

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1970 AT 8.30 PM AT THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLOMBA CLUB, LANSDOWNE ROAD, W.11.

1. The Hon. Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and these were duly approved and signed.
2. The Hon. Treasurer introduced the Accounts, which had been previously circulated to members. He referred in particular to the few members who had generously subscribed to the Association by 7 year Deeds of Covenant and expressed the hope that more members would feel able to adopt this method. Members would notice that the accounts showed there had been very little expenditure during the course of the year but this should not be taken as an indication that the Association could carry out any substantial work in future without incurring corresponding expenditure.
3. Mr. Michael Bretherton, in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts, welcomed especially the reference in the Annual Report to the need for more information to be made available about the restoration of buildings and also the Association's intention to carry out a traffic survey. Miss Smith seconded the proposal, which was carried by the meeting.
4. Election of Officers and Committee 1970-71. Mr. Stirling and Mr. Bridge, Chairman and Hon. Treasurer respectively were re-elected to these offices for the ensuing year. Other members elected to the committee were:-

Mr. Peter de Brant
Miss E. Carus-Wilson
Mr. W. Gage
Mr. Ian Grant
Mrs. John Kinmonth

Mr. Oliver Lodge
Mr. Robert Meadows
Mr. E.W. Notcutt
The Rev. Peter Jameson

Mrs. Stirling resigned as Hon. Secretary. The Chairman thanked her for her help and went on to urge members to let him know if one of them would be able to undertake the important job of acting as Hon. Secretary.

5. The Chairman then gave a report to the meeting of the year's work; this was based on the summary which had already been circulated. He singled out the problem of traffic as being the most crucial matter which needed to be tackled and outlined with the aid of a large sketch map, some of the matters which the committee intended to concentrate on during the following year.

6. Mr. Ian Grant spoke about the survey of buildings in the conservation area, which he had prepared on behalf of the Association and which was on view at the meeting. He described the criteria used in placing the buildings in 3 categories, and explained that the survey would be submitted for reference to the GLC, the Borough Council and other conservation organisations.

7. The meeting was then thrown open for discussion and the following points were made:-

Mr. Stanley Harris said he was sure all members ^{were} ~~would be~~ grateful to the Committee for all the work they had done. He asked for more detailed information on any help that might be required on a traffic survey or perhaps a photographic survey.

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5. The Chairman then gave a report to the meeting of the year's communicate with both members and non-members about the increasing mutilation of the facades of the buildings on the Ladbroke Estate. Property owners could be given advice on the cheapest methods of restoration and where to go for specialised repairs.

There was further discussion on this subject and on the question of a traffic survey.

In closing the meeting Mr. Stirling said he hoped if Association secretarial help was forthcoming it would be possible to issue periodical news bulletins which would give members information on planning applications, traffic surveys and other matters of interest which might occupy the committee's attention during the year. He thanked members for their support and for attending the Annual General Meeting and said the Association's thanks were due to the Manager and Secretary of the K.S.C. for offering their hall for the Association's Meetings.

Members could buy drinks at a bar provided for the evening in the adjoining room.

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This summary of the AGM is intended to inform those Members who could not be present of the principle matters dealt with. It is not a substitute for the Minutes, and it omits details of the formal business of the Meeting.

1. COMMITTEE - Mrs. Stirling (Hon. Secretary) and Professor Hugh Thomas have retired from the Committee. Following the adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts, the following Officers and Committee Members were elected for the ensuing year:-

Mr. Angus Stirling, 25 Ladbroke Grove, W.11. (Chairman)
Mr. Quintin Bridge, 19 Lansdowne Road, W.11. (Treasurer)
Mr. Peter de Brant, 5 Lansdowne Walk, W.11.
Professor E. Carus-Wilson, 14 Lansdowne Road, W.11.
Mr. Ian Grant, 41 Ladbroke Square, W.11.
Mrs. John Kinmonth, 70 Ladbroke Road, W.11.
Mr. Oliver Lodge, 9 Lansdowne Crescent, W.11.
Mr. Robert Meadows, 19 Stanley Crescent, W.11.
Mr. E.V. Notcutt, 36 Clarendon Road, W.11.
The Reverend Peter Jameson
St. Clements Clergy House, Sirdar Road, W.11.
Mr. William Gage, 20 Ladbroke Grove, W.11.

2. REVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR - Reviewing the activities of the Association's first year the Chairman referred to the following:

(a) Planning

The Committee has pursued the general policy outlined at the Inaugural Meeting, namely that the Association should combine vigilance over planning developments with constructive ideas for improving the environment within the Ladbroke Conservation Area. A good start has been made. Perhaps most important, experience has been gained on what the Association's priorities should be, and where it should concentrate its efforts. It is not enough merely to act as a watchdog. The Association has, for example, objected more than once to planning applications for infilling between pairs of 19th century houses in Clarendon Road, without result. In addition, we have tried in vain to obtain a response from the Council as to what their policy is towards this steady erosion of the original character of this road. Clearly in a case like this the Association should try to anticipate where bad or non-existent planning seems likely to affect a particular street, and should endeavour to exert stronger pressure on the Council to adopt a much more positive policy which makes sense in the context of a Conservation Area. At present no such policy is seen to exist on a consistent pattern.

The Committee was very concerned that communication with the various departments of the Council had yielded such perfunctory responses. We shall continue to do all we can to co-operate with the Council, but having done so we shall look to them to show sympathy with our aims in action as well as words.

(b) Traffic

(i) The Borough Council's preliminary parking scheme for the Ladbroke area, intended to come into operation next year, is now with the GLC. There will be an opportunity for members and residents to study the scheme and comment on it after its return from the GLC this autumn. We have arranged that the plans shall be available for inspection at the Public Library, Pembridge Villas, W.11. estimated from around the middle of September. The Committee will comment generally on the scheme, but not in details street by street. Members are urged to examine the plans and to satisfy themselves that reasonable provision had been made for residents parking in their own streets.

(ii) Traffic Survey. The Chairman reported that some members of the Committee had discussed with the Council's Traffic Department the problem of the increasing heavy through-traffic in the Conservation Area. Although the Council has arranged for closures to be made in two places just outside the Ladbroke area, it was clear that it can at present do no more than make "ad hoc" proposals occasionally to deal with the serious traffic pressures. Neither staff nor time permit a comprehensive traffic scheme for the entire area to be put forward by the Council, as it surely should be.

In these circumstances the Committee believes that the Association should:

- (a) carry out a basic survey of traffic flow in the area, as stated in the annual report.
- (b) having armed itself with this information, consider the possibility of formulating a traffic scheme for the area which could be put up to the Council.

There was general discussion of the traffic question at the AGM. It was agreed that a survey should be carried out - although the limitations of a survey in a small area, and the need for any scheme to take account of traffic movement over a much wider field, were recognised.

We have already received names and addresses of a few volunteers for this work, but we urgently need more. It will involve

no more than a couple of hours on one day, repeated for each of three consecutive weeks; families and older children are welcome. Please send names and addresses to the Hon. Secretary (see below) if you can help, and Mr. Peter de Brant, who will be in charge of the survey, will contact all volunteers early in October.

(c) Information

There was discussion of the section of the Annual Report which refers to the availability of grants for the restoration of architectural features on listed buildings. Several members present expressed the hope that the Association might in future be able to provide its members with useful information, especially relating to the architecture of the neighbourhood and the best means of carrying out repairs so that original details retain their correct form. The Association could also give a lead on matters of colour, materials, etc.

The Committee hopes to follow up these suggestions, and believes that an information service of this kind could well be one of the more valuable functions of the Association. It is also hoped to provide members with a news bulletin from time to time.

(d) Architectural Survey

The survey of all buildings in the Ladbroke area prepared by Mr. Ian Grant FRIBA (see Annual Report) was on view at the AGM and will be filed by the Association.

(e) Photography

The Committee would like to proceed with its intention to obtain a complete photographic record of the area. This will be started as soon as possible, two volunteer photographers have contacted us, but more are welcome.

3. HON. SECRETARY - Miss Penelope Bulmer, 48 Clarendon Road, W.11. Telephone: 727 2545 has very kindly offered to act as Hon. Secretary of the Association. We are very grateful to her for filling this essential role. Would members please note the address for correspondence in future.
4. SUBSCRIPTIONS - Last, but not least, members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due (10/- per annum for individuals; £1 for families). If you have not already renewed your subscription please send the appropriate sum to the Hon. Treasurer, Quintin Bridge, Esq., 19 Lansdowne Road, W.11. The Association will need all the funds it can raise if we are to tackle effectively the plans mentioned above. Since it is a charity it is possible to subscribe to the Association by Deed of Covenant. Forms are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary.