

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTY EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE HAMPTON WICK ASSOCIATION**

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic the 2020 AGM of the Hampton Wick Association had to be cancelled at short notice. The continuing social distancing requirements in March 2021 meant that the 2021 AGM also could not be held in the usual way. The work of the meeting was therefore carried out by electronic/paper voting.

Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting were approved by the meeting with 37 approvals, 3 abstentions and no votes against.

Treasurer's Report for 2019

	Lloyds	PayPal	NS&I	2018
Opening balances	<u>£ 4,524.48</u>	<u>£ 558.27</u>	<u>£3,993.40</u>	
Incomings during the year	£ 5,545.53	£ 1,673.87	£ 31.95	
Transfers from PayPal to Lloyds	<u>£ 1,957.00</u>	<u>-£ 1,957.00</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	
	£ 7,502.53	£ 283.13	£ 31.95	
Total Income during the year	£ 7,251.35			£ 4,921.02
Expenditure during the year	<u>£ 8,406.11</u>			<u>£ 3,311.89</u>
Total Surplus / deficit	-£ 1,154.76			-£ 1,609.13
Closing balances	£ 3,620.90	£ 275.14	£ 4,025.35	
Total cash position	<u>£ 7,921.39</u>			<u>£ 9,076.15</u>
Friends of Hampton Wick				
Library funds held in above	<u>£ 1,094.62</u>			<u>£ 862.62</u>

Notes

2019 income and expenditure figures were artificially increased by £1,000. The Gosling Foundation kindly supports Richmond in Bloom with £1,000 which they mistakenly pay to the HWA account. We then pass it along to RIB. This happened twice during 2017, it didn't happen in 2018, but it happened again in 2019.

Significant sources of income

LBRuT Grant for Xmas lights	£ 1,500
LBRuT Town Centre Opportunity Fund Grant	£ 2,000
HWA membership subs and donations	£ 1,748
HWA events income	£ 549

Significant items of expenditure

Christmas lights & carols event 2018	£ 1,700
Christmas lights & carols event 2019	£ 2,299 (Approx £1k will show in 2020 accounts)
Insurance	£ 512
Printed newsletter & delivery	£ 672
Big Picnic costs	£ 454
Shop Local campaign (print & distribution)	£ 335
Email news & alerts system	£ 274

Christmas

This year's accounts were hit by £1700 costs for 2018 Xmas falling into 2019. 2019 Xmas was very expensive as we reverted to small trees, individually lit along the High Street. Some of the cost was for purchase of lights which won't be repeated fully. The deficit for Xmas this year was £1,844.

Friends of Hampton Wick Library

	£ 862.62 brought forward
Income taken in 2019	£ 232.00 memberships, donations, events takings
HWA contribution from LBRuT	
TCO grant funding	£ 59.72
Expenses during 2019	£ 59.72
	£ 1,094.62 balance

The accounts were adopted with 39 approvals, 1 abstention, and no votes against.

Treasurer's Report for 2020

	Lloyds	PayPal	NS&I	2019
Opening balances	<u>£ 3,620.90</u>	<u>£ 275.14</u>	<u>£ 4,025.35</u>	
Incomings during the year	£ 4,380.82	£ 1,666.95	£ 28.98	
Transfers from PayPal to Lloyds	<u>£ 1,750.00</u>	<u>-£1,750.00</u>	<u>£ 0</u>	
	£ 6,130.82	-£ 83.05	£ 28.98	
Total Income during the year	£ 6,076.75			£ 7,251.35
Expenditure during the year	<u>£ 5,222.09</u>			<u>£ 8,406.11</u>
Total Surplus / deficit	£ 854.66 surplus			-£ 1,154.76
Closing balances	£ 4,529.63	£ 192.09	£ 4,054.33	
Total cash position	£ 8,776.05			£7,921.39
Friends of Hampton Wick Library funds held in above	£ 1,094.62			£1,094.62

Notes

2020 was the year of COVID so activity was curtailed across the board. In particular the Library was closed from mid-March so the Friends' activities were restricted to socially distanced gardening, and a small sub-team working with the council on the specifications and tender for the Library / Bullen Hall Community Fund improvements, due to start early 2021.

Significant sources of income

LBRuT Grant for Xmas lights	£ 1,500
LBRuT Town Centre Opportunity Fund Grant	£ 2,000
HWA membership subs and donations	£ 2,266

Significant items of expenditure

Christmas lights & carols event 2019	£ 1,045
Christmas lights & carols event 2020	£ 2,198 (of which £520 will show in 2021 accounts)
Insurance	£ 542
Printed newsletter & delivery	£ 590
Shop Local campaign (print & distribution)	£ 216
Email news & alerts system	£ 271

Christmas

Due to timing, this year's accounts include £1,045 of costs for 2019 Xmas.

We were not able to hold the annual Christmas Carols event this year due to COVID. Our expenses were therefore for the trees, lights and batteries for the High Street and the purchase of some extra metal tree brackets to help fill in the gaps. The deficit for 2020 Xmas was £698 (2019 Xmas deficit was £1,844).

Friends of Hampton Wick Library

	£ 1,094.62 brought forward
Income taken in 2020	£ - memberships, donations, events takings
HWA contribution from LBRuT	
TCO grant funding	£ -
Expenses during 2020	<u>£ -</u>
	£ 1,094.62 balance

Thanks are due to David Harnden for his examination of the accounts.

The accounts were adopted with 38 approvals, 2 abstentions, and no votes against.

Chairman's Report

Given the circumstances, I am keeping this report short. In terms of membership, the Association is in a healthy state. As at the time of writing, there are over 170 memberships that will be current as at 31 March 2021. Each membership is for a household and so can comprise a number of individuals.

In terms of Association activity, it goes without saying that none of the events that would usually feature in Hampton Wick's calendar happened in 2020/2. These included the Association's AGM which was cancelled at short notice on 16 March 2020, the date on which it was due to be held. Notwithstanding this, the Association has continued to operate as usual so far as possible. Those who were members of the Committee at the time of the planned AGM have continued to meet on a monthly basis by Zoom. The Association has adopted a "keep calm and carry on" approach and will continue to do so until normality resumes.

We have focussed on a number of campaigns. These have included opposing car parking charges in Bushy Park; a renewed Shop Local campaign and trying to secure improvements to St John's Place (aka Christmas Square) and Shaws Path by working with the Council. Inevitably, progress has been slow on the latter improvements as a result of coronavirus, making, for example, site visits difficult. We did, however, manage to get a replacement Christmas tree with lights in St John's Place in time for 25 December and also got a record 45 Christmas trees with lights up all along the High Street.

Our biggest project remains the refurbishment of the Bullen Hall. Unsurprisingly, the pandemic delayed the scheduled works but, at the time of writing, these are about to begin so that the hall is refurbished in time to be used as our polling station on 6 May 2021.

One of the things that the pandemic has revealed is the value of the Association's communications platforms. Through our websites, e-mail news, targeted e-mails and Twitter account, we have been able to provide useful information, particularly about initiatives supporting people through the pandemic. There is a lot of information out there and we have tried to strike a balance, sending messages about the most important things. As well as electronic communication, we have made use of our three noticeboards and, just before Christmas, produced a paper newsletter/magazine. This was very well received and we hope to produce another of these in the near future, this time limiting distribution to members only.

It remains only for me to thank all members of the association for continuing to support the Association, all the members of the committee for their help and contribution throughout this difficult year and our ward Councillors for their help.

Election of officers

There being no further nominations and all the existing officers and committee members, other than Mahi Nabe, agreeing to stand again, there was no need for an election. The committee are grateful to Mehi for his contribution to its work.

The committee look forward to a more normal Annual General Meeting in 2022, the Diamond Jubilee year of the Association.

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