

# WEST WIND

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April 2017



## **Newsflash: WWRA approves Wisdom Da Costa as candidate for the Clewer North By-Election on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017. More on back page**

### **AGM Report**

The WWRA held its 2017 Annual General Meeting at Homer School on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The busy evening commenced with presentations by Sergeant Jemma Calver and Inspector Louise Warbrick from the Thames Valley Police (TVP) about crime, policing, and working with local residents to help reduce and solve crimes.

TVP will meet regularly with WWRA members over the coming years to build a partnership and, your Committee will be instrumental in this process.

Chairman Kevin Chapman stressed the need for new volunteers to replace retired collectors and deliverers and to take seats on the committee left vacant by a string of resignations during the year; as a consequence of these resignations the committee was inquorate for much of the year which resulted in reduced levels of operations and has required the AGM to ratify even mundane decisions made by an inquorate committee

The meeting, which was 63 people strong, also received reports on Aviation and Planning; the committee will shortly publish (on the WWRA website at [www.wwra.org.uk](http://www.wwra.org.uk)) a cheat sheet/guide to help residents respond more effectively to the latest consultation on a third runway at Heathrow, produced by your local aviation expert Mike Sullivan.

The meeting received an update on the status of the WWRA as a political party and, agreed to the proposed amended constitution with a view to seeking status to field candidates at local elections, which under the PPERA legislation requires political party status to do so — Goto pages 2 & 3 for your copy of the new, amended Constitution.

The meeting also ratified an application to the Electoral Commission for political party status.

**UPDATE:** *Following concerns expressed by a few members, your Committee will take steps to protect the member voting rights of pre-existing members who do not want to be a member of a political party. We will report back shortly*

News of a by-election on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Clewer North was discussed, following the sudden resignation of Councillor John Collins and, former Chair, and former area Councillor, Wisdom Da Costa was proposed and approved as the WWRA candidate for the imminent by-election in Clewer North.

As a consequence of the reduced number of collectors and committee members, both income and especially expenses for the year were substantially down on prior years. Never-the-less, our bank balance has improved substantially.

The meeting closed with a call for members to invite their neighbours to join the WWRA, for more collectors and distributors to deliver our good news to residents, for folk to join the committee to help get more done locally and, for people to help the WWRA's candidate with the by-election set for 4 May 2017, to ensure the residents of the area have a voice on the Council.

Volunteers should email our Membership Secretary, Sara McDonnell on [travel-lingsar@hotmail.com](mailto:travel-lingsar@hotmail.com)

**To promote the interests & well-being of West Windsor Residents**



## **WEST WINDSOR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.**

Founded 1962.

### **The Constitution.**

#### **1 Name.**

The name of the Association shall be the West Windsor Residents' Association. (hereinafter called 'the Association'.)

#### **2 Nature.**

The Association shall be registered as a political party with the Electoral Commission and shall be named 'The West Windsor Residents' Association', hereinafter called 'the Party'.

The Association shall be independent of all other political parties and religious bodies.

#### **3 Objectives.**

The objectives of the Association shall be: –

- a To safeguard, promote and represent the interests of the resident members in the Association's area.
- b To promote the just, efficient and economical governance of West Windsor.
- c To render assistance whenever possible, in all matters, for the benefit of the resident members in the Association's area collectively and individually.
- d To stand candidates at elections

#### **4 Association's Area.**

Those parts of the Clewer Wards (North, East and South) and Park Ward, in the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, that lie to the west of the main trunk route, A332/B3173/B3022, that link Junction 6 on the M4 with LegoLand.

#### **5 Membership.**

- a Membership shall be open on a household basis to all residents over the age of 16 years in the Association's area and shall be effected by the payment of an annual subscription due on April 1st each year.
- b Associate Membership shall be open on the same basis to residents who do not wish to be members of a political party.
- c Associate Membership may also be offered by the management committee (hereinafter called 'the Committee') to others, who wish to work with the Association to achieve its Objectives.
- d Membership shall cease if the Committee decides that a Member's or Associate Member's conduct is harmful to the Association. Before expelling a Member or Associate Member, they shall have the right to state their case before a General Meeting.

#### **6 Subscription.**

The annual subscription for Members and Associates shall be such sum as may be agreed at a General Meeting of the Association.

#### **7 Management.**

- a The management of the Association shall be vested in the Committee.
- b The Committee shall submit to the Annual General Meeting each year the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. The Committee shall control the business carried out by or on behalf of the Association and shall have the full authority to act for the Association in all matters.
- c No person may claim to represent the Association in any way without the prior consent of the Committee.
- d The Association's bankers shall be appointed by the Committee.
- e All cheques must bear two signatures from the following officers:–
  - Chairman, Treasurer and another member as agreed by the committee.
- f The Accounts of the Association shall be audited by an Auditor, appointed by the Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting.
- g No sums of money in excess of £300.00 (three hundred pounds) may be expended by or on behalf of the Association without the consent of the Committee.

#### **8 The Committee.**

- a The Committee shall consist of up to ten members including officers elected under 8 (b).
- b The Association will elect its officers annually and these will include a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. This election shall take place at the Annual General Meeting, failing which the Meeting may agree that the posts are to be subsequently agreed by the Committee.
- c The Chair will be the 'Leader' of the Party. The Treasurer will be its 'Treasurer' and the Vice Chair will be its 'Nominations Officer'.
- d Election of the Committee and Officers shall be by show of hands at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall be in the hands of the Chair / Secretary prior to the Meeting, each nomination being signed by a proposer and seconder and the nominee's consent having been obtained. Nominations, proposed, seconded and agreed by the nominee, may be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting if sufficient nominations have not been received by the Chair / Secretary.
- e Elected members of the Committee shall automatically be eligible for re-election.
- f Any vacancies in the Committee arising within the year between Annual General Meetings shall be filled by co-option by the Committee.

g Failure to attend three Consecutive Meetings can result in a request to resign.

h A quorum for Committee meetings shall be over 50% of the Committee membership.

#### 9 Meetings of the Association.

a A quorum for meetings of the Association shall be 40 members. If such a quorum is not present within 20 minutes of the stated time the meeting will be adjourned.

b All Members attending a meeting shall be entitled to one vote. Associate Members are not entitled to vote.

c Voting shall be decided by show of hands or, at the discretion of the Chair, by ballot.

d A vote shall be decided by simple majority of the members voting.

e A *General Meeting*, of which 10 days notice must be given, may be called at any time desired by the Committee.

f A *Special General Meeting* shall be called within one month of the receipt by the Chair / Secretary of a signed request from at least 20 members who have held membership for at least six months. Such a request and notice convening the meeting shall state clearly the purpose for which the meeting is called and no other business may be considered. Such a request must also be accompanied by a deposit of £75.00. This deposit will be returned to the member providing that a quorum attends the meeting.

g The *Annual General Meeting*, of which 21 calendar days' notice shall be given, shall be held during the month of March in each year to carry out the following:

i. Approve the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts and to appoint Auditors for the ensuing year.

ii. Elect Officers of the Committee.

iii. To consider Notices of Motion on subjects of which 14 days' notice in writing, signed by the proposer and seconder have been given to the Chair / Secretary. Details of these motions will be available to members on application to the secretary before the date of the Annual General Meeting and be included in the Agenda items for discussion at the Annual General Meeting.

iv. To deal with such business as the Committee may consider desirable.

#### 10 Association Sponsored Local Government Councillors.

a The Association may agree to sponsor candidates to stand for election as Councillors for those wards of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead that lie in the Association's area, on a mandate from the membership attending the Annual General Meeting.

b Candidate(s) will reside in the Association's area and be paid up Members of the Association. They will be

expected to be or to have been serving members of the Committee.

c Candidate(s) will stand as Members of the 'West Windsor Residents' Association' political party.

d The election expenses of sponsored candidates will be paid by the Association but are to be kept to the minimum and are to be agreed prior to conducting the campaign.

e The Officers of the Association, in their role as Leader, Treasurer and Nominations Officer of the Party are to ensure that the requirements of the Electoral Commission are fully met.

f Candidates will conduct their election campaigns in accordance with the legal elections requirements.

g Sponsored Councillors shall attend all Committee meetings unless on Council or other relevant business.

h Councillors will be expected to take account of the aims and objectives of the Association and the general views of its Committee in relation to their overall duties as Ward Representatives and Borough Councillors.

i No candidate shall be a paid up member of any other political party or shall use their candidature to promote any religious body.

#### 11 Changes in the Constitution.

In the case of a vote pertaining to alteration or addition to the Constitution of the Association at least two-thirds of the members voting must support the motion before such alteration or additions may be effected.

The Committee shall be the Sole Authority for the interpretation of these Rules and its decision on this or upon any matter not provided in these Rules shall be final and binding.

Dated this 17th day of March 2017,

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ ( Chair)

### Help us help you!

The WWRA is looking for;

- ◆ New distributors and collector
- ◆ WWRA ambassadors
- ◆ Committee members
- ◆ Specialist interest helpers

Contact Membership Secretary Sara McDonnell on  
[travellingsar@hotmail.com](mailto:travellingsar@hotmail.com)

**Help up help you and together, let's  
make Windsor a better place for all**

# WWRA approves Wisdom Da Costa, former Chairman, as candidate for the Clewer North By-Election on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017



At the AGM on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, the membership voted to approve Wisdom Da Costa as the West Windsor Residents Association candidate for the Clewer North by-election.

**Chairman, Kevin Chapman** said, *"Wisdom has been a councillor before and in my view has the experience to fully represent the people of Clewer North ward. particularly in relation to the proposed construction of 650 new houses in the green belt and the potential closure of our fire station."*

*"It is interesting to see in the pamphlet issued on behalf of the Conservative candidate, that the Tory candidate seems to be adopting WWRA policies; Standing against the new houses and closure of the fire station. Is the Tory candidate really going to fight against the local Conservative Party's policies?"*

**Committee member Richard Endacott** said, *"I am delighted that Wisdom Da Costa has decided to stand for the West Windsor Residents Association at the Clewer North By-Election, to continue the legacy of my late Mother, former Councillor Cynthia Endacott, ensuring fair representation for Clewer North residents; It is essential that local residents are given a voice at the Town Hall on issues which affect you"*

**WWRA Candidate, Wisdom Da Costa**, on Committee since 2013 says, *"As ever, I will work hard and skillfully for you and, I will take a stand on issues important to you such as housing, planning, school funding, residents health, roads, aircraft noise, fire station cover, management of Council funding etc.*

*I will speak out fearlessly for you when we see injustice and poor conduct in Council."*

This will be a close election so, Wisdom will need your support. If you can help, please email our Membership Secretary, Sara McDonnell on [travellingsar@hotmail.com](mailto:travellingsar@hotmail.com) and, remember to vote for Wisdom.

Please complete, detach and send to your bank; copy to Sara McDonnell (details below), or hand to your collector on their return

## STANDING ORDER MANDATE - WWRA Membership

To: The Manager	Bank address: i.e. (your bank)		
Please pay:	HSBC, 25 High Street, Windsor, SL4 1LN	For the credit of:	West Windsor Residents Association
Bank details:	Sort Code:	40-47-37	Account number: 21180215
The sum of:	£3.00 (Three pounds only)		
Commencing on 1st .....2017, and thereafter on 1st day of April annually until further notice, please debit my account accordingly			
Account name to be debit			
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