul reminded the AGM that the Year end is 31 August
- Lower income from events was due to COVID 19 restrictions but this led to a corresponding lower costs of events
- The reply paid envelopes has been discontinued and the Exec will decide whether to change the address and relaunch
- Only one newsletter was issued during the year so the cost was lower than last year
- The lower cost base overall helped maintain a strong financial position
- Reserves are up from last year
- The new auditor Faisal Khan of M G Golz & Company was welcomed; he took over from Michael Golz
- Paul gave thanks to all on the committee, to helpers, and to Faisal Khan for standing again as auditor

Membership – summary from the Chair

- The Chair gave thanks to Mark Mills for his tremendous service to The Harrow Hill Trust and wished him well on his leaving
- Thanks were given to all the distributors of the Newsletter
- New members have been gained over last 6 months;
- The Chair gave a reminder that payment of membership was due if not already paid

- The Salvation army has sent thanks for the £430 collection last year and for carol singing 2019
- Thanks were given to Steven Woodward and Woodwards Estate Agents for 27 years of support for the Carols on the Green, with their welcome mince pies and hot drinks in their warm offices after the singing

5. Election of the officers and Committee for the ensuing year

Post	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by	Elected Y/N
Chair	Deb Catherall	Denise Robertson	Anna Dickson	Y
Vice Chair	vacant	Na	na	na
Hon Sec	Bridget Campbell	Dee Hinton	Judith Shepherd	Y
Hon Treasurer	Zoe Campbell	Simon Less	Jenny Mills	Y
Social	Robert Lemon	Judith Shepherd	Bridget Campbell	Y
Publicity	Cate Jaquest	Jennifer Benwell	Judith Shepherd	Y
Planning	Paul Catherall	Carolyne Leder	Piotr Chlapowski	Y
Membership	Stuti Singh	Gaynor ?	Simon Less	Y
Communications	Keith Perrin	Mary Dobson	Jo Whiterod	Y

6. Election of Hon Auditor

Faisal Khan of M G Golz & Company elected

7. Presentation of Garden Prizes and Children's Rainbow Competition

Denise Robertson thanked Jenny Ward and Jo Whiterod for acting as judges

A: Garden competition

- This was initially postponed due to COVID 19 restrictions but when garden centres opened in summer it was decided that it could run
- normally judges drive and walk round but this year they walked round, with judges noting the lovely garden colours in late July
- Front gardens/patios: 1st prize: Elspeth Edwards, Waldron Road, for her beautiful courtyard garden; also Elspeth was awarded the Andrew Bishop Cup
- Window boxes/Hanging baskets: 1st prize to Shahla and Satnam Sodhi of Windover, London Road 3
- Highly commended: Vanessa Villapando and Mark Jones of 12 Nelson Road.
- Nelson Road was highly commended for its colour; judges noted that Nelson Road overall looked beautiful
- Commercial and Business category – this was a difficult choice this year as many businesses were closed due to COVID19 restrictions; Harrow School was awarded a prize for a community garden transforming a neglected area by Peterborough Road opposite Garlands Lane, by planting it with geraniums, making a lovely entrance to the Hill
- Prize for Community Commitment to Greening the Hill: Lin Newton of Lower Road was awarded an orchid in a glass jar and candle for maintaining the trough at the

bottom of West Street which makes a lovely entrance to Hill; judges noted that Lynne is nominated for her great effort every year

- Thanks were given to Jo Whiterod who kindly donated prizes for the Rainbow competition, giving vouchers to the winners
- Rainbow competition: children submitted pictures of rainbows; the winning entries were shown at the meeting via Zoom;
- First prize: Teddy Rowe, age 4; Runner up Knaith Xiang, age 3;
- Category age 7 and above: First prize: Connor McCafferty, age 10; Runners up Ettie Harrell, age 12, and Austin Harrell, age 7.
- Cate Jaquest is to join the Garden committee
- Members were invited to nominate any groups doing well regarding gardens, or to inform the committee of areas which can be improved

8. Any Other Business

A: New Membership: Please can each member look to recruit a new member this year? Application forms can be found on the website or ask people to email hello@harrowhilltrust.org.uk

B: Our Christmas Charity

Our work with the Salvation Army as a supported charity at Christmas time continues, although we are not able to collect donations as normal during our carols we are advertising their campaign to helping the local community, Duncan Clampton duncanc@ntlworld.com is the point of contact and the Salvation Army have asked us to share the following.

There is a just giving page to donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000285>

We have set up a wish list on Amazon to help us with our toy appeal this year, especially now that November is lockdown and people may not be able to go out shopping for non-essential items.

Details below:

Babies Wishlist - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/312BHWFNJ3HH9?ref=wl_share

Preschool Wishlist - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/ORNWHGHZNA21?ref=wl_share

Keystage 1 Wishlist - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/8V04RXWX6DZL?ref=wl_share

Keystage 2 Wishlist - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3QZSDGGOMTHY0?ref=wl_share

Teenagers Wishlist - https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/22BUT8WL2DP3D?ref=wl_share

For teenagers we also suggest gift cards, as it can be difficult to buy for them.

If people are ordering from the wish list Amazon when they get to select delivery address under other addresses it comes up with The Salvation Army, Harrow Gift Registry address, select deliver to this address and it will be sent directly to us. Hope that helps.

Feel free to share the links with anyone who might like to support the appeal.

Ideally we would like to receive all gifts by 11th December so that we can follow guidelines and quarantine the gifts before they are given out.

C: Robert Lemon gave thanks on behalf of members to Paul and Debora Catherall for arranging this year's AGM via Zoom

D: Answers to questions asked and "chat comments": The Harrow Hill Trust has 380 members; Keith Perrin Pebworth and Heritage estates but would like a script/ prompts to do this

E: Ted Allett email request for the Harrow Hill Trust trustees to be explained in a future newsletter; Paul Catherall explained that in 2018 constitution details were given but would give more clarification now. Paul directed attendees to the Charities Website for full information; he screen shared the website knowhow.ncvo.org.uk and explained that roles, not titles, are important; the Harrow Hill Trust's constitution outlines how trustees are appointed; trustees are the individuals who make decisions at governing meetings; the trustee board as a whole make decisions and the Harrow Hill Trust Executive Committee is the management and therefore, under the Charities Act, the trustee board; this means the HHT trustees are those who are appointed at the AGM by members – all trustees for this year are listed in the table above. Other members can help and be given titles, but only those elected at the AGM are trustees; helpers don't have voting rights. We have one further title confusingly called 'trustee' specifically for holding and managing property nominated by the Executive Committee i.e. by the charity trustees. Such appointed trustees are often called Holding Trustees for individuals or Custodian Trustees if a corporation, such as a fund or property portfolio manager. The HHT does not have any property to necessitate that role. Paul noted the need to list all trustees to Charities Commission; in previous years not all were listed. Email query answer from Paul explained about independence in the Committee and stated that no partners have been given the right to sign Harrow Hill Trust cheques. Action point: the Chair will raise the issue of clarifying the trustee list with the Exec Committee and discuss whether its names of elected members should be written in a future newsletter.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm approx with Deb Catherall thanking all for attending via Zoom and commenting on the sad loss of an annual event for members in the Harrow School Old Speech Room Gallery.