



MOSAIC JEWISH COMMUNITY LIMITED (the Company)

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2017 AT 16.00

AT 39 BESSBOROUGH ROAD HARROW HA1 3BS

MINUTES

1 – Welcome by the Chair

Phil Austin called the meeting to order at 16.10, and welcomed the 55 congregants. He confirmed their attendance meant the meeting was quorate.

2 – Apologies

The Secretary noted the following apologies:

Lynne and Sam Charkham, Ron Tucker, Annette and John Ashmele, Jeanette and David Leibling, Wendy McLeish, Karen and David Pollak, Lawrence Chadwick, Neill Mendoza, Ros and David Lobb, Lydia Safir, David Martin, Gill and Michael Reik, Ann and David Simon

3- Minutes of the 3rd AGM of 8th May 2016

The draft minutes previously circulated were accepted as a correct record of the meeting. As a matter arising, the Secretary reported that MJC's application to the Board of Deputies in its own right had not been successful, and though that decision could have been challenged, the Directors had decided it would not appropriate to do so. The matter is therefore closed.

4 – Reports from Directors

The reports from Directors previously circulated were noted.

The Treasurer (Jeff Highfield) was asked to clarify the year on year variances in certain categories of expenditure and expanded on the explanation given in his report. G Italiaander suggested that suppliers of goods and services to the community might be approached to advertise in Kehila. The Treasurer agreed to follow up this excellent idea.

The Administration Officer (Alan Solomon) reported that, since his report, one of the office staff had resigned, and that it was not at this stage proposed to replace the position with a paid member of staff. The intention was to re-organise the duties of the other 2 members of staff, and involve more volunteers, in order to maintain and improve the quality of service to all congregants.

The Community Group Officer (Jane Prentice) updated the meeting on recent and planned future events, emphasising that the greater the number of volunteers and helpers, the more events the community can put on, and the more enjoyable they will be.

The Marketing and Communications Officer (Mark Philips) reported on the quality and impact of the MJC website and other social media platforms, thanking Stefan Roos for his contribution. The unrivalled range of community activities does attract frequent interest from non-members but he agreed that these contacts need to be more actively followed up.

On HaMakom religion school: Rabbi de Magtige Middleton praised the contribution of the 2 co-heads in bringing new ideas and new energy to the school programme, and that the children were increasingly engaged and eager to attend.

On Kehila: many congregants complimented the production team on the quality of the design and production of the magazine. Edwin Lucas suggested that more articles following up on the success of community events might make the magazine a more useful tool in attracting new members.

Property relocation: Phil Austin (in the absence of the chairman of the Property Group) reported on the continuing contacts with the London Borough of Harrow including on situations where the Borough is disposing of land and properties it owns. He also reported that Mosaic Reform had agreed to the cost of making a pre-application submission to the Borough to show how the Bessborough Road site could be used and the maximum value realised. He also reported that the Borough were proposing to dispose of the Vaughan Road car park land, which would have a material effect on the community's use of the Bessborough Road site. The Property Group had not yet determined how to respond to that proposal, but there was a possibility that the community might be asked to object en masse to the proposal. Several congregants suggested it might be a better tactic to work with, rather than fight, the Borough. Steve Noble commented that this would be a more appropriate approach if the Borough were also the prospective seller of the property the community might be looking to purchase. He also remarked that the Borough may be patient of the community's decision making processes (including raising finance) than a corporate seller.

5 – Resolutions

Resolution 1, a special resolution to amend paragraph 9.1.2 of the Articles of Association, was proposed by Harry Grant and seconded by Alan Solomon. It was approved, nem con.

Resolution 2, a special resolution to amend paragraph 9.2.1 of the Articles of Association, was proposed by Harry Grant and seconded by Michael Harris. It was approved, nem con.

Resolution 3, an ordinary resolution to elect Jeff Highfield as Treasurer for a term ending at the end of the next AGM, was proposed by David Safir and seconded by Edwin Lucas. It was approved nem con.

Resolution 4, an ordinary resolution to elect Barbara Grant as Chief Administration Officer for a term ending at the end of the next AGM, was proposed by Linda Holman and seconded by Daniel Brown. It was approved, with only 1 vote against (Harry Grant).

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 17.15.