



The Hammersmith Society

Minutes of the Awards Evening and 61st Annual General Meeting On 30 September 2024 at 245 Hammersmith Road, W6 8PW

Present: Cllr Daryll Brown, Deputy Mayor, and some 60 members friends, guests and representatives of local groups and award winners.

Richard Winterton, Vice Chair, welcomed members and guests on behalf of the Chairman, Richard Farthing, who was unfortunately unwell with COVID.

He further advised that the President Hans Haenlein MBE wished to stand down as he had moved away from London. The Vice Chair outlined the valuable contribution Hans had made since the inception of the Society and his valuable knowledge and advice.

Hammersmith Society Awards were introduced by the Vice Chairman. Nominated schemes were reported on and awards were presented by the Deputy Mayor as follows:

- The main Hammersmith Society Environment Award and the Jane Mercer Award for community involvement were not awarded as the committee felt no suitable nominations were forthcoming.
- The Nancye Goulden Award was awarded to two projects this year:
 - White City Public Realm Improvements particularly around EdCity, and
 - The Defector's Weld public house on Shepherds Bush Green.
- The Tom Ryland Award for Conservation was also awarded to two projects this year:
 - the Leaning Lady statue restoration adjacent to the A4 and St Peter's Church. Restoration was organised by affiliate St. Peter's Residents' Association in conjunction with the Heritage of London Trust.
 - The restoration of the Grade II listed Ravenscourt Park Teahouse.
- Wooden Spoons were awarded to two schemes which had got it wrong, namely:
 - The tatty 'Livat' planters in King Street, and
 - The inappropriate gates and fencing around the paddling pool and at the Ravenscourt Avenue entrance in Ravenscourt Park.

Guest Speaker

Sally Protheroe, Chair of the Planning and Conservation Working Group of the London Parks and Gardens Trust. Her talk on London's parks and open spaces at risk focussed on the Trust's work in protecting green spaces from harmful developments. She also talked about the controversial proposal for a large Holocaust memorial to be sited in the Grade II* Victoria Tower Gardens adjacent to the Palace of Westminster.

2023-4 Chairman's Report

The Vice-Chair summarised the Chairman's report on behalf of Richard Farthing, the full report being on the Society's website which included:

- The redevelopment and restoration of the Royal Masonic Hospital by Telereal Trillium with their architects Sparc
- The huge redevelopment of the Earls Court site which sits in both Hammersmith & Fulham and Kensington & Chelsea by the Earls Court Development Company.
- The many proposals for new build student accommodation.
- A Town Centre SPD is being reviewed.
- Hammersmith Bridge, roundabouts and cycle lanes.
- The Community Schools Programme in particular in relation to Avonmore School

Minutes of the 60th AGM had been circulated to members and were agreed.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts:

The Treasurer Nina Jindal had circulated the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023/4 which showed a surplus for the period of £1081.41, income having been £2005 in subscriptions and donations and total expenditure of £923.59. The accounts were agreed.

Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected unopposed

Richard Farthing.....Chair
Richard Winterton..... Vice Chair
Matt Hedges..... (Acting) Secretary
Nina Jindal.....Treasurer
Richard Farthing.....Membership

Committee members: Annabel Clarke, Angela Clarke, Annabelle May, Chris Tranchell, Michael Rivers

The Vice Chair reported that Robert Iggulden had stood down from the committee during the year and thanked him for his time and support of the Society over his time on the committee.