



**GOULDEN
HOUSE**
CO - OPERATIVE

Estate Office
Entrance A
Bullen Street
Battersea
London SW11 3HF

T 020 7924 5213
F 020 7924 5441
E office@gouldenhouse.org
W www.gouldenhouse.org

Special General Meeting

Monday 2nd October 2017 – 7.30pm,
Community Room, Entrance B Goulden House

Attendees:

Krys Dylewska
Richard Hickie
Chris Rowe
Rex Wickham
Gem Bryan
Anna Kirilov
Jane Memmler
Krystal McKenzie
Serena McKenzie
Emil Kirilov
Sunni Azarpour
Tracy Baines
Javier Polanco
Lois Davis
Rosario Green
Novelia Invernizzi
Judy Cotterill
Marie Krum
Felicity Mellor
Rory Bicknell
Clemonia Garcia
Derek Antwi
Kofi Boakye
Bart Lai
Ann Ward
Harry Wint
Markus Vater
Chris Bibby
Josephine Alipour
N Alipour
Audley Walker

Kamila Klidzia
Foday Kamara (WBC)

The special general meeting was called for a single agenda item:

1. Special Resolution: To remove a member from Goulden House Co-operative Management Committee.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm

Apologies were received from Dr Sarah Rubidge.

Attendance. Every person at the meeting was asked to sign in. Their eligibility to vote was checked against the register of members jointly by Christopher Rowe (co-opted committee member) and Audley Walker (estate manager).

Additional non-members present: Kamila Klidzia, Foday Kamara, Audley Walker

In advance of the meeting an “evidence pack” had been prepared and was available from the office. The pack was also brought to the meeting.

The necessary Quorum of 15 was checked and noted.

1. Ricard Hickie (RH) asked for permission of the meeting in order to fulfil the role of chair, in order to facilitate comment by the chair, Krys Dylewska (KD). No objections were noted.
2. Rex Wickham, the Secretary (RW) proposed the motion (1).
3. RH said the meeting would hear arguments for and against the motion before a vote was taken. He asked first

for arguments for the motion.

4. Ana Kirilov (AK) spoke, saying it was difficult to exist as an effective committee at the present time. KD said her role as Chair had been undermined at the committee meetings and at General meetings. Once a debate had taken place, the committee should present a united face. She said she felt she had the support of most of the committee and the estate manager.
5. RH asked Lois to speak.
6. Lois Davis (LD) said that the main allegation being made about her was that she had tried to get access to information and that she interferes in the running of the committee. She said it was her duty to get information in the interests of the Co-op as a whole.
7. LD summarized her past involvement with Goulden House (GH), saying she had been chair of the committee 2001-2008. She said she had rejoined the committee in 2016 as she was concerned that GH was performing so badly – service charges had risen excessively and service levels had dropped. There has also been staffing issues. She said a council audit at that time said the co-op was “at risk” and the budget was in deficit.
8. LD said she had brought a written response to the meeting and invited members present to review it – copies were distributed.
9. Marie Krum (MK) then spoke in support of LD. She said she does not find her disruptive at meetings and that anyone has the right to ask questions.
10. Chris Bibby (fl 258) said LD had worked hard for the co-op and is being treated unfairly.
11. Bart Lai (BL) said LD was not disruptive at meetings. He noted that KD had once sworn at LD and that this meeting was a response to that incident. He said there had been a secret meeting about a letter [this relates to a complaint by LD and response to it].
12. Christopher Rowe (CR) said KD had sworn after LD had left the meeting in question and LD then came back.

He then said BL was invited to discuss the letter.

13. Sunny Azarpour (member) (SA) said she had been on the committee for 15 years, alongside LD for many of them. She said LD may keep on about things, but she thinks she is not getting answers.
14. A man named Derek [sorry no last name noted, fl 8] said he had come to his first co-op meeting ever. He said the co-op had good and bad. LD had come to meet him and encourage him to join as a member.
15. Tracy Baines (TB) said she's lived at GH for 24 years and joined the committee 3 years ago, in order to have a voice in the co-op. She said that in the past 12-18 months there have been problems. She said the LD has been able to ask questions freely and they have been answered at meetings. TB added that the committee executive and also AK has worked tirelessly to resolve the problems the co-op was facing. She said it is not so good when some questions are asked over and over again.
16. Felicity Mellor (FM fl.144) said she would like to ask some questions. Her first question was to the supporters: She knows personalities can rub against each other. Was there a particular issue rather than just disruptive? What would happen if LD stayed.
17. KD replied saying there was a list of items in the evidence pack, mentioning also Kamila Klidzia (KK) resignation as manager. KD said she refuted that she or the committee had been doing anything 'dodgy'. She said that she would resign if LD stayed.
18. RH then ask KK to speak on the above point. KK said LD had constantly interfered in the running of the co-op. She felt she was under suspicion. She said LD has asked her for confidential information and that LD had spoken directly to contractors.
19. RH asked Audley Walker (AW) to speak. AW stated he had started in May this year. Journey has been with help of the committee a positive one. At the moment is stable and he wishes it to remain so.

20. Ann Ward (AW member) spoke. She said that in the committee Code of Conduct it says that members should act in the best interests of the co-op and not personally. She added she had heard things that can only have come from committee proceedings and this is a breach of confidentiality.
21. RH asked if anyone who had not spoken yet would like to speak.
22. LD said she wanted to reply to FM. She said she had been chair of staffing sub-committee and the purpose was to find out if inter-co-op working practice was good for GH.
23. AK said that in 3 months of the committee it never made a single decision. After Rachid [former manager] left, there was no direction on offer.
24. LD said the budget at the AGM was missing income and redacted. RW responded saying that complete budget was on the website publicly. AK added that the co-op is not over-spending so this claim is not correct.
25. FM said that she could see from the speakers that it was clear that everyone cares.
26. RH said that the committee majority wanted to get on with running the co-op. He pointed out the proposal was only to remove LD from the committee. She can still attend General meetings, vote and ask questions.
27. FM asked a question to LD – what were her plans for stability, how would she cure the disfunction.
28. Javier Polanco-Abad (JP) said in his view the committee is democratic and in every case, LD's questions have been satisfactorily answered. So it is not a problem with the questions – it is a problem with not accepting answers.
29. LD said that what needed to happen was a review of the situation.
30. RH asked for final comments
31. LD stated the last committee elections were not run properly.
32. CR said that no nominations were rejected as all

people were invited to submit nominations on the co-op forms.

33. KD spoke about financial issues raised. She said 18% increase was previous committee and a WBC (Wandsworth) billing error. RH confirmed this and said it was misleading and insulting to suggest the committee were mismanaging finance. SA voiced support for KD at this time.
34. Rosario Green (RG) said she wanted what was best for the estate.
35. RH started to sum up. He said that it is not about the details. If you vote for the motion you are supporting the current committee. LD is not being precluded from restanding or any General Meeting. BL stated this was not “the” committee” – it was not a unanimous view. RH agreed.

RH called for a vote at 8.30pm on the motion to remove Lois Davis from the Goulden House committee.

1. Voting was carried out as an anonymous ballot.
2. Votes were counted and checked by Foday Kamara from WBC and Audley Walker, Estate Manager.
3. RH announced the results
Votes For the motion: 29
Votes Against the motion: 10
4. RH stated that the motion had passed the necessary threshold of two thirds of votes cast, and was therefore carried.
5. RH thanked the meeting for being polite throughout. A member present said those present should thank LD for her work.
6. RH said that LD has done a lot for the block. He thanked her for the service many years ago and more recently
7. Meeting Closed 8.45pm

