



THAMES VIEW MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018/2019

08 Dec. 19

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Chairman's Forward

In the name of Allah the most Beneficent, the most Merciful,
Assalamu'alaikum Dear respected members,

We have enjoyed yet another exciting year at the TVMA. Highlights include, purchase and development of 17 Farr avenue, changes and improvement to our Maktab provision, Eid celebration with our community.

I would like to begin, first and foremost, by giving you an update on our main priority which is the provision of prayers at our centres. You will be pleased to know that, it is with a great comfort to all of us that TVMA now has a dedicated place of worship. When we first opened the doors at 15B a few years ago, we only had one room for our regular Salah, later we had to expand to accommodate more worshippers. Now 15B is not enough to accommodate, especially during holiday periods and Ramadan. Alhamdulillah now 17 Farr Avenue can accommodate nearly 70 worshippers in the main room with many more at the back rooms.

With the purchase of No.17, we are able to deliver better programmes where the Maktab, education and training programmes will be at 15B Learning Centre. No. 17 will be solely dedicated for prayer facilities. The rear section of both 15B and 17 will be merged as a multi-purpose facility.

I have just given you a brief summary of the progress, our secretary and treasurer will give you further details on this.

Ali Subhan

Chairman

Secretary's Report

In the name of Allah the most Gracious, the most Merciful.

AsSalamu'Alaikum Dear respected members,

Thank you for attending our Annual General Meeting 2019. I want to welcome you all to our latest expansion project "Thames View Muslim Centre", which is 17 Farr Avenue. In my short speech I would like to give you an update on the following:

In our running of the association we are witnessing more and more Muslims demanding facilities such as prayers and other programmes to be carried out for the ever-growing Muslim community in this and surrounding areas, particularly the Riverside housing project.

Another reason why we have seen a surge in Muslims using our facilities is the delivery of the Riverside housing project of building 11,000 new homes, promised in 2007. With the completion of each phase, new residents are utilising our facility. More developments are being planned by the LBBB and we envisage demand for bigger and larger facilities for Muslims to continue.

15B and 17 Farr Avenue utilisation

We witnessed that it took us a long time but at last we managed to overcome the barriers that were ahead of us. According to our permit, 15b will be our Learning Centre and 17 will be used as a Muslim Community Centre. It will be divided in two sections, rear of the centre will be a multi-purpose hall.

Education

We have successfully changed our curriculum and implemented the 3 days a week, the weekend, female only maktab, and much more. We have a dedicated sub-committee and they are working independently to ensure we provide excellent quality of education for those children who come to study at our centre. The education team will give you further details of this shortly. I like to thank them for their dedication and hard work.

Parking

At Thames Hall, the parking issues were an ongoing problem for many years. We have managed to negotiate a deal with the Curzon Club, next to the Hall, to use their parking facilities at a monthly cost. Since then we have been able to facilitate approximately 45 cars at the club's parking space. This has resolved our parking issues.

Recent 24 hours CPZ implementation would have greatly impacted our Jummah users. The community were concerned by this move by the council, and we worked with other small organisation in the local area to stop this. The community collected petitions and managed to stop the 24/7 CPZ.

Currently, we are aiming to get 2 hours free parking on Fridays around the Thames Hall during our Jummah time; this will be a great boost for those attending our Jummah. Margaret Hodge, the MP of LBBD also committed her support for this publicly.

Promoting diversity and inclusion in TVMA - Eid-ul Fitr & Eid-ul Adha celebration

TVMA now celebrates two Eid with the community. This year We organised community events and we took the council's permission to celebrate the event at the Market Parade. The locals and families attended these and enjoyed a day packed with fun and enjoyment.

Moving forward, currently we are working on:

For Many years the NHS plot has been a dream for us to purchase, whenever we tried to purchase it we have been battling many obstacles. The Plot was sold to developers a few years back and the objective of this project was to build a commercial property and a multi-purpose community centre. TVMA sought to persuade the developers and the councils to provide a facility for the Muslims of this area. I continuously held meetings with the council officials and developers to give us this place. They eventually agreed to sell the ground floor to us.

TVMA board of Trustees agreed to go ahead for this dream project and allocate me to negotiate with the developer.

I had several meetings with the developer, the unit will be purpose built finished unit of high quality with all necessary amenities and designed it according to our needs. According to present design its 510 SQM but we are now aiming to buy the whole of ground floor where the capacity is approximately 670 sqm.

Recently on 16th of November I organised a joint meeting where along with Trustees I invited developers, some qualified individuals such as Barrister, Solicitor, Property expert and few TVMA members to give, and hear their expert opinions on this.

Outcome of that joint meeting:

We hired two independent surveyors and there were two from the developers, to compare and assess the valuation. We average 4 valuations and fix the price.

Developer will revise the planning permission from D1 to D1 with worship and change the floor arrangement according to our need (Subject to the structure).

To move forward with this project, we need to give an initial deposit of 10% and the rest of the amount due upon completion in three years time.

10% deposit of the agreed price will be given to the solicitors and they will hand over to the seller upon completion.

I believe this a golden opportunity for us. I have announced this at our jummah hall and have been moved by the positivity from the public. I hope you will support us in this noble cause.

We need your vote at this point to go ahead with this dream project.

Review the present Management structure of TVMA:

Since our last amendment of TVMA constitution, Board of Trustees made some changes on Membership such as every 2 years members need to renew with a fee, we changed that to No fees and no renewal required as long as member not moved. I believe those changes need to be reflected in the constitution.

Last 2-3 AGM we failed to set job description of our officials and trustees, this is very important to implement those duties immediately and as we are going to a bigger scale now, I am suggesting to review the present Management structure and how to improve our Jummah prayers and other activities according to Sunnah and Holy Quran.

I am proposing to create a committee that will consist of some Trustees, expert professionals, and interested members to review those matters and give their report in next three months and according to that we call another special general meeting to amend the constitution if required.

Any of you have any suggestions please contact me through email, text, personally or suggestion box, If you are interested to be a part of that committee please let me know.

At this point I need your vote to form such committee.

Treasurer's Financial Report – 2018 -2019

As–salamu alaikum,

We have Three sources of main income in Thames hall, Ripple hall and FROM THE Box collection. You will find the breakdown on the other page.

- Arabic Class – Our Arabic class just about manage to the cover the cost of the three weekday teachers.
- We have two weekend Teachers and 1ne female teacher. From now on our Arabic classes has its own bank account and have set up the online banking, and debit card to make. This will improve efficiency for us, in addition, we have make payment to teachers through the bank account and we have encouraged parents to pay online. Almost all of the parents are now paying online. Next year we can give you more breakdown detail of income and expense for the Arabic classes.

- Taraweh Collection 2019

From Taraweh Hall we have collected £7635.00

- Taraweh Expense

We have 3 Hafiz + Imams at a cost of £4750.00

Thames Hall Hire came at £2577.09

Security £774.00

Total expense £8279.53

We have -£644.53.00 shortfall.

A friend of mine generously donated £1000.00 which covered the shortfall

Expense 15B and 17 Farr Avenue

- Rent has increased recently (rent review.)
- Electricity and water bill for both property

We have taken action to increase our income to counter our expense. From October we have introduced card machine to collect donation from the Friday prayer hall.

From October to 4th Dec 2019 our collection £500.51 on the card machine. If we had not introduced the card payment system we would not have noticed this increase in transactions. Like this, we will continue to look at ways to increase our source of income.

Another initiative was thought of by Mr Saad to increase the income is the monthly contribution from members who uses this facility regularly. More than 95% of the people who use this facility do not attend our Friday prayer centre due to work and other reasons and these people are unable to contribute.

We are thinking about how to ask our members for regular donation for a year now, now that we have 17 Farr Avenue almost ready and people can see the expansion. Now we thought it is the best time to ask for the regular donation and majority people have responded positively and we have a good number of regular donators.

For the 1st month we have manage to collect £850.00, Alhamdulillah.

- This year's major expense is
Building and renovation work of 17 Farr Ave, Phase one costing us so far £22,000.00
+ ongoing
- Current Assets
Saving Account (09/09/2019) £280,818.34
Current account (07/12/2019) £28,026.83
Total Found in our account £308,845.17



Thames View Muslim Association (TVMA)
Income & Expenses Summary-01/04/2018-31/03/2019
A/C : 00783198
Sort Code : 30-90-47
IBAN : 30904700783198

	£	£
Opening balance brought forward		22,695.09
Funds received		
Thames Hall	24,761.49	
Ripple Hall	11,853.00	
Learning Centre	14,025.00	
Till boxes	5,670.00	
Ramadan & Eid	4,505.00	
Members Donations	1,630.00	
Calenders	900.00	
Other Income-Teachers/Books	<u>10,517.50</u>	73,861.99
Expenses		
Salaries & Wages-Teachers	20,002.88	
Rent-Thames Hall, Ripple Hall and Farr Ave.	24,602.36	
Light & Heating	900.41	
Water	1,867.74	
Business Rates	854.72	
Insurance	407.85	
Printing, Postage & Stationary	950.00	
Eid/Event Expenses	150.00	
Legal Expenses	2,540.00	
Accountancy	<u>480.00</u>	52,755.96
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Closing balance carried forward		<u><u>43,801.12</u></u>

Ahad Miah - 07/12/2019