

THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting 4th July 1974

1) Acknowledgements

The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Association to the Knights of St. Columba Club for having once again allowed the Annual General Meeting to be held in their hall, and also for having allowed meetings to be held in the Club during the past year. It was unanimously agreed that the Secretary of the Club, Mr. Corcoran, should be invited to become an honorary member of the Association.

2) Apologies

Apologies had been received from the Hon. Treasurer Mr. H.F.A. Jackson and Committee members Mr. R. Meadows and Mrs. Pirie, and also from Mrs. Crispin, Mrs. Porteous, Miss. S. Smith and Miss. M.V. Wallace.

3) Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Fifth Annual General Meeting, which had been circulated with the Agenda, were approved and signed.

4) Accounts

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chairman presented the Report on the Accounts for the year ended March 31st. There had been a considerable increase in the income from subscriptions compared to the previous year, both because of a drive by the Treasurer to get members to pay outstanding subscriptions, and because new members had joined. The Treasurer emphasised the continuing need for new members in order to maintain numbers because of the annual loss due to persons moving away from the area. The accounts were adopted, their acceptance having been proposed by Mrs. Polunin and seconded by Dr. Collins.

5) Election of Officers and Committee

The present Chairman, Professor E. Carus-Wilson, and the Treasurer, Mr. H.F.A. Jackson, were re-elected there being no other nominations for these two offices. The Chairman expressed the gratitude of the Association to Miss. Janet Lloyd, who had been Secretary for the last three years, and was now retiring on leaving the area. Unfortunately, at the time of the meeting, no other person had been found who was willing to stand for election. Miss. Santa Raymond, at present a committee member, had agreed to act until September. The

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Chairman appealed to all members for help in finding a Secretary for the rest of the year and for help with typing and duplicating.

Although members of the Committee had been elected in 1973 for a period of three years, Mr. Ian Grant, Mrs. Kinmonth, Mr. R. Meadows and Mr. Notcutt were retiring early in order to initiate the new procedure required under the revised Constitution. They were eligible for re-election. Mrs. Quirk was regrettably leaving the area and would also therefore be retiring.

The following new members were elected to fill the vacancies caused by the five retirements, and by Miss. Santa Raymond filling the vacant post of Secretary:-

Mr. Royd Barker, Mme. Pilsudski, Mrs. Porteous, Dr. Collins, Mr. Ian Grant, (re-elected), and Mrs. Kinmonth (re-elected).

The Chairman thanked the retiring members, who had all served for a number of years, for their work for the Association. The new Committee might wish to co-opt them for further service, and to help with the work of sub-committees. The Association was particularly grateful to Mr. Notcutt, who had audited the accounts, and it was hoped that he would be willing to continue to do so.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman commented on the satisfactory state of the Association's membership and finances as reflected in the accounts, but appealed to all members to try and enrol friends, as it was clear that a considerable number of residents in the area were unaware of the Association's existence. The activities of the Association during the year had largely been reported in the two Newsletters sent out in November and April. Although these were comparatively inexpensive to print, the production involved a lot of effort and the Chairman thanked Mr. Markham for his work as editor.

The Association had continued to enjoy good relations with the Borough, whose officials appeared sincerely to wish to have the Association's views before making decisions of particular importance to the Conservation Area. Borough Officers had taken part in one meeting on the preservation and listing of trees, and the tree preservation orders first made over twenty years ago had been checked and new ones made. The Chairman thanked Mrs. Kinmonth and Mr. Whitfield who had organized the tree survey, which had been carried out with the help of street representatives.

During the year the planning sub-committee had been notified of 113 applications for planning approval, and had commented to the Borough on 88 of them. The application which had caused most concern in the neighbourhood had been that for the demolition of the Kensington Temple and the re-development of the site. At the time of the application the site lay outside the boundaries of the Ladbroke Conservation Area although its future was of major interest to residents. Largely as a result of this application the triangle bounded by Ladbroke Road, Kensington Park Road, and Horbury Crescent (South side) had now been brought within the area, and the Association was pressing the Borough to amend other boundaries of the Conservation Area which also appeared somewhat anomalous.

The introduction of the new traffic management scheme in the south west corner of the area had caused considerable concern to members, and the Chairman emphasised that this scheme was one designed by the Borough, and was not in any way based on the scheme that the Association had proposed in 1972. Although it was generally agreed that the overall traffic flow had been reduced, the great improvement in conditions in Clarendon Road had been achieved at the expense of other areas, and the one way street had led to excessive speeding. The preliminary comments of the Association had been put to the Borough with a request that, in reviewing the scheme in one corner, more consideration should be given to treating the traffic problems of the area as a whole. It had been agreed that Borough officers would attend a meeting which the Association was arranging on Thursday 10th October. This would give members an opportunity to put their views to the Borough.

Elaine Williams