

DUCLOS POINT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (DPPO) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WITH MAYOR MARGARET QUIRK AND COUNCILLOR DAVE HARDING September 4, 2021

Meeting with Mayor Margaret Quirk

Mayor Quirk: Opening Remarks

- There are lots of trees marked to come down around the point, slated for removal sometime this fall. It is a large-scale project. A mailer will go out this fall although no date has been set yet. Issues have to be resolved around road closure and one way direction. Might take several days to accomplish this big project.
- The township takes security deposits from owners who have been granted permits for new builds. The township is aware of the issue surrounding our narrow roads and damage that might occur as a result of extra-long trucks delivering material and equipment to building sites. The deposit is taken to repair any damage to the roads. If it is simply an issue of wear and tear this is not a condition. Any actual damage is handled on a one-off basis through our insurance.
- Township is currently conducting a road survey throughout Georgina to investigate the condition of all roads (including Duclos Pt. Road). A high-tech truck with sensors and flashing lights will be measuring width, depth, potholes etc. Spot repairs on good roads will be conducted to keep good roads good. A report will classify roads that need to be redone. These will be prioritized.
- The mayor mentioned that most complaints received by the township involve speeding and garbage pick-up. She encouraged residents to call if they have issues with these two items.
- Mayor Quirk offered residents bright yellow 'children...slow down' signs. These were accepted.

- She asked residents to report any traffic issues to the YRP Road Watch Program. Especially helpful if you can provide a licence plate number. Just go to YRP Roadwatch and register complaint on line. If it's deemed necessary York Police will make home visits to the offenders.
- On Short Term Rentals (which are considered less than 30 days) the mayor said their bylaw office is enforcing regulations. There is a stringent process for applying for a licence which includes fire safety and septic inspections. Many short term rentals are not on major platforms any longer so it is difficult to monitor.

Questions & Answers

Q: Will the road report be public?

A: Yes, it will be based on two components, township's maintenance budget and its' reconstruction budget. Work began over the summer.

Q: Does the township have an actual budget re survey work to determine where township road allowance actually starts and stops and whose owns the property. Referring to small slice of property owned by DPPO along the small oval that DPPO is paying taxes on. Can this be conveyed to the town as there is no use for it and then we can stop paying those taxes.

A: (Linda Wahrer) We are not currently paying any taxes and are in the midst of transferring this small slice of land to the township.

Q: Will we get the taxes back?

A: Laughter from all.

Q: Is the township overseeing issues around the lake quality level as weeds are unbelievable.

A: The lake levels are governed by the Trent Severn Waterway which uses a curve to monitor levels each spring. You can contact them with any questions. The LSRCA (Conservation Authority) says that the lake is clean and healthy. More sunlight is coming through therefore more weeds. Weed issues particularly bad at Cooks Bay and Holmes Point. The LSRCA can answer your questions about weeds and has a lot of information on their website. They conduct water testing for phosphorus, fish species and habitat.

Q: Regarding excessive noise from neighbours and guests, for example outdoor music; do we call bylaw officers, police or can our association address this?

A: All three. Noise bylaw states that any noise causing a disturbance such as constant music can be reported. For habitual offenders, neither bylaw officers or police can be the complainant. Best to keep a diary/log of disturbances. However, if it's late and very loud call the police. Bylaw officers won't attend a complaint at midnight and won't

confront the individual. Honestly, it's a low priority for police. You can also make your association aware of ongoing problem.

Q: What is the status of the new one-way signs we were promised.

A: Haven't been overlooked, there is a work order and they are coming. No date yet.

Remarks by Dave Harding

- Our staff has already done a Georgina tour and the trees to come down are all marked on a map. They have all been checked and if the trunks are split this becomes a priority. There are so many on Duclos Point that to clean them all out is a large scale project. Have to find a solution to one-way traffic.
- Regarding the lake quality. Georgina only looks after the shoreline regarding complaints. LSRCA is the body that looks after the lake.
- The road investigation involves expensive high tech equipment. Once roads start to become 'broken' we conduct a shave and pave reconstruction. Our roads are checked every year through drive around.
- Dave apologized for missing last year's meeting due to health issues.

Q: Our road is in deplorable condition, when fixed it became too narrow so they added asphalt on either side like a patchwork. It broke down very quickly. Can our road be a priority?

A: It needs repair and fixing and based on the outcome of the scan can be reasphalted depending on the base. You'll see a slow moving vehicle with flashing lights scanning the road. I will check with staff to see when they will be in this area.

Q: The road has gone through patchwork after patchwork. Can you take a more aggressive approach other than just another patchwork? Take the proper steps to stop the pooling of water especially around the end of the park.

A: I agree it should be brought up to specs. Will have to see how much gravel exists underneath and look at the budget. New technology will show issues of base, cracks, tar etc. Will check with staff as this may already be in place. There are roads in much worse condition so it becomes a budget issue.

Q: What about the flooding issue? Can you try to solve this problem?

A: When the report comes back engineering will also do a drainage study. Will look at catch basin at the end of the park and see if it is suitable. Part of the lot might have to be

built up based on their recommendations. Engineering and drainage study will follow after report on roads and budget discussions.

Q: After topographic survey done it could be 4 to 5 years away.

A: We have to do it right; it does take years. First step is the survey, lanes may have to be widened. We can move on that but it's a budget issue, it's up to council and they will be working through many projects, truthfully not at the top of the list. Budget will be set in December. I can talk to the head of Operations and see if we can start on something.

Q: Resident noted that he emailed the works department to create a record on requesting ditch clean outs. Suggested residents do the same, contact township and put in a request. He reported they came and did the minimum and will likely have to come out again. Once reported it opens them up to liability.

A: This is the largest crowd I've seen; turnout strengthens your voice and association. Encouraged residents to email complaints and copy the DPPO and himself. This is the best method. Your request will be logged in and you will receive confirmation of receipt. If you haven't heard in a couple weeks, follow up.

Annual General Meeting

Linda Wahrer, President called the Meeting to order 11.04 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes 2020

Motioned to approve the minutes brought by Sara Wunch and seconded by Pat Bell. Carried

2. President's Report & Introduction of the Board

Dear DPPO Members:

Welcome to this year's Annual General Meeting. Once again, the meeting was postponed from the usual date in early July until now due to Covid restrictions. Thanks to Mayor Quirk for attending to provide information and answer concerns about issues pertaining to our community.

Again this year, it was an unprecedented time due to the ongoing pandemic. I think we all thought that we would be back to more semblance of normalcy by now. Again this year, the positive outcome of this is much more activity around The Point. Many residents who usually travel south remained home this past winter and there were many more people walking, snow shoeing, etc. In the spring and throughout the summer, many folks have engaged in tennis and pickle ball. If you haven't tried it, I suggest you

come out and play. It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and have a little exercise at the same time.

Board of Directors

I would now like to introduce our Board of Directors. The board held 8 meetings over the past year. The first few were held via Zoom but then we were able to meet in person this summer. Most of the work done by the Board occurs outside of the regular meetings and directors each spend quite a bit of personal time handling various tasks and duties. Just so you know, we begin each meeting with a review of outstanding issues and jobs to be done and each director must report on the status of their items to be completed. My sincere thanks to each of them for their efforts and contributions. This year, Linda Parsley has chosen to retire from the Board. She was on the Board for 8 years and was a dedicated member and produced the agendas for meetings, took and produced minutes of the meetings and many other tasks that needed to be handled. I want to thank Linda for her valuable contributions to the board. Even though she will no longer be on the board, hopefully she will continue to assist with Field Day as she has done for so many years.

2020 - 21 Year in Review

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the passing of Steve McKay who was a Board member for 6 years. Steve provided many valuable contributions to the Board and handled many of the improvements you see around the Point. He and his brother Andrew replaced all the railway ties around the playgrounds, he installed any new signs around the area and made sure the communication boxes were updated frequently. This is just small sample of some of the things he did. He will be greatly missed and we send our sincere condolences to his family. We also lost a longstanding resident and former board member – Dave Tomlinson. Dave always attended the annual meetings had many constructive comments. Again, our sincere condolences to Sharon and their family. Is there anyone else that I may have missed?

I would now like to go over some of the things your Board has been doing over the past year.

This past fall, we planted 5 new trees around the large park. We had an additional 5 free trees to replace those that had died and were still under warranty. Also, the town planted 4 new trees in the small parkette where the road splits. This area is road allowance and on town owned property. We also had an arborist trim all the healthy trees in the park to ensure safety and more consistent growth. This spring we continued with the inoculation of 16 ash trees in the large park. There was an assessment done by our arborist and it appears that the treatment has been working and there hasn't been any decline in the health of the treated trees. We have a number of trees marked with a red "R" that will be removed by the town sometime this fall. We continue to monitor the need for new trees and will consider purchasing more in the future.

We have continued with the maintenance of the 3 right of ways. We continue to clean up the west right of way that has a lot of debris wash onshore. We also engaged a

landscaping company to trim back the bushes and trees around each right of way. We continue to maintain the playground area and swing sets. This year the weeds were very bad due to the heavy rainfall in July. We use non-toxic vinegar to kill the weeds (thanks to the Singers for this donation).

We purchased and installed a new sign at the entrance to the Point. It is a large sign that says "No Public Lake Access". The sign was installed this summer (you may have seen it briefly) then knocked down by a vehicle after a short time. It was damaged but looks to be salvageable and will be reinstalled shortly. This sign has the intention of alerting people who come here thinking there may be a public beach or boat launch area.

As suggested at last year's meeting, we purchased a defibrillator for the Point. This will be installed shortly at the north right of way on the east side. This is the most central location for the unit. It took a while to install as we needed an electrician to do the wiring for the unit. The defibrillator is very easy to use with detailed voice instructions when it is activated. We will send everyone a copy of the instruction video shortly. Hopefully we will never have a need to use the unit.

On the systems side, we recently updated our website. It is now much easier to navigate than the previous version. We also have launched a Facebook page for members and Jason will talk about this later in the meeting. We have now completed the archiving most paper documents from past years. This includes meeting minutes, maps, annual meeting information, etc. There are meeting books dating back to the 1950s and these are now archived in a digital format so they can be stored and accessed forever. Thanks to Dave Buck for undertaking this lengthy process.

Unfortunately, this year, once again we had to cancel Field Day and the corn roast. Hopefully these great activities will be able to return next year.

After approval from the membership last year, we installed a volleyball net in the park. It is already having lots of use and we have received many positive comments from residents. We have a volleyball and line markers that are kept in the storage box inside the tennis courts.

Membership

This year I'm pleased to announce that we have 97 paid up members. This exceeded our target of 95 members that is used for budgeting purposes. We are also seeing an increase in the number of people using PayPal which reduces the consuming task of collecting and depositing cheques. Glenn will expand further on this in his Treasurer's report.

Looking Forward

Last year, we undertook to research the construction of a shelter in the park. There was an 80% approval by the membership to pursue this capital project. We now have a plan to proceed that I will discuss later on in the meeting.

Your Board will continue to ensure good maintenance of all DPPO equipment and property. We will continue to work with the Town representatives to ensure they fulfill their duties to keep our area in good repair. We welcome suggestions from the membership for new ideas and initiatives.

Thank you for your continued support and participation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Wahrer President, D.P.P.O.

3. Treasurer's Report

Glenn Gibson: First, I'll cover last year's results, then we can move to this years Budget.

A: REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

Please refer to the page with the yellow section on it.

1. **Firstly** - This financial statement and all of the related bank statements and invoices were **reviewed by Ross Bell** and Ross has provided the Board with a statement concluding that the statements are all in order.

2. QUICK OVERVIEW

Revenues were slightly higher than expected by about \$1,000, largely due to the residual sales of DPPO sweaters of \$700.

More dues were received than the 95 Budgeted, hitting 96 paid residents, which given the pandemic impact on some, we were pleased with.

Expenses were under budget by about \$200.

This was due to several offsetting favourable and unfavourable variances.

Park related cost were over by **\$450** as we did buy a **defibrillator** ultimately and hope to have that installed within a week or so. We had to be sure it was covered by our insurance hence some of the delay, as well as some electrical install delays. It will be in the NE ROW shortly.

Tree service costs were over by \$760 as we used some surplus to have the trees around the park trimmed, removing dead wood and low limbs.

On communications, we also spent a bit more on **security /anti hacking** for our website.

SAVING – These overages were more than offset by savings on Lawn cutting, insurance (a COVID 19 rebate), and, unfortunately, no spend on Field Day last year.;

So, the result was we had **funds left over** from **OPERATIONS** in excess of what we budgeted. We **budgeted a surplus of about \$3,500**, but had a **surplus of about \$4,700**, resulting in an overall \$1,200 favourable result.

On the **PROJECT** side, we had planned to **allocate \$4,000** to the **Shelter project**, but we used some of the surplus from operations to add to this and allocated **\$5,000** instead to help that ongoing savings plan.

Consequently, CASH held at March 31, 2021 was about \$25,800, or about \$1,200 more than we planned. We have allocated that \$25,800 as follows:

- \$10,000 is set aside as a reserve fund for emergencies, like trees that need to be removed due to a storm, pump failures, etc; We will try to hold this level and likely will increase this in future years for inflation;
- \$13,000 was set aside to save for a possible shelter build as discussed;
- And about **\$2,800** operating funds are to be carried over and used in 2021 to catch up other repairs, projects, the shelter, etc.

ALL IN ALL, last year was **on track financially** for the DPPO.

FINALLY – All **tax returns and information returns** have been filed for the year ended March 31, 2021, and all of our **insurances** are paid up and fully in effect through Sep 2022.

Any questions on last years results?

THE BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

Please turn to the other side of your page to see the Budget.

This Budget was **prepared**, **discussed**, **and approved** by the Board in June of this year.

While we have **held the Dues at \$300** per year once again (at least 8 years now with no increase!!), we did expect **Revenues** to drop back to **95** paid members with the continued pandemic, however, YTD is now at **97** paid so we are pleasantly surprised already!

Most expenses have been budgeted to have an inflationary increase, and so far we are tracking to those budgeted numbers.

Insurance we expect to go up as we don't expect another COVID 19 rebate.

The Park & ROW maintenance costs include a number of things such as the install of the volleyball nets, trimming back of ROW hedges, cleaning culverts, miscellaneous repairs, and start to gradually obtain updated surveys just to confirm DPPO property lines, especially for dealing with the Town on things like road allowance.

For trees, this is a year for **Ash Tree inoculation** on a dozen or so trees, which has been done already. There is tree planting provide for this year.

So, for this years Budget, the result is, we expect to run a \$2,900 surplus on the operating side.

On the PROJECT side, we have Budgeted to contribute the current and next years operating surplus to the **Shelter project fund**, bringing that fund to about \$18,000 by the spring of 2022.

The Shelter project, like the tennis courts and the playground equipment, is expected to be 50% funded with funds allocated from members dues, and 50% from individual members donations. This split funding approach worked extremely well for the tennis courts and playground, allowing us all to benefit sooner from these enhancements, and without needing to raise dues to do it, aided by the generous donations of some.

Linda will give you an update on the Shelter project and the results of our research on that shortly. We have had pretty strong support to pursue this and we are pretty pleased with the savings progress to date. **In the meantime**, we have not spent anything on this except our time, just earmarking funds for this for now.

Consequently CASH held at March 31, 2022 should be about \$28,700, about \$3,000 more than last year. We have allocated that expected \$28,700 as follows:

- Again, \$10,000 is set aside as a reserve fund for emergencies,
- \$18,000 was set aside to save for our possible shelter build project as discussed;
- And \$700 operating funds are to be carried over and used in 2023.

ANNUAL DUES for next year will NOT increase for the 9th year now and will remain at \$300 per year per member for now as we continue to deal with the trees, enhancements and save for our projects.

FINALLY - For those of us who have spend more time than in the past at the Point this year, I think we have come to appreciate, even more than before, the beauty of this park and the ROWS, and all the facilities it has to offer, in all four seasons.

We as a Board, and I'm sure all your neighbours too, really do appreciate all of you that continue to voluntarily pay your annual dues in support of this exceptionally special place.

And for that, we thank you so much!

Any questions on the Budget for 2022?

MOTION – to appoint Ross Bell as the financial statement reviewer for the Next year ending March 31, 2022, at the same compensation level, which is just a handshake.

Seconder?

4. Appointment of Financial Reviewer

Glenn Gibson put forward the motion to appoint Ross Bell as financial reviewer. Seconded by Sharon Tomlinson. Carried.

5. Maintenance Report

Removal of ash trees, plus a couple of poplars, is the biggest project going forward and DPPO will continue to work with the township to make sure this is done as soon as possible.

Recently completed clean up and trimming of trees in the Right of Ways for 2021.

Continue to monitor the township's work order to install one-way signs on our roadway. This should be completed shortly. Will also be re-installing the 'No Public Lake Access' sign at the entrance to Duclos Point, as it was knocked down a few weeks ago. The sign location will be slightly altered to protect it and should be up soon.

6. Capital Project Approval (Shelter)

Linda Wahrer explained that we need something, in part to create shade or keep the rain off. This could be used by tennis players, playground users for field day or corn roast. Will consist of a roof with posts on a concrete pad.

Sample diagrams of possible designs were circulated. It was voted on at last year's meeting and was approved by 80% of the membership. Now \$18,000 has been put aside. The price will likely range from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Will be looking to use funds already set aside and seek donations from members. It will be built to last with little maintenance, perhaps a metal roof. The dimensions would be approximately 20 feet x 30 feet. We have reached out to the GTTI (Georgina Trades Training Inc.) to try and get them involved with this project. They operate a pre-apprentice program and like to have students engaged in this type of community project. Will provide labour for construction. Hoping to have them take on this project during the spring semester. We should know shortly if they will accept our proposal. Would be located at the south end of the tennis courts.

Once approved we will need building permits for the construction.

Question: Why not locate at the unused top of the oval where it is often a wet spot.

Answer: It would be too costly as it would require a lot of fill. Also, we would need power nearby if it was used for the corn roast for instance.

Question: Who can use it and under what circumstances? And what about the nature of the use of the shelter for parties, picnics etc.

Answer: We will need to have rules for use that are posted. It is not to be used as a 'banquet or party' facility.

Question: What about noise concerns, power, lights. Who is going to enforce noise issues, garbage clean up, management, maintenance?

Answer: There will be no power or lights at the shelter. Glenn Gibson stated that DPPO board members are infrequently contacted about noise, people using the park etc. We investigate, often nudge those breaking the rules. Our lawn cutter will often take care of debris and clean up before cutting the grass. Between the community and the Board we are confident that we can control it.

Question: Concerns regarding noise and congregating.

Answer: It is a valid concern, however most communities have shelters or community buildings for members only use and community celebrations. We will have to be careful and set up rules regarding noise and usage. But basically, the Board is comfortable enforcing it if members are not comfortable.

Question: This affects some members more than others. Could there be a consultation with those most affected by the location?

Answer: That is a good suggestion. We will be contacting members by email to encourage residents to be a part of a consulting process.

Question: Will it have a lightning rod?

Answer: Yes, it will be grounded

Question: What about insurance implications or liabilities?

Answer: The Board has contacted our insurance company and the rates will not go up and there would be no additional liabilities.

Linda Wahrer put a motion forward to approve the capital shelter project which will be funded using \$18,000 already set aside. The motion was seconded by Kelly Pronyk. The vote was 22 yes and 15 opposed. The motion was carried.

7. Proposal of By-law changes

Linda Wahrer explained that our current by-laws were enacted in 2016 and there have been no changes since that time.

A) Motion put forward by the Board to adopt the following by-law on eligibility to become a board member:

Section 4.0, iv

i. iv. Be a registered property owner and a paid Member of DPPO, or be an adult child of a Member of DPPO, resident of Ontario and so designated by a Member of the DPPO to represent the Member on the Board of Directors.

The motion was seconded by Sharon Tomlinson. It was carried unanimously.

B) A tenant(s) of the property of the Member of the DPPO, who has a valid and bona fide lease for at least 2 months and who has provided a copy to the Board of Directors, then the tenant (s) and all specified occupants in the lease may use the real property owned by the DPPO without the need for a Member of the DPPO to accompany them.

Section 7.04, iv and v

A tenant(s) of the property of the Member of the DPPO, who has a valid and bona fide license with the Town of Georgina and who has provided a copy to the Board of Directors, then the tenant(s) and all specified occupants may use the real property owned by the DPPO without the need for a Member of the DPPO to accompany them. Motioned by the Board. Seconded by S. Kahane. Approved by membership with 3 opposed.

- ** Note: discussion regarding use of real DPPO property by-law to follow **
- C) Motion put forward by the Board to adopt the following new bylaw.
 - i. All prior by-laws of DPPO are hereby revoked.
 - ii. The enacting of new By-Law(s) or amendments to or revocation of any existing B -Law(s) may be enacted, amended or revoked as follows.

- a) The proposed enactment, amendment or revocation of a By-Law(s) shall first be approved by way of a resolution by the majority of the Board of Directors, and
- b) The proposed new By-Law(s), amendment or revocation of an existing By-Law(s) shall be put before and voted on by the Members present at an Annual General Meeting and shall only become in effect and force when so approved by a majority of the Members present at that Annual General Meeting.

Motion seconded by Quinn Simpson. Approved unanimously.

**Discussion re Real Use of DPPO Property

The Board had originally sent members a copy of their proposed by-law changes prior to the AGM. These were posted. The By-Law amendment regarding use of real property was proposed to only include tenant(s) of the property of a Member of the DPPO who have a valid and bona fide lease for at <u>least 2 months</u>.

At the AGM, resident Steve Kahane proposed an amendment to include Tenant(s) of the property of the member of DPPO, who has a valid and bona fide short term rental license with the Town of Georgina.

Steve made a presentation to the members present stating as a 40-year resident and knowing of the issues and problems surrounding recent short-term rentals, that he, as a property owner, would take full responsibility for his renters.

As the owner of a part-time, short term rental property he explained that the process to obtain a license from Georgina is rigorous, costly and includes examination of the property, septic systems etc. He said he only rents out for a minimum of one week and vets his renters. He asked that we not put all renters in the same basket and assured that not all are bad. Problems have arisen in the past when owners have not taken responsibility for their renters/guests.

He objected to the proposal of putting a 2 month minimum as proposed by the board, calling it a subjective decision.

His explained that only properties with licenses from the township would be responsible to every one of us. Since a license requires annual renewal, objections from communities could result in the license being revoked. Complaints to the township result in demerit points which can also lead to suspension.

Glenn Gibson interjected that he would vouch for the fact that there haven't been any problems with Kahanes' previous tenants.

Linda Wahrer agreed that Steve's proposed amendment should be considered. The Board was trying to open up real property usage beginning with 2 months. A list of rules for property usage has been listed on the website. Copies of the license/ rental agreement would have to be presented to the Board in either case.

Therefore, both the Board's proposed 2 month amendment and Steve Kahane's amendment were amalgamated and presented to the membership for a vote.

(Results of the vote and formal wording of this amendment are listed above.)

8. DPPO Clothing Presentation

Board Member Jason Kaufman spoke to members about our new line of DPPO clothing. He brought samples of the sweatshirt and toque. As with our last sale, DPPO will make a small profit on clothing sales. Members were asked to place orders on a sign-up sheet after the meeting or online on the DPPO website. Hoping to get all orders received by the first week of October with delivery in late November.

9. DPPO Facebook

Jason Kaufman and Dave Langille have been working on setting up a Facebook page exclusively for DPPO members. Jason suggested it would be a great place to talk about noise, road complaints, family events, post photos, play pickleball or organize volleyball tournaments. Plus community info such as handymen, other services, events, restaurants etc. He said he hopes it will strengthen the community. Information about this new Facebook page will be posted on the web. Look for info about Instagram as well.

10. Election of new Board Members

Four board positions up for election. Linda Wahrer and Dave Buck were running for reelection; Linda Parsley retired from the Board and Steve McKay's position was vacant.

Two residents put their names forward: Quinn Simpson and Rupin Sawhney. Both made brief presentations to the membership.

All names were submitted to the members for approval. Glenn Gibson motioned to approve the new board members. Sharon Tomlinson seconded. Carried unanimously.

10. ClearWater Farms

Pat Bell made a presentation to members about ClearWater Farms. The farm is an initiative started about 8 years ago and is located at Metro Rd/Lake Drive area. It deals in sustainable farming, care of the lake and is an educational site whose mission is to deepen the connection of young people and their families with the natural environment. She asked members to be on the lookout for an email inviting DPPO residents and families to tour the farm. This will take place on October 2.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12.45 pm.