

Blackhorse Action Group Organising Committee

MINUTES OF MEETING on 12 January 2010

PRESENT

Organising Committee Members

Sue Grant – Secretary

Caroline Molloy – Treasurer

Nuria Rodrigues – Sustainability Lead

Peter Taylor

Apologies from Organising Committee Members unable to be present

Peter Harms – Planning & Development Lead

Neil Meads – Webmaster

Ortrun Peyn – Membership Secretary

Ordinary Members

Irina Hoss

Michael Leigh

Guests

Ruth Duncan

Grzegorz Babisewski

Action

1. To elect a Chair for the meeting

There was currently no elected or co-opted BAG Chair.
Irina Hoss was unanimously elected to Chair the meeting.

2. Welcome and introductions

Organising Committee members present confirmed their status as noted above.

Irena Hoss and Michael Leigh were attending as Ordinary Members.

Ruth Duncan was attending as a Guest (and Ordinary Member) representing the local 'Library Campaign'.

Grzegorz Babisewski was attending as a Guest – being a resident in a nearby area who was interested in setting up a Residents' Association.

3. To confirm minutes of previous meeting - held on 10 November 2009

The minutes were confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings and had been posted on the BAG website.

4. Matters arising from the minutes *(unless taken elsewhere on the Agenda)*

4.1 Bank Account *Prev min 3.2 referred*

4.1.1 All BAG funds were currently being held by the Forest Recycling Project.

Agreed: A BAG account be set up with the Co-Operative Bank and all funds transferred to this.

Treasurer

	Action
<p>4.1.2 Resignation of Treasurer and co-option of replacement Caroline Molloy advised she was resigning as Treasurer. Michael Leigh was co-opted as Treasurer - by a unanimous vote of all Organising Committee Members present .</p>	All Org Cttee to note
<p>4.2 Library campaign <i>Prev min 3.3 referred</i> Caroline Molloy and Ruth Duncan reported on activity to date to enable purchase of the old St James's Street Library building so that it could become a community centre – and noted comments, suggestions and offers of help from those present with furthering this campaign. Agreed: Caroline Molloy to circulate an outline plan for 'next steps' in this campaign.</p>	Caroline Molloy
<p>5. Matters arising from 2009 AGM on 1 December 2009</p>	
<p>5.1 Constitution Amendments to the constitution had been agreed at the AGM – and the revised constitution would be posted on the BAG website.</p>	Secretary and Webmaster
<p>5.2 Membership of Organising Committee Minutes of the AGM had been circulated and were on the website. They confirmed elected members of the Organising Committee as follows: Chair: Vacancy. Secretary: Sue Grant Treasurer: Caroline Molloy ** Communications Lead: Simon Thomas Membership Secretary: Ortrun Peyn Planning & Development Lead: Peter Harms Webmaster: Neil Meads Sustainability Lead 1: Nuria Rodrigues Sustainability Lead 2: Chloe Herington General member 1: Peter Taylor General Member 2: Mohammed Chaudhri <i>** min 4.1.2 above confirms subsequent resignation and co-option of Michael Leigh as Treasurer.</i></p>	
<p>5.3 Any other AGM related matters There were none.</p>	
<p>6. Currently funded gardening activity</p>	
<p>6.1 Funding of attendance at a community gardening course <i>prev Min 5 referred</i> Irina Hoss had been unable to attend because the course was fully booked and, therefore, no funds had been expended.</p>	
<p>6.2 Use of remaining balance CarolineMolloy would be meeting with OrganicLea to discuss use of the remaining balance and would also invite the BAG Gardening Group to attend a meeting on 21 January 2010 to determine future activity.</p>	Caroline Molloy

		Action
7.	Community garden	
7.1	Progress on funding applications	
7.1.1	Capital Growth	
	Caroline Molloy reported on a funding application to Capital Growth which had resulted in an offer of £2,400 - £400 for a contamination survey of the site, plus £2,000 for preparation of a business plan.	
	Agreed: Caroline Molloy to obtain confirmation from Capital Growth about who they expected/required to prepare the business plan and - in particular, to (a) confirm if it would be possible for a BAG member to prepare and be paid for production of the business plan and (b) consult the BAG Gardening Committee to formulate the business plan.	Caroline Molloy
7.1.2	Local Food Fund	
	Nuria Rodriguez reported on success of an initial application to the Local Fund expressing intent to apply for funding.	
	Agreed: Nuria Rodriguez to submit an application to the Local Food Fund for up to £10,000.	Nuria Rodriguez
7.2	Recent activity	
	Fruit trees and shrubs had been purchased and then planted over two weekends just prior to Christmas 2009.	
	Agreed: Nuria Rodriguez to arrange for posting on website photos of this event.	Nuria Rodriguez
8.	Any other business	
8.1	Community Noticeboard	
	Michael Leigh reported on allocation of local community council funding for a community noticeboard at the Coppermill Lane/Edward Road junction .	
	Agreed: Michael Leigh to contact councillors to request most effective siting of the noticeboard – ie on the pavement outside the Londis shop.	Michael Leigh
8.2	Training	
8.2.1	Caroline Molloy and Irina Hoss gave brief reports on training available for community organisations and would send further details to all BAG Organising Committee members by email	Caroline Molloy Irina Hoss
9.	Date, time and host/venue for next meeting	
	9 March 2010, 7.30pm, venue/host to be confirmed	Secretary