

Eltham Arts AGM

Saturday 18 June 2016, 10.30am

CANE, New Eltham Library, Southwood Road, New Eltham SE9 3QT



IN ATTENDANCE

Gaynor Wingham - Eltham Arts (Chair)
Reeva Charles - Eltham Arts
Dave Kenningham – Eltham Arts/Folkmob
Zahira Al Zahira – Eltham Arts /Folkmob
John Wingham – Eltham Arts (Treasurer)
Pragya Kumar – Eltham Arts/Artiday
Cllr Mark Elliott – Royal Greenwich Eltham South Ward
Cllr Matt Hartley Royal Greenwich Eltham South Ward
Nigel Fletcher
Joe Bradley – Eltham GPO
Jennifer Sims – Bob Hope Theatre
Ted Parker – Bob Hope Theatre
Andrew Downie – St Thomas More School/SE9 Container Gallery
Carole Thomas – Friends of the Tarn
Richard Wren
John Killick – CANE
Matt Clarke – Greenwich Visitor

APOLOGIES

Geraldine Helps (NECP, Ian Small (Severndroog Castle), Liz Oglesby (St Lukes Church)
Wendy Moore (author), Norma Cohen, Barry White (Eldorado), Rita Billingham
(Progress Estate Residents Association), Amy Duffin, Caroline Walsh.

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Attendees were welcomed to Eltham Arts' 2nd AGM since its inception in August 2013

2. MINUTES OF AGM 23 MAY 2015

Minutes of the previous AGM were agreed.

3. ADOPTION OF REVISED CONSTITUTION

1 A revised constitution had been made available on the Eltham Arts website in advance of the present AGM and hard copies were made available at the meeting.

2 Also made available on the website in advance were:

Eltham Arts Children's Safeguarding Policy 2016

Eltham Arts Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy 2016

All three documents had been submitted and agreed by the Greenwich Action for Voluntary Services (GAVS).

- 4 The Eltham Arts Executive Committee had considered whether EA should seek to become a formal charity but having taken advice from other, including from AVs, decided against this for the time being.
- 5 The constitution and safeguarding policies were **agreed**.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

- 1 The Chair, Gaynor Wingham, reported on Eltham Arts' activity during the previous year since August 2013 (see Appendix A)

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 1 The Treasurer, John Wingham, had made available the 'Eltham Arts - Financial Statement and Summary (1/4/2015 to 31/3/2016)' and reported on some key figures, including:
 - i) £1,652.27 had been carried over from the previous year (i.e. 2014/15)
 - ii) Income and donations from 1.4.15 to 31.3.16 had totalled £2,041.25
 - iii) Expenditure during 1.4.15 to 31.3.16 totalled £1,424.42
 - iv) Leaving a Balance at 1.4.16 of £2,269
- 2 The estimated total sponsorship for the 2015 Arts Festival was £3,800, the largest part of which was by the *Greenwich Visitor* publication.
- 3 The Eltham North and Eltham Park South local councillors were thanked for provisional approval of the award of £3000 towards the cost of the 2016 Festival though full approval was pending; Eltham North councillors were thanked for the provisional award of £320 to produce the Eltham Arts CD, full approval also pending.
- 4 Eltham would be proceeding with arranging a 2016 Arts Festival, for which additional fundraising would still be needed to add to the Council's contribution. There was discussion about possible sponsorship ideas including: applying to 'Awards For All', approaching Estate Agents for sale board publicity and crowdfunding e.g. Kickstarter.
- 5 The 'Eltham Arts - Financial Statement and Summary (1/4/2015 to 31/3/2016)' was formally **approved**.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

- 1 Ms Pragya Kumar (local freelance artist) was proposed and voted as a committee member (proposed by: Carol Thomas, seconded by Mark Elliot).
- 2 The following people were elected in 2015 and have agreed to continue on the Committee for 2016/17: Reeva Charles, Dave Kenningham, Gaynor Wingham (Chair), John Wingham (Treasurer), Zahira al Zahira

7. AOB

None

**Chair's report by Gaynor Wingham for Eltham Arts AGM Sat 18 June 2016 at C.A.N.E, New Eltham Library, Southwood Rd, New Eltham SE9 3QT**

The last year has been very successful in all areas. Our network is expanding and having a positive impact in the lives of our community in Eltham and the SE9 area. We are involved with individuals and local arts groups, as well as supporting local developments such as the Eltham Town Centre development and regeneration.

We have joined GAVS (Greenwich Association Voluntary Services) and have developed our constitution and safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adult, now on our website.

Our committee is hardworking, enthusiastic and fun. At the beginning of the year we had seven members. Two committee members Joanne Sanderson and Amy Duffin, have stood down this year. Both have been committee members from the early days. We have co-opted Pragya Kumar on the committee who has been an active supporter for some time.

We have been involved in supporting many local creative events by promoting or attending them. We were also involved with RBG in organising the Eltham Music Festival in Passey Place in July 2015 and Festive Singing in the Eltham Centre and the White Hart raising money for Greenwich Food Bank in December.

Our big event has certainly been the Eltham Arts Winter Festival which ran from 31st Oct to 22 November 2015. With an enthusiastic response from individuals, local groups and the great Eltham community, over 120 events were organised and enjoyed. We are currently planning a Winter Festival 2016.

The Winter Song Challenge during the Festival has resulted in a great CD of 10 original songs by local songwriters/musicians and a launch of 'Aspects of Winter – The Eltham Collection' on 2nd July at Capital Art Gallery, Eltham

We communicate with our network mainly through email newsletters, social media and our website. With over 2200 twitter followers for @ElthamArts and a Facebook account we are seen as one of the main 'influencers' in Eltham. I write the Life in Eltham column for Greenwich Visitor, which provides another way to communicate with local people. This free local paper with 30000 circulation has been a great support to Eltham Arts and popular with the Eltham community.

Eltham has a vibrant arts scene. With theatre at the Bob Hope and other venues, live music in the pubs, regular concerts, fantastic libraries offering many activities, three art galleries and lots of choirs, dance, art and craft groups plus so many wonderful parks open spaces who would want to live anywhere else?

Eltham Arts is our wonderful network of creative people. We hope to continue our work for the next year. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved to date. We are always looking for active volunteers

Gaynor Wingham – Chair of Eltham Arts