

LADBROKE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of 42nd Annual General Meeting
Held at St Peter's Church Kensington Park Road
On Wednesday 6th July 2011

Present
(committee) Sir Angus Stirling
Thomas Pakenham
Graham Child Chairman
Paul Bastick Treasurer
Anne Chorley Secretary
David Marshall
David Campion
Peter Mishcon
Maurice Fraser

Present
Sophia Lambert
J G Taylor
Nial McMahon
Ena Sheen
Michael Cocks
James and Elena Buckley ?
John and Elizabeth Durrell
Jo Simmonds
Elfin Ebury
Jenny Young
Nicola Heywood
Marigold Mann
John Alexander
Kay Broadbent
Michael Becket
Joanna Bodker
Chris and Olivia Lilwall
Robina Rose
Mary Lambe
Libby Kinmonth (Norland)
David Lindsey (Norland)

1. Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2. Chairman's Report

The chairman welcomed all those present. He was sorry to report the passing of Joyce Meadows, the widow of Robert Meadows one of our founder members. She will be much missed

The Chairman said, I have been in the position for six enjoyable months. My predecessor David Corsellis was plunged into the job at short notice when the previous Chairman sadly died unexpectedly. He did an excellent job and we have every reason to be grateful to him. Notable in his time was the survey of and report on Subterranean Developments, and the Exhibition following the comprehensive photographing of the Conservation area from the street side. Very many thanks to him for all his work.

We are sorry to be losing our President Sir Angus Stirling who has been with the Association for very many years. He has moved out of the area and has understandably expressed a wish to stand down. Very many thanks to him. He was one of the founder members of the Ladbroke Association and was its first Chairman. He became President some years later, a position he has occupied for over 40 years. The Association has been extraordinarily lucky to have had a President of such distinction for so long. He is one of the most experienced and distinguished people in the arts world, with a strong background in 'heritage' matters. His appointments are numerous. They include Director-General of the National Trust; Chairman of the Royal Opera House; President of the Friends of Holland Park and many, many others. Our Association could not have had a better start.

We are most grateful to Thomas Pakenham who has kindly agreed to take on the role of President and we very much look forward to working with him. He also has a long history with the Ladbroke Association, having been its Chairman in his time. He is a long time resident of the area with a strong interest in its heritage. A distinguished writer and an historian of Ireland and Africa, he has also written highly acclaimed books on trees. We of course pride ourselves on our remarkable trees in our area. We are delighted that he has agreed to take over from Sir Angus Stirling and we could not have a better successor.

My thanks go to all the members of the committee during my own period in office who in their various ways and according to their expertise contribute greatly as well as cheerfully. My particular thanks go to the Secretary and the Treasurer. The committee continues to review planning applications every month and to comment to the Planning Authority. Our architect members, particularly Malcolm Pawley, are to be thanked for their work. I have met both Jonathan Bore, Director of Planning, and David McDonald the Conservation Officer. The meetings were very cordial and we covered a lot of ground. I believe our views are well respected and regarded as helpful.

The Association continues to produce a News Letter twice a year and Sophia Lambert and David Campion are to be very warmly thanked for this most important and much regarded work. The committee meets monthly in the house of one of its members and committee members who have hosted meetings are also to be thanked.

We had a successful Christmas Party at the house of Mr & Mrs Haydon who are to be warmly thanked for their hospitality. We were also able to arrange a Springtime Walk through three of the communal gardens led by Henrietta Phipps and much appreciated by all those involved.

The matter of Subterranean Development continues to be on our agenda. The Localism Bill is going through Parliament and is currently in the House of Lords. As drafted by Government it offered little in the way of prospective relief to all those suffering unhappy effects of major disruptive work in our streets but we have made detailed representations to various Peers and amendments to the Bill have been tabled. Sir Merrick Cockell has promised his support.

We hope to conduct a review of our area to see whether there are grounds for the Listing of buildings not already covered. There are many buildings in relation to which at least some permitted development rights have been suspended and Article IV situations will be reviewed with a view to making recommendations for possible change. Finally my thanks for all members for their support, especially those here this evening, particularly David Lindsay a Norland Ward Councillor. We are grateful to him for his help and advice on subterranean developments.

3. Adoption of Annual Accounts

The Treasurer circulated the accounts to the meeting. There was a question regarding our reserves in respect of the Charity Commission. It was explained to the meeting that these sums were held in reserve so that should the occasion arise the Association was in a position to support any action which may be brought in respect of a planning issue. In addition it was felt that we might in the future have to seek legal advice, for example in respect of the Party Wall Agreement document which we hoped to produce shortly. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by David Campion and seconded by Robina Rose.

4. Election of Officers

Graham Child had agreed to stand as Chairman of the Association for the coming year. This was proposed by Peter Mishcon and seconded by Maurice Fraser. Paul Bastick and Anne Chorley had agreed to stand again as Treasurer and Secretary for the coming year. The Treasurer was proposed by Maurice

Fraser and seconded by Robina Rose and the Secretary was proposed by Paul Bastick and seconded by Graham Child. The Officers were duly elected for the coming year.

5. Election of Committee

The following members of the committee were due for election for the coming three years and had been duly proposed and seconded in advance of the meeting.

David Campion,	Maurice Fraser	Sandra Kamen
Peter Chapman	Peter Mishcon	Andrew Lamont
Malcolm Pawley	David Marshall	Peggy Post

6. Any Other Business

Sir Angus Stirling spoke about the origins of the Association and about his involvement saying that the founders were very keen that the Association should not simply exist to say 'no' but should provide the Council with informed and helpful opinion and thereby contribute to the preservation of a very remarkable example of early town planning. He said he was sad to leave but hoped to retain contact. Thomas Pakenham expressed pleasure in taking up the role of President. He had given a remarkable lecture on trees in the area ten years ago and would like to give an updated lecture next year. This was warmly welcomed.

There was discussion about the White City development and what impact it might have on the Ladbrooke Conservation Area. The Notting Hill Gate Improvements Scheme was also discussed in the light of it having appointed a new Chairman to take over from John Scott. Both these schemes are outside our immediate area but we would continue to take an active interest in development.

The Chairman closed the meeting.