

Friends of the Durning Library

Cancellation of the 2020 annual general meeting

Dear Friends,

Our 2020 annual general meeting was scheduled to be held on 20 April 2020 but, as with so many other events of that kind, the committee has decided to cancel it because of the coronavirus epidemic. We delayed the decision as long as we could but it became clear last week that we had no choice. We have decided on cancellation rather than postponement as we will not be able to rearrange the meeting for some considerable time. Councillor Winifred, Lambeth's cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, had hoped to attend and we are very sorry not to be able to hear from Susanna Barnes about current developments in Lambeth's libraries but hope that in due course we can circulate an update from her.

There are some pieces of formal business that we normally complete at the AGM and for which we need, if we can, to get our members' agreement in order to regularise our position. These are:

- approval of the 2019 minutes
- adoption of the chair's report for 2019-20
- approval of the treasurer's accounts for 2019-20
- re-election of the chair and committee for 2020-21.

The committee has therefore decided to hold a 'paper/virtual AGM and the relevant documents are attached. The names of the candidates for chair and committee are in the agenda for the AGM; in present circumstances, it would be very difficult to secure the necessary proposers and seconders so we have decided not to try to do that.

If you agree to this course of action, you need do nothing more and we will assume that you are happy. If you have any questions, objections or suggestions, please tell the secretary, Kay Coombs, as soon as you can and in any case by 17 April 2020. The committee will then decide what to do.

We very much regret that the coronavirus epidemic means that all our libraries have had to be closed, at a time when they are most needed. The next few weeks are going to be exceptionally difficult for everyone. We hope that you all keep well and look forward to picking up the pieces when normal life resumes – whenever that is.

Best wishes,

Priscilla Baines
Chair, Friends of the Durning Library