

WaCoCo
AGM 12th September 2009
10 am Waterloo Action Centre

Minutes

1. Present: Richard Bridge (RB)(chair), Ann Parnell-McGarry (APG), Ken Hamilton(KH), Eileen Hamilton (EH), Don Weighton (DW), Rosa Wright (RW), David Tootill (DT), Maria Reynolds (MR), Enid Kakaire (EK), David Fisher (DF) (company secretary also representing WCDG), Pauline Anderson (PA), Cllr Diana Braithwaite (DB), Cllr Peter Truesdale (PT), Charlotte Evans (CE)(LLB) and Gerry Evans (GE)(LLB).

Apologies: Alison Warner, Abigail Tripp, David Clarson, Natalie Bell, Michael Wolfers, Robin Pembroke, Michael Ball

2. Welcome by Richard Bridge Chair and Chair's report and accounts distributed in advance (See Appendix 1). PA asked 'Does WaCoCo network with Southwark and other surrounding areas. RB replied to some extent and increasingly. He also said this was an item for the next Lambeth Forum Chairs meeting agenda. DW asked how the residents associations are represented within WaCoCo. RB replied through the Association of Waterloo Groups, however if they wished to attend individually they would be welcome. RB also pointed out that South Bank Employers Group manage the public realm on behalf of LLB and have indicated that they are willing to put money into small projects from RA's. RW pointed out that the name of the New Cut Housing Cooperative was incorrect on the list of members. DF stated this would be corrected. Maria asked who was the Waterloo Open Spaces. RB replied that they were 3 partnership members, Youth Strategy Group, Waterloo Open spaces and the Parents and Providers partnerships. All but the Parents one were continuing and holding meetings. The Parents one was currently struggling but still in existence. Acceptance of the annual Report and Accounts was proposed by KH and seconded by RW agreed by those present. Previously agreed by email by Ann Warner and Natalie Bell.
3. Minutes of AGM 2008 presented. Proposed for acceptance by RB, seconded by MR and agreed by all present. Previously agreed by Ann Warner and Natalie Bell.
5. Election to management committee: RB proposed two persons to be elected to the management committee – Ken Hamilton (Waterloo Action Centre) & Tim Wood (Bankside Open Spaces). Both were seconded by David Tootill and approved by all present. Previously approved by Ann Warner and Natalie Bell.
6. There being no further business Richard Bridge closed the meeting at 10.45 am.

This has been the first full year of operation for WaCoCo.

Our charitable objects are:

'To promote the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Greater London (in particular in the area commonly known as Waterloo in the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark) in particular but not exclusively by providing assistance to voluntary organisations and charities to assist them in the areas of training, advice, research and the effective use of resources, and to facilitate voluntary sector service delivery.'

We attempt to deliver this public benefit by:

- Delivering mutual capacity support
 - Creating new linkages and deepening current relationships with other key stakeholders
 - Helping develop and give voice to a strategic vision for Waterloo
- WaCoCo does not directly deliver our projects, but seeks to work through ad hoc partnerships of member groups and other key local stakeholders. The projects that we have promoted to meet our objectives are:

Mutual Capacity Support

- Outreach work on local estates to build awareness of both the Community Sector and the South Bank Forum
- Training:
 - Action Learning Set for Local Women Leaders
 - Essentials of Youth work for local parents and young people with after care support through two further Action Learning Sets
- Facilitating the Ward Purse
- Delivering the London Eye Community Chest grant scheme
- Monthly Board meetings
- Email information sharing

Building relationships and linkages

- Taking part in the Lambeth Forum Chairs group
- Working with KOV and LBL to deliver the North Lambeth Expo on October 10th at WAC
- Supporting the South Bank Forum
- Observing at the South Bank Partnership
- Working in partnership with other local stakeholders on matters of mutual concern

A strategic vision for Waterloo

- Co-sponsoring the 2009 South Bank neighbourhood MORI Poll
- Working to deliver consultation and community representation on the Waterloo SPD
- Taking part in the Consensus Group response to the Waterloo SPD led by Councillor Peter Truesdale
- Workshops at our AGM and Annual Conference
- Providing the space for discussion and reflection at board meetings, via email and other means

Over the year we have helped lever in £31,400.00, of which we have spent only £3,696.00 on our own costs (11.7% our target is 10%). All the rest has been paid out to member groups and local individuals to fund the cost of the delivery of the various projects we have been promoting. We end the year with £16,228.00 in the bank.

Richard Bridge
Chair, WaCoCo
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