



# Brightons and Rosefield Residents' Association

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## Minutes of EGM - Monday 9 September 2013

### Apologies

Sue & Jim Hurford, Jan & Lewis Waugh.

### Attendees

D Cairns, M Bastick, Ina Porras, Peter Bradley, Barney Dellar, Maria Devoy, Sean Watters, Sharon Law, Geoff Brocklehurst, Anne Brocklehurst, Stewart Pierowicz, Liz Thomas, SP Carr, PS Carr, Gordon McCulloch, Elisabeth McCulloch, Jacqueline Taylor, Kim Bradie, Christine Wood, Maureen Child, Nick Child, Jocelyn Dellar, Sally Mackay, David Medcalf, Charles Keegan, Ruth Donnelly, Brian Donnelly, Harry Mayers, S Hawkins, J read, D Read, A Johnstone, Dawson Currie, Anna Wood, Ali Paterson, Gillian Eunson, Allison Arkley.

### 1 Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted that it was encouraging to see so many new faces there.

### 2 Representation on Portobello Community Council

The Chair explained that there were community council elections forthcoming and nominations for representation on Portobello Community Council were due later in the month. We discussed whether BRRRA should continue to seek representation. The consensus was that BRRRA should. It was pointed out that should there be more groups nominated for the community council than there are positions available (there are seven) then there would be an election to decide which groups are to be represented on PCC, therefore it is not certain that BRRRA will secure a position.

Discussion highlighted that BRRRA representative should: a) consult regularly and widely with BRRRA members when necessary, including by using social media and email, but also by other means, bearing in mind that a number of residents are not online; b) represent the range of views of BRRRA members, including where views differ.

The current representative, Franny Wraith, was standing down therefore it was necessary to elect someone else to represent BRRRA on the PCC when the new one is formed. There was a vote of thanks to Franny Wraith for her representation of BRRRA on the Community Council over the last four years and up to the formation of the new community council, particularly her representation of the Association at the public inquiry into the planning application for a waste transfer station at Sir Harry Lauder Road.

Volunteers for role of BRRRA nominee as representative on the Community Council were Gordon McCulloch and Peter Bradley. A secret ballot was held. Peter Bradley was elected to represent BRRRA on the new community council, should BRRRA secure a position.

Thanks to both Gordon and Peter for being willing to take on the role.

### **Formation of a Parks Subgroup**

BARRA is already registered as a Friend of Brighton and Rosefield Parks, and as such could apply for funding for park improvements. Agreed to form a Parks Subgroup to lead on such things as communicating with Council where there are problems with the parks, think about possible improvements and organise the annual clean-up day.

Volunteers were: Barney Deller, Brian Donnelley, Stephen Hawkins, Ina Porras and Jacqueline Taylor.

### **AOB**

Suggestion to, at the next AGM, increase BARRA subscriptions to £2 per year.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.