

The Wandle Industrial Museum

Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting

Held at

Vestry Hall, London Rd, Mitcham

On

Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm

- 1_ **Chairman's Welcome;** In view of the sudden and sad demise of our Chair, Rev Andrew Wakefield, John Hawks took the chair, introduced himself and welcomed the Mayor of Merton Cllr Brenda Fraser
- 2_ **Apologies for absence;** A list of apologies was tabled
- 3_ **Minutes of the previous AGM ;** The minutes of the last AGM meeting held on Thursday 12th November 2015 were presented to the meeting and adopted.
- 4_ **Matters arising;** There were no matters arising, but the opportunity was taken for Nicholas Hart on behalf of the Trustees, and Martin Roberts, who had known him for longer than anyone, to present their personal reminiscences and appreciations of Rev Andrew Wakefield, both of him as a friend and also in relation to his impact on the Museum and the wider community
- 5_ **Chairman's Annual Report:** This year in a break from tradition, and to reflect the gap left by the loss of our Chair, it was left to the Operations Team to present the Annual Report. On behalf of the Ops Team, Alison Cousins, Michael Taylor, Eric Shaw and Roger Steele presented their reports and underlined the urgent need for new volunteers The opportunity was taken for the Chairman to commend the work of the Operations Team and to give his personal appreciation of Rev Andrew Wakefield.
- 6_ **Members of the Trustees and Operations Team;** The list of current trustees and operations team members was presented to the meeting and adopted en bloc.
- 7_ **Presentation of Annual Accounts:** The statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 together with the Accountants Report to the Directors was presented to the meeting and adopted. Messrs Mitchell Rodrigues were duly re-appointed as the Reporting Accountants. Noted that Chris Simmons of that firm had made satisfactory arrangements for the continued preparation of the accounts and that Roger Steele would communicate that to him. He took the opportunity to confirm to the meeting how stringent financial controls were helping us build the budget we need for the eventual move to Ravensbury
- 8_ **Current Situation with Ravensbury Mill:** The Chairman reported that

the current situation had made little progress since last year, but we remain grateful for the continuing support and help offered by officers of the London Borough of Merton .

A.O.B. :

The Mayor was kind enough to add a few words, including her personal appreciation of Rev Andrew Wakefield and then stressing the important job the Museum was doing with its small volunteer force, and that its increasingly London-wide impact was evidence of this.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Members were invited to enjoy the buffet provided by the Operations Team followed by a talk by Trustee John Hawks about the 'Ghost Trains of Merton'.

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Held at

Merton Tenants and Residents Federation, 328 London Rd, Mitcham

On

Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.30pm

- 9_ **Chairman's Welcome;** The Chairman, Andrew Wakefield introduced himself and welcomed the Deputy Mayor of Merton Cllr Pauline Cowper
- 10_ **Apologies for absence;** A list of apologies was tabled
- 11_ **Minutes of the previous AGM ;** The minutes of the last AGM meeting held on Thursday 17th January 2015 were presented to the meeting and adopted.
- 12_ **Matters arising;** There were no matters arising.
- 13_ **Chairman's Annual Report:** The Chairman's Annual Report 2014-2015 was presented and adopted. The opportunity was taken for the Chairman to show his appreciation for the new management structure and the work of the Operations Team, and to note the appointment of John Hawks to the board as an additional trustee. On behalf of the Ops Team, Alison Cousins, Michael Taylor, Eric Shaw and Roger Steele presented their report and underlined the urgent need for new volunteers.
- 14_ **Members of the Trustees and Operations Team;** The list of current trustees and operations team members was presented to the meeting and adopted en bloc.
- 15_ **Presentation of Annual Accounts:** The statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2015 together with the Accountants Report to the Directors was presented to the meeting and adopted. Messrs Mitchell Rodrigues were duly re-appointed as the Reporting Accountants. Noted that Chris Simmons of that firm was retiring next year (after preparing our accounts) and that Roger Steele would be stepping down as volunteer treasurer at the same time. He took the opportunity to confirm to the meeting how stringent financial controls were helping us build the budget we need for the eventual move to Ravensbury
- 16_ **Current Situation with Ravensbury Mill:** The Chairman reported that the current situation had made little progress since last year, but we remain grateful for the continuing support and help offered by officers of the London Borough of Merton .

A.O.B. : the Deputy Mayor was kind enough to add a few words, stressing the important job the Museum was doing with its small volunteer

force, and that its increasingly London-wide impact was evidence of this.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Members were invited to enjoy the buffet provided by the Operations Team followed by a talk by our Guest Speaker Roger Wates about his family firm and its long connection with Liberty of London.