

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 4TH MARCH 2018 AT 3.00PM IN BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE**

Present: Prabhat Vaze (Chair), Judith Farbey, Neil Harris, Consuelo Phelan, Michael Jampel, Sanya Polescuk, Anne Stevens, Sarah Courtin, Councillors Roy, Buckland and Cooper and over 50 other BRA members

Apologies: Leila Sector, Barrie Tankel, Averil Nottage, Councillor Leyland

1. Minutes of the 2017 AGM: Approved, proposed by Diana Self, seconded by Nadia Mitchell

Matters arising: Update on Sir Richard Steele Pub, following building works, and appreciation by a member for including suggestions made at last year's AGM into the 2018 TYCT booklet

2. Presentation of the Chair's Report for 2017:

Key developments included:

- BRA had expressed concern about the planned lorry movements in the 100 Avenue Road Construction Management Plan.
- CS11: BRA objected to the congestion impacts of vehicles re-routing after cycle lane added.
- BRA was grateful for the council's CIL contribution to the cost of noticeboard renovations

Questions and comments on the Chair's Report covered:

- More action needed on crime, especially moped theft.
- Reminder of Belsize Community Library longer hours.
- Concern about long disruptions (bus rerouting, parking suspensions) due to developments.

3. BRA change of status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation:

The Committee updated the Association about changing the BRA status

- The BRA would change name to the 'Belsize Society' (possibly shortened to 'BelSoc').
- The main points of the new constitution were described, covering membership, meetings and the duties and obligations of trustees.
- The new society would remain non-political.
- All BRA current activities should continue.

Questions covered:

- Gift Aid, such as for membership fees, will be part of application
- Registered address which will remain that of the membership secretary

4. Presentation of 2017 Accounts: The treasurer presented the accounts, highlighting the improved bank balance enabling more donations than in 2016. In suggestions for future donations, Caris was proposed. The accounts were accepted nem. con on the proposal of Helen Cordell, seconded by Tom Simon.

5. Appointment of the Independent Examiner: Jill Tyrrell was thanked for auditing the 2017 accounts and was re-appointed nem. con for 2018, proposed by Leila Roy and seconded by Helen Cordell.

6. Election of Committee Members for 2018-19: Ten members stood for election and were elected nem. con, proposed by Oliver Cooper, seconded by Janet Guthrie.

7. Any other business:

- Hampstead Church Music Trust has received a generous bequest, some of which will be used to repair the organ of St Peter's church, Belsize Square
- BRA was asked to approach TfL about bus services from south Belsize to Hampstead

BRA Committee Members 2018/19

Prabhat Vaze (Chair)	Barrie Tankel (Planning)
Sarah Courtin (Secretary)	Consuelo Phelan (Trees)
Neil Harris (Treasurer)	Anne Stevens (Membership Secretary)
Judith Farbey (Events and Newsletter)	Michael Jampel (Organisation)
Sanya Polescuk (Planning)	Teresa Poole (Local Services)