



Draft MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
BRANKSOME WEST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

1st Floor the Pavilion, Branksome Recreation Ground

Recreation Rd, Poole BH12

Meeting 15th January 2014, 7.30pm

Attending:-

Acting Chairman	Alex Wilson
Treasurer	Diane Wyatt
Committee Members	Andrew Borrill Jill Coombes Trevor Wyatt Ruth McCullough Lynn Drewitt
Appologies	Jacqui Wilson



1. Welcome and Introduction

Jacqui Wilson, due to illness, is not able to sit as Chairman tonight, she has asked Alex Wilson to stand in for her.

Alex welcomed the members to the meeting. The previous Agm meeting minutes were read and approved. Jacqui Wilson will sign these minutes off when she has recovered from her illness.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

3. Chairman's Report

Alex Wilson reported that the QEII Field In Trust dedication stone was placed in the Recreation Ground during May 2013. Phil Eades, the mayor of Poole, attended the dedication ceremony with other interested parties, children from Heatherland's school, BWRA members and local residents.

As part of the Field-In-Trust celebrations, the children from Heatherland's school participated in creating a mural about sports and activities that take place on the Recreation ground. The mural will be placed on one of the Pavilion walls and will be officially unveiled later this year, probably sometime in April 2014.

Our annual Dog Show took place in July 2013, and was a success with a larger attendance than in previous years.

Japanese knotweed has been a problem for some residents during the last year. Action is being undertaken for its removal.

The council are still considering the BWRA's request to convert one of the downstairs rooms, at the Pavilion, into a community based room. We know of at least six local organisations that would be willing to make use of it.

As we all know, one of the most controversial things to happen during the year, was the invasion of the Recreation ground by



Travellers and Gypsies for a period of 2 weeks. The council are urgently seeking to allocate one or more temporary stopping places in the borough. This will allow the Police to use their existing powers to move on any further incursions from the Recreation ground to a temporary stopping place. Cllr Phil Eades explained to the audience how the removal process would work.

Jill Coombes suggested that the use of overhead barriers at the entrances to the Recreation ground would be a deterrent to future incursion by the Travellers and Gypsies. These are being used in Corfe Mullen and have been successful.

Area Committee meetings have been attended during the past year.

4. Events

Poole Carnival is going to take place on the 26th May 2014. More floats are required. It is urgent that people get their applications in.

The BWRA in conjunction with the Boys Club are considering entering a float into the Carnival. The theme is to be 'Life on the Rec'.

We intend to hold our annual Dog Show event, the date is yet to be fixed but will probably be sometime in July 2014.

We are hoping to organise a few charity raising events throughout the year. The hope is to stimulate involvement of local residents. The first of these is to be a sponsored dog walk in aid of the British Heart Foundation.



5. Treasurer's Report

The Income and Expenditure for BWRA:

INCOME AND EXPEDITURE FOR BWRA AS AT 9 JANUARY 2014				
Opening Balance as at January 2013			£1,349.51	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership Fees	155.00			
Donation	50.00			
Novelty Dog Show (27 Jly)	252.47			
Community Xmas Coffee Morning (8 Dec)	39.00			
Bank Interest Account 2	0.48			
Sundries (Tea Fund Surplus)	6.45			
Sub total		503.40		
Expenditure				
Hall Hire - Meetings & Xmas	25.00			
Insurance - Public Liability	244.86			
Novelty Dog Show (23 Jly)	103.23			
Sub Total		373.09		
Current Balance of Accounts				
Account 1	278.74			
Account 2	1201.08			
Sub Total			1479.82	
		130.31		
Gross Profit / Loss for Year				130.31



6. Website

One of the biggest adverts for the BWRA, is our website. Residents are encouraged to take a look. We strive to keep the website up to date with important dates for events and residents meetings. An easy way to get to the website is to enter the words "branksome west residents association" into Google's search engine, then follow the link which appears.

7. Nomination Of Committee Members/Officers

All current committee volunteered to continue for the next year.

Committee post remains unfilled. Vice Chairman and Public Relations.

Post Meeting Note:

The election of committee members was not carried out in accordance with the Association's rules as committee members/officers are not allowed to just volunteer. Each committee member should be proposed and seconded from the floor. This matter will be addressed at the start of the next residents meeting in April.

8. Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the number of Residents meeting would continue to be 4 per year. The dates for these meetings are:

16th April 2014,
16th July 2014,
15th October 2014,
14th January 2015 (AGM)



9. AOB

The BWRA has been suffering from a lack of support from residents. This can be seen from our yearly membership figures (currently around 30 ish) and turnout to any events we hold, including our quarterly resident meetings. This has caused the BWRA committee to conclude that it may not be worth continuing with its work.

Cllr Phil Eades suggested that we are victims of our own success, but said that it would be a very said day if the BWRA disbanded.

Cllr Marion Le Poidevin suggested that we need a new project to focus residents minds.

The general consensus from the floor was that we should continue.

A Vote was put to the floor, "Should the BWRA continue in its current form and activities?" Carried by unanimous vote to continue.

It has been reported that football teams are using pitches that have been cordoned off with notices. The notices are being ignored.

We currently have a very large fallen tree on the Recreation ground from recent storms.

Cllr Marion Le Poidevin thanked the committee for the hard work that we put into the BWRA.

Meeting concluded: 8.50 pm.

Signed..... Dated 14th January 2015