

**WIDCOMBE ASSOCIATION**  
**AUTUMN MEETING WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> 2009 AT ST MATTHEW'S**  
**CHURCH.**

**1. Chairman's introduction**

The chairman opened the meeting and explained that, to save paper, printed agendas had not been produced. The agenda was displayed on a flip chart.

**2. Tribute to Don Lovell**

The Chairman invited Mayveen Blackwell to give a tribute to Don Lovell, a former Chairman of the Association. She said that Don died peacefully, in his chair, on 26<sup>th</sup> June in his 87<sup>th</sup> year. He joined the WA Committee in the early 1990s and was Secretary from 1993 to 1999, and then became Chairman. He was hardworking, meticulous, reliable, knowledgeable and totally committed to the WA, his main interest being in the Rossiter Road campaign. When asked, "when shall we succeed?" his answer was, "not in my lifetime." The last event he attended was the talk on Holloway when the research pamphlet of the area, that he had produced, was displayed.

**3. Committee changes**

The Chairman explained that there had been a number of changes to the Committee and that members co-opted since the AGM needed to be elected formally at this General meeting

**a. Election of Paddy Doyle as Vice Chairman**

The Chairman explained that the new constitution had rendered Rupert Rhymes ineligible to remain as Vice Chairman. A 'let-out' clause had been invoked at the AGM so that Rupert could continue in office until a successor could be found. The Committee had invited Paddy Doyle to take over from Rupert and the Chairman proposed that Paddy Doyle be elected Vice Chairman and the motion, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

**b. Election of Mayveen Blackwell**

The Chairman said that David Waterstone had taken on the role of Membership Secretary as a stop-gap measure and, due to his other commitments was unable to continue. Mayveen Blackwell had rejoined the Committee and taken over David's responsibilities as Membership Secretary. David would remain on the Committee and continue to be responsible for the Abbey Cemetery. The Chairman thanked David for his work and then proposed that Mayveen be elected to the Committee and the motion, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

#### **c. Election of Andrew Gordon-Duff**

The Chairman announced that Robert Hornyold-Strickland is moving to Malta but it was fortunate that Andrew Gordon Duff was willing to replace him as the member with responsibility for planning. An orderly take-over had been achieved and the Chairman thanked Robert for his work on the Committee. The Chairman then proposed that Andrew Gordon-Duff be elected to the Committee and the motion, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

#### **d. Election of Sue Dawson**

The Chairman explained that, following her successful campaign to ensure retention of the 20A/C bus service, Sue Dawson had been invited to join the Committee. She has been co-opted to the Bath City Liaison Forum Task and Finish Group on Transport with a particular role in relation to suburban bus services. The Chairman proposed her election to the Committee and the motion, having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then announced that Samy Ramasamy had left the committee and thanked him for his services to the Association both in respect to the Rossiter Road Sub-Committee and to his unstinting help at events organised by the WA. The Chairman explained that he had taken over from Samy as chairman of the Rossiter Road sub committee.

#### **4. Conclusion**

The business having been completed the chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm and, following a short interval, the Song for Widcombe competition finals took place.