

Annual General Meeting and Planning Matters

Ref: MinMay010

Minutes of Items Discussed. See also formal note of AGM Chairman and Treasurers Reports and election of members (follows).

1. **Meeting** attended by 23 residents. Details from BCC Secretary.
2. **Debate:** After a debate introduced by Robert Colvill of the Strand on the Green Association and Brian Burgess of the Brentford Football Club it was agreed that the BCC would continue to support the relocation of the club in principle subject to the total development being within acceptable limits and that the pressure of fans on match days being steered away from sensitive residential areas.

Agreed that BCC would resolve how to proceed would be considered after BFC have clarified their development partnership arrangements. Brian Burgess to update June 24.

3. **AGM.** Stephen Browne (Chair) presented an annual report and financial statement and a new committee was elected. See associated papers.
4. **Minutes** of the Planning Consultative Committee meeting held on March 25 2010 were adopted as a correct record. Matters arising:
 - 4.1. **SSHS.** Andrew, (re-elected chair of Steering Group), reported that the Prince's Trust had produced a draft summary. Report to BCC June 24
 - 4.2. **Albany House and Lots Ait.** Application for access bridge to Lots Ait to be followed up by Denis, Jon and Nigel. Letter to follow.
 - 4.3. **Chiswick Roundabout.** Following LBH rejection of advert structure (appeal anticipated) street level hoardings also rejected.

5. Major Applications update.

- 4.1 **Scottish Widows.** Eco warriors evicted. Work on site starting.
- 4.2 **Isis.** Reported progress leading to site demolition (imminent) and outline planning application in September for possible start on site in 2012. Views on proposed footbridge over north end of canal basin divided)
6. **Any Other Business.** Report of LBH Overview and Scrutiny Committee (March 2010) presented by objecting boat residents of Waterman's Park.

Agreed that Brentford Waterside Forum would meet and report to BCC June 24 and BCC would now write to LBH Executive asking that no decisions be made before proper consultation. (Letter to follow)

7. **Date of Next Meeting Wednesday June 24 7.15.**

The BCC is primarily active in planning issues or those immediately related to planning, and this has been the main topic of meetings for the last few years.

This means every meeting solely revolves around large and small planning applications that will affect the Brentford Ward of the London Borough of Hounslow. Brentford Ward can singularly achieve the new build – including social and affordable – requirements of the whole borough, and sometimes when you drive around you realise the ramifications of the numbers involved – 1,000 apartments here, 800 there. The inevitable outcome of these new builds are the extra requirements for schools, health facilities, policing and transport issues that come with more people moving into the area.

When you consider Brentford is circa 10,000 people and there are some 5,000 apartments in new build or on the drawing board, it is a tribute to the small dedicated team of volunteers that continue to provide their time and expertise gratis, because they like Brentford and wish to see it develop in the most suitable way possible.

There is no better time to thank Denis and Matthew who shoulder a huge burden in this respect giving expert advice endlessly, as required.

Little time has been attributed to other activities but more recently a movement towards aggregating the opinion and interests of formal and informal local groups has gained momentum. To that end we have the benefit of others in the community that can influence and motivate to achieve such things as the Brentford Community Strategy, borne from an idea by Kath Richardson and Andrew Dakers.

We also benefit by having very good relationships with local ward councillors (current and past) and this in my opinion makes this group unique in its position to influence.

So for the year ahead I believe apart from the usual activities of vetting the planning applications for small and large sites alike we need to drive the Community Strategy forward to the end point of being the local community group registered with the Civic Society Initiative.

Committee Positions elected at the 2010 AGM

BCC Position / Sub-Committee	2010
Chair	Stephen Browne
Vice Chair	Kath Richardson
Secretary	Matthew Rockel
Treasurer, Planning	Linda Jane James
Chair, Planning	Denis Browne
Vice Chair, Planning, Waterways	Jon Hardy
Planning	Chris Richards
Waterways	Nigel Moore
Waterways	Derek Collett
Brentford High Street, Waterways	Andrew Dakers

Treasurers Statement

Linda Jane tabled the 2010 accounts, subject to final sighting of bank statements. It showed a positive balance derived mainly from grants and donations. It was agreed the bank account required changes in signatories to reflect current members and that more emphasis is required regarding membership fees. Final accounts will be available on request.

Other Noteworthy Items

Brentford Chamber of Commerce is recognised as having Honorary Membership in a reciprocal arrangement with the BCC.