

LADBROKE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Wednesday 8th July 2026
At St.Peter's Church Kensington Park Road

Present Michael Young
 Hiu Yong Lau
 Natacha Tannous Ritchie
 Georgia Hardisty
 Niall McMahon
 Olivia Lilwall
 Michael Hamill
 Eileen Strathnaver
 Jack Reason
 Peter Collecott
 Jules Stewart
 Janice Miles
 Jan Brown
 Georgina and John Harding
 Ellie Botti
 Sandra Wilkinson
 William Clark

From the Ladbroke Association
 Sophia Lambert Chairman
 Kay Broadbent Treasurer
 Anne Chorley Secretary
 Tony Temple
 Billie Lee
 Paul Bastick
 Peter Mishcon
 Catherine Faulks
 Sandra Kaman

Apologies Karen Clark
 Monica Press
 Nick Simmons
 Liz Ellerton
 Tom Croft
 Peggy Post
 David Marshall
 Cicily Taylor

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved

2. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes

3. **Chairman's Report**

Planning

The Chairman reported that, as ever, the chief business of the committee had been to scrutinise all planning applications in the Ladbroke area and to decide whether we needed to comment. There had not been many basements over the last year, but the Association had been concerned at the number of people who want to change the rear elevations facing onto communal gardens.

As a result of government legislation, big changes were being made to the planning system and in the future the vast majority of cases would be decided by officers, regardless of how many objections there were. We deplored this loss of local democracy.

The Association had also been active in trying to influence Council plans for revamping Portobello Road, as some of these plans were likely to be detrimental to both shops and stalls.

Sir Angus Stirling

The Association had been saddened by the death of Sir Angus Stirling, the principal founder of the Ladbroke Association. It all began when he was living on Ladbroke Grove and came back from holiday one day in 1965 to find white crosses painted on some of the plane trees, marking them for dwelling. It turned out that the Council had marked them for felling. With some of his neighbours, he went into action and the Council was persuaded to drop the idea. The same group subsequently continued to collaborate in campaigning against undesirable developments and in 1969 decided to set up a conservation association for the Ladbroke area. It is a tribute to his organizing powers that the Association is still going strong 55 years later.

Ladbroke Association Plaques

English Heritage are extremely sparing in their issue of Blue Plaques and had turned down ones for some distinguished residents who the Ladbroke Association felt were worthy of a plaque. The Ladbroke Association had therefore decided to set up its own “Green Plaques” scheme. The first will be installed on 117 Ladbroke Road, the home of the artist and illustrator Edmund Dulac (1882-1953).

E Bikes

Badly parked E Bikes continued to frustrate many residents, particularly when they block pavements, crossings and disabled bays. Pembridge Councillors had recently met Lime and Forest, the two largest dockless E bike operators, to press for improvements.

Central Line Tube Noise

The association had been involved in efforts to persuade TfL to bring forward the engineering works needed to reduce the noise affecting homes in the area.

Points made in discussion of the Chair’s and Treasurer’s Report

- There was concern about the vast numbers of tourists who now come to Portobello Road, often in big groups causing overcrowding problems. The tourists were also to be found sitting on private doorsteps in the surrounding streets eating take away food or having their photos taken outside front doors, to the annoyance of residents. It was difficult to know what can be done about this.
- Since there was no longer a No. 452 bus serving the area, it was often impossible for residents to get on one of the remaining 52 buses as they are crowded with tourists. The Chairman said that TfL has agreed to add an extra 52 service in rush hour, but the Association was pressing for more buses at times of peak tourist traffic.
- In the past the Association had issued some attractive publicity material. It was felt that this should be revisited and updated for the digital age.

4 **Adoption of Annual Accounts**

The Treasurer presented the accounts which were unanimously approved by the meeting.

5 **Election of Officers**

Treasurer – Kay Broadbent had agreed to stand as Treasurer for the coming year and had been proposed by Janice Miles and seconded by Jan Brown. Kay Broadbent was elected as Treasurer.

Secretary – Anne Chorley had agreed to stand as Secretary for the coming year and had been proposed by Paul Bastick and seconded by Natacha Tannous Ritchie. Anne Chorley was elected as Secretary for the coming year.

Any Other Business

6 A vote of thanks was proposed to Sophia Lambert for chairing the Meeting but also for her tireless work for the Association.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

