

# TOOLEY STREET AND TOWER BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT NUTMEG HOUSE ON THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2005 AT 7.30PM

Alan Chapman, as acting Chairman and Treasurer opened the meeting by welcoming the fifteen persons present. He particularly welcomed, Mr Lola Fatogan, Southwark Council, and Councillor Nick Stanton.

He went through the minutes of the AGM held 2004, which were adopted by the meeting. The unaudited accounts were presented to the meeting.

The Chairman outlined the concerns of the Committee in living up to the objectives of the Constitution. The Chairman said that he and the Committee generally believed that if the TSTBCA divided – basically that south of Tooley Street came under the care of the Fair Community Housing Association which would handle tenants' rights, etc. as outlined in the objectives of the TSTBCA Constitution, and that north of Tooley Street formed itself into a group which would be concerned with such things as commenting on events being held on Potters Field, planning applications, road infrastructure, etc. The Chairman proposed that the meeting room and possibly the bank balance of around £4000 should be taken over by the Fair Community Housing Association.

A lively discussion ensued covering some of the history of the previous Tooley Street Tenants and Residents Association, and which had led to the present situation, with several points being clarified by Lola Fatogan.

Councillor Nick Stanton suggested that it would be preferable for the TSTBCA not to split, as the Council would always prefer to deal with a body which represented the whole area, and that an undivided TSTBCA would in any case have a stronger influence in any discussions/negotiation if it represented the whole area. He believed that the current TSTBCA Constitution could be fairly easily adjusted to cover the issues outlined by the Chairman, and that the tenant-oriented issues could be taken over by the Fair Community Housing Association.

Lola Fatogan undertook to discuss the issues regarding tenants rights and maintenance and improvement of their housing conditions, amenities and environment, etc. with the Fair Community Housing Association, as did Christopher Baggot, Chairman of the FCHA.

For its part the TSTBCA would redraft the Constitution to encompass the ideas put forward by the Chairman and would circulate it to Lola Fatogan, and others concerned, for comment prior to the next meeting, where it could be adopted. It was agreed that the AGM would be reconvened at the beginning of September to continue and finalise the discussions.