

### **AGM meeting notes 26 April 2025**

**Attendees:** Ruth Keeling, Sarah Hazlehurst, David Selby, Joan Curtis, Yvonne Richards, Sue Jameson, Sandra Sutherland, Roxanna Slavcheva, Nóra White, Nura Nur, Leona Edwards,

**Other board members not in attendance:** Dave Morris, Nathan Otis and Chuku Modu

Date	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Time	2pm – 3.30pm
Location	General Activities Room – Lordship Hub
Attendees	<b>Members</b> Ruth Keeling Sarah Hazlehurst David Selby Joan Curtis Yvonne Richards Sue Jameson Sandra Sutherland Roxanna Slavcheva Nóra White Nura Nur Leona Edwards Sarah Hall Susan Moyse George Kauma Nina Prieto Ruth Green

### **Agenda**

- Welcome
  - Intros (15 mins)
  - Q&A on 3 reports (40 mins)
  - Election of board members (5 mins)
- We want new board members
  - Bi-monthly board meetings of 1.5 hours
  - Also join one of our four working groups
    - ♣ Environmental sustainability
    - ♣ Community empowerment
    - ♣ Finance
    - ♣ Personnel
  - Would love to welcome people of ages, genders and ethnicities who are currently under-represented on our board compared to Haringey's population (see [user survey results](#))

## **Notes**

### Welcome & Intros

- The agenda was explained and all board volunteers introduced themselves.

### **Q&A on 3 reports**

#### 1) Events

- Can there be a more annual events planned? Ideas put forward included; NYE party, Father's Day, film nights, poetry slam.
- Is there staff capacity for more events? Nura Nur, as the staff running events, suggests that if she plans concept and puts out for staff and volunteers to support there will be capacity together.
- The hub gets 12 alcohol licences a year, and we don't use them all, so this can be an added feature of some events.
- Suggestion that the hub should connect with the local Community Centre Network to share ideas and best practise. We could even connect on a roadshow of events across community centres. Sandra to share info with Nura Nur about the Community Centre Network.
- Success of the summer kiosk- will it be coming back this year? Yvonne & Joan say yes, they will be volunteering to lead this initiative.

#### 2) The hub building

- The toilets- are they open when people need them? There is demand for their use so how could we keep the hub open for people to use when we are closed (during daylight hours) without losing money on paying staff?
- Suggestion that we could tie it in with a summer project where we would be open, or if we had more classes in the evenings, when a staff member would already be on hand, we could have them open.

#### 3) Volunteers

- Do we have challenges recruiting volunteers- do we have low number and- do we need more?
- We currently have 40 volunteers on the books, but maybe 10 regularly in the cafe.
- Do volunteers have to work 4 hour shifts or can they do less? Volunteers can do less- maybe we need to advertise this more, so volunteers know that it is flexible.
- Note that we also have a team of gardening volunteers.

#### 4) Other

- Workshop classes- Can we have more creative activities and classes for adults?
- Incentives- could we create a cafe discount with membership card?

- Was there a reason we chose to not become a charity and stay as a co-operative? It was decided that to become a charity would become too bureaucratic, and with a co-op there is more decision making of the community. But we did change our constitution to move away from having shareholders who would receive dividends. Now it is clearer to potential funders that any surplus is re-invested into services for the community.
- 5) Let people know about 2 changes to draft accounts a) Resignation dates of former board members b) Shareholders donating or being refunded for their shareholders and switching to annual membership.
- No comments from attendees.

#### **Vote to accept reports**

**The attendees voted and there was a unanimous vote to accept the reports.**

#### **Vote to elect board members**

- As per usual process, all board members stand down.
- Attendees asked who would like to join or re-join the board.
- Standing again: Ruth Keeling, Sarah Hazlehurst, Dave Selby, Joan Curtis, Yvonne, Sue Jameson, Sandra Sutherland, Dave Morris.
- Not standing again: Roxanna Slavcheva, Nathan Otis, Chuku Modu.

**The attendees voted and there was a unanimous vote to accept the members to re-join the board.**

- Subgroups: Susan Moyse would like to join the personnel subgroup, Ruth Green and Sarah would like to create the environment subgroup and Leona would like to join the finance subgroup.