

## Minutes of LLRA 2022 AGM

### Tues 1 November 2022 6:45pm

**Purpose:** AGM to include community resolutions and election of management committee members

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**Present:** 134 attendees (119 residents including 8 committee members + 15 guests)

**Chair:** Gary Stimson

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first post-COVID meeting of the community and thanked St. George's hospital for use of their facilities.	Action
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#### 2. Review of 2020-22

The Chair gave a brief review of LLRA's activities over the last two years, supported by the handout provided in Appendix A.	
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#### 3. Acceptance of 2019 AGM minutes

The minutes of the previous 2019 AGM were accepted.	
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#### 4. Report on 2021/21 and 2021/22 accounts

<p>The Chair ran through the LLRA Financial Report on 2020/21 and 2021/22 (details provided in Appendix A).</p> <p>Q: A resident asked whether the LLRA management committee and residents were aware that the LLRA Secretary had in interest in the company that would be gifted the land to be acquired on Albion Crescent by the crowdfunding activity earlier in the year?</p> <p><i>(Background: Early in 2022 the LLRA Management Committee, in response to resident requests, explored options for preserving three plots of land around Albion Crescent initially offered for sale by the landowner to the community before being offered to commercial developers. Following negotiations Plot 2, land between Albion Crescent and Close, was divided into two parts. Plot 2a was sold by the landowner to a commercial developer and Plot 2b was purchased by LLRA for £4,000 following crowdfunding activity. Plot 2b contains a selection of mature Hornbeam by a public footpath. It was agreed to gift Plot 2b to LGMC in return for them accepting the long-term maintenance liability for this land, which will be retained in perpetuity in its existing state as part of the ecological network of Long Leys.)</i></p> <p>The Chair confirmed that the Secretary had declared his minority interest in LGMC to LLRA which was happy that this was the best solution to ensure long-term continuity of maintenance.</p>	
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<p>The land was not something that LLRA could hold for the long term, so a suitable long-term holder of the land was sought. The city council were approached but required a substantial up-front payment for the maintenance liability which would have far exceeded the crowdfunding available.</p> <p>A: The Secretary advised he lives in one of the thirteen houses in the Langton Green development that have a share in Langton Green Management Company (LGMC) by virtue of owning a home there. LGMC already maintains some of the adjacent area of open space next to Plot 2b, so agreed to take on the long-term liability for maintenance. Every individual resident who contributed to the crowdfunding activity had been advised of this interest as had the LLRA Management Committee.</p> <p>Q: A resident stated that the StopVeolia funds were not returned to individual donors but handed over to an organisation that did not exist at the time they donated and is fighting different fights. Does that make the said organisation (the LLRA) illegitimate?</p> <p>A: The Secretary advised that LLRA is a properly constituted Residents Association. LLRA existed for many years before it received funds from StopVeolia and is also recognised as the designated Neighbourhood Forum for Long Leys by the city council. Both LLRA and StopVeolia were involved in opposing the development. The StopVeolia crowdfunding was overseen by three trustees at least one of which was at the AGM. It was always clear from the crowdfunding that surplus funds would be donated for local community purposes and that was what occurred.</p>	
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## 5. Resolution approving the proposed 2022 LLRA constitution

<p>The detailed changes, listed in Appendix A, were read out. There was a brief discussion. One suggestion was made that there should ideally be a young person on the management committee. The Chair advised that there was usually at least one vacant slot so this could be potentially accommodated as could further committee members if anyone wished to stand. Chair also noted that individuals can be co-opted to support the management committee at any time (e.g. to help deliver projects, or provide specialist skills/knowledge), so restricting the management committee to a maximum of 9 does not exclude additional individuals from participating. The resolution was put to a card vote of residents.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>The Long Leys Community approves the 2022 LLRA Constitution.</i></p> <p>The resolution was approved by a clear majority.</p>	
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## 6. Resolution on adding a permanent Speed Indicator Device on Long Leys Road

<p>The meeting was taken through the rationale for the proposal, listed in Appendix A. There was some discussion on the merits of different types of traffic calming devices. The resolution was put to a card vote of residents.</p> <p>Resolution: <i>The Long Leys Community approves the expenditure of circa £3,000 of existing community funds for a permanent SID location on Long Leys Road.</i></p> <p>The resolution was approved by a clear majority.</p>	
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## 7. Resolution on the Village Centre Project

<p>As project team leader Jon Davies introduced the resolution and also introduced those making up the panel who had attended to answer questions from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local resident John Weir, who previously managed the delivery of the Bassingham Community Hall</li><li>• Toby Forbes Turner, planning policy manager at city council</li><li>• Laura Stratford, co-coordinator of Lincolnshire Food Partnership who has been helping the project team explore examples of best practice allotment management and sustainable methods of local food production.</li></ul> <p>Several attendees asked for clarification on whether this was a vote in principle or whether it was also a vote on the specific location on the Long Leys Road allotments. It was confirmed that it was a vote in principle rather than for a specific location at this stage. A resident offered to reword the resolution if necessary to ensure it was clear to all.</p> <p>The panel responded to a brief question from the project leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jon Weir explained his role on delivering the community building for the Bassingham community</li><li>• Toby Forbes Turner gave an outline of the differences between the Community Right to Build (CRB) process and the more traditional planning process. Toby also explained that personally he had not been involved in a CRB as this was not something ever done in Lincoln before.</li><li>• Laura Stratford briefly explained why her organisation was supportive of the overall project.</li></ul> <p>The project leader then invited questions from the floor. The intention had been to record questions and then answer these in batches, putting them to the appropriate panel member. However, it soon became clear that there was a large number of people wishing to make a contribution and that it would not be practical, in the meeting time remaining, to both allow them to express their view and also provide an adequate answer from the panel to any questions they had.</p>	
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<p>Given that the COVID pandemic had prevented attendees from having a public voice for two years, priority was given to attendee's observations. Questions were captured so they could be followed up in the future (See Appendix B).</p> <p>The Chair announced that clearly given the time left it was not practical to give responses to questions or to vote on the resolution then this item would need to draw to a close, and the resolution was not voted on.</p> <p>There was understandable disappointment that there could be no further voices heard or a vote. A number of attendees decided to leave at this point.</p>	
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## 8. Management Committee Elections

<p>Thanks, and appreciation were given for the contribution to the LLRA Management Committee of Tony Wass (stood down in July) and Vice-chair Megan Cox (stood down at AGM).</p> <p>The Chair announced that three valid nominations for 2022 Management Committee membership had been received for the upto five vacant slots available and so the following people were duly elected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jon Davies</li> <li>• Keith Newsome</li> <li>• Glenn Smith.</li> </ul> <p>A fourth valid nomination had also been received but subsequently the person concerned indicated they wished to withdraw from LLRA. The Chair was seeking clarity on whether this individual does wish to continue with their nomination.</p>	
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## 9. Meeting Close

<p>The meeting closed at circa 9pm and was quorate at that time</p>	
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JP Davies LLRA Secretary  
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