



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE STRAWBERRY HILL
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025 AT 7.30pm
STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB**

PRESENT

Chair	Andrew Miller
Secretary	Pam Crisp
Treasurer	June Collins
Committee members	Mike Allsop
	Mary Hughes
	Peter Lamb
	Louisa Carradine
	Sam Kamleh
	Jonathan Bayliss
	Fiona Maxwell
	John Tjaardstra
Residents	30 present

APOLOGIES

Committee members Dany Mooney

Andrew Miller welcomed everyone and said he was delighted to see so many people in attendance for the social evening and AGM of SHRA. He also welcomed PC Gregory Roberts, Councillor Richard Bennett and Claire Leighton and Charlotte Savery from Strawberry Hill House.

Approval of the minutes of the last AGM, 24 April 2024 proposed by Sue Bennetto and seconded by Fiona Maxwell. The proposal was agreed.

Chair's report – Andrew Miller

Andrew thanked everyone for coming and particularly thanked those who have supported SHRA during the last year. He also thanked John Tjaardstra who is standing down from the committee as Business Liaison member. We are looking to recruit four new members to the committee to ensure we can continue to hold activities and to secure the future of the Association. He noted that Louisa Carradine had been shortlisted for Richmond's Community Heroes awards in the Environment category.

He then highlighted a few strong features of the last year's activities - partnership with Strawberry Hill House; the monthly litter picks; the popularity of our local history book; and Carols in the Village - and thanked our sponsors for their support. The main issue faced by the Committee during the year was the closure of St James Memorial Hall as a community resource and the failure of St James Church and St Catherine's School to address legitimate

concerns raised by SHRA. The second ongoing problem was the long drawn-out process of letting the Radnor Gardens café.

Andrew raised several issues that the SHRA Committee would be facing in the year ahead: updating the SHRA website; reviewing our health and safety policies; Heathrow's third runway and aircraft noise; relaxation to planning rules; plans to increase the number of non-sporting events at the Allianz Stadium.

Comments on the Chair's report were then invited.

A resident of Hollies Close said they have received letters from a developer regarding garages that are adjacent to the allotments next to the Close. She hoped there were no plans to sell of the allotment site. It was noted that the allotment site is protected Metropolitan Open Land.

The Chair noted that the redevelopment of the Music Block at St Catherine's school is going ahead but it is hoped that heavy vehicles will use the Grotto Road exit onto Cross Deep rather than the Radnor Road exit.

A resident commented that the café in Radnor Gardens has still not reopened and suggested that a 'pop-up' mobile café would be a welcome addition.

She also raised the issue of the infrequent cutting of grass verges in the area. The Chair said he had outlined the council's verges policy in Bulletin 184. Cllr Bennett said that he understood that verges would now be cut three times a year. Another resident said that grass verges were an important part of our habitat as they absorb water and encourage plants to grow.

A full transcript of the [Chair's report](#) is available on our website.

Treasurer's report – June Collins

June thanked all residents who subscribe to SHRA and thanked the Fortescue Park Residents' Association who have made a block donation. Sponsorship from local businesses has again been a feature thanks to John Tjaardstra and she thanked St Mary's University and the Alexander Pope for providing a room for committee meetings. June thanked John Naish who has verified our accounts again this year. She noted that sales of the Association's book on the history of Strawberry Hill have decreased but hoped that these would pick up again following the latest reprint.

A question was asked about a sum of £500 against debtors. The treasurer said this was for outstanding payments that had been received and would be shown in the following year's accounts,

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Dougal Miller and seconded by David Cornwell. The proposal was agreed.

Election of SHRA committee

The secretary asked for approval for the re-election of Andrew Miller as chair of SHRA. This was proposed by Sue Youngs and seconded by Robert Youngs. The proposal was agreed. The chair then asked that Mike Allsop, Louisa Carradine, June Collins, Pam Crisp, Sam Kamleh, Peter Lamb, Mary Hughes, Fiona Maxwell, Jonathan Bayliss and Dany Mooney should be nominated to the committee. The following officers to be appointed by the

committee: Pam Crisp as Secretary, June Collins as Treasurer. Resigning from the committee – John Tjaardstra. Approval was proposed by Andy Limbrick and seconded by Trish de Villiers. The proposal was agreed.

Any Other Business

A resident commented on the weed filled state of the planter at the bottom of Tower Road. This had been planted with bulbs by SHRA a few years ago but these were removed when the drainage works were completed at the site. It could be a site for a community planting initiative.

Charlotte Savery suggested that residents could use the café at Strawberry Hill House while the one at Radnor Gardens remained closed.

Another resident noted the amount of rubbish that was left after the recycling teams had emptied bins. A resident said the council encouraged local litter picking groups and Louisa Carradine who leads on this for SHRA said that the Habitats and Heritage charity was planning an event to enable groups to link up.

P C Roberts gave a brief outline of his career and his area of responsibility. He works closely with the local community including schools and the University. There are many changes forthcoming for the Metropolitan Police Force following budget cuts but there will be two officers in the local Safer Neighbourhood Team. A committee member said that local shops feel vulnerable and need the support of the police. PC Roberts said that the police know many of the local shoplifters and try to ban them from areas to prevent repeat offences. The police are making the prevention of shoplifting a priority.

Andrew declared the formal part of the meeting closed at 8.30 pm