

PMH AGM MINUTES

Thursday 14th June 2018, 5pm
Patcham Memorial Hall, 3 Old London Road
Brighton, BN1 8XR

Present: John Hogg, Pamela Hubbard, Jan Mulreany, Richard Shipley, Elizabeth Storey, Mary Taylor, Jon Williams, Hugh Wodhouse, Fred Hards, Rita Hards, Elizabeth Dwiar, Jane Varey. 4 residents joined the trustees and committee members, a total of 10 Patcham residents so the minimum of five to form a quorum was present. The AGM was chaired by the Trustees Committee chair, Elizabeth Storey.

- The PMH Annual Report and activity reports for the year to December 2017 had been circulated to attendees by email prior to the meeting and copies were available for reading at the hall. The Chair invited comment at each reading, and thanked the Committee for its work during the year under report.
- No comments were received about the Chair's Report.
- The Treasurer talked through the Finance report: Noted that the Grants, of which £34k had been spent, had been acquired and used over two financial years, 2016 and 2017, from the Aviva Community Fund and the Co-operative Funds for All: he thanked those members of the community who had supported both applications, voting for the charity's inclusion and using Co-op services to raise the charity's income. He noted the ability of charities to receive funds for valuable and reasonable projects. The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Pam Hubbard and seconded by Mary Taylor.
- Election of named Trustees **for three years until 2021**
Papers having been duly tabled, Trustees standing for re-election, and for co-option, were present and able to be questioned. Elizabeth Dwiar proposed the block re-election of the officers of the committee, E Storey, H Woodhouse and J Mulreany, and John Williams' co-option as a Trustee to be confirmed. Seconded by John Hogg, and duly re-elected until the AGM in 2021.
- Plans and discussion of funding of continuing maintenance of the hall
John Hogg outlined the proposed completion of the woodwork currently being undertaken in the back room, converting it from a kitchen into a more capacious storage space. In addition, the refurbishment of the stage including backdrop, side curtains, and a fixed projection screen is to be completed next year. Additional power points are to be installed and priority will be given to raising funding for an Audio Induction Loop system, to bring the hall to final completion of its responsibilities under the Disability Act. The Divisional Shed is to be removed, with the cooperation of the Brighton Guides, and the space reassessed for extension of the hall's facilities, such as additional toilets and storage.
- Plans/programme for "Celebrating the Peace" at the War Memorial Hall – centenary of the Armistice, on 10 & 11 November 2018
Plans as outlined on the flyer were discussed, and it was suggested the Amusements Committee might make contact with the Dharma School to interest 11 year old children, who should be studying WW1, to plant the Pax Roses. (E Dwiar). Also to discuss with Mr John McKee, Head, Patcham High School, related to alleged damage caused in the Peace Gardens.

- **Any Other Business**
No additional agenda items or AOB had been gathered from floor.
- **Reading of minutes & confirmation of actions arising from the meeting.**
The Secretary read out the minutes as agreed, and no errors were noted. The minutes were duly agreed as an accurate summary of the meeting, by the people present.

Thanks from Chair

The low number of attendees was regretted, but thanks were expressed to those who did contribute to the charity's position in the area, and its continued presence.

Suggestions for greater publicity included LATs' agendas, a longer piece in the Patcham Post, a wider distribution of posters including school staffrooms, word-of-mouth through community champions.