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**Minutes of the Harambee AGM held on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Emmanuel URC 7:15pm – 9pm**

**28 attendees including Governing Council members: Stephen Tomkins (chairing this AGM), Jane Mumford, Alison Walsham, and Gino Henry.**

**Welcome and introductions**

Members and friends were welcome to the meeting by Stephen Tomkins, the Chair of the Harambee Governing Council. Apologies for absence were received from Marc Sangster and Chris Joynes of the Governing Council.

**Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the AGM of the Harambee Centre for 2007 were accepted and signed. There were no matters arising.

**Report and Accounts and Chairman's report**

The Harambee Annual report and accounts for 2007-8 were discussed in draft. A motion of acceptance was proposed by Stephen Tomkins and seconded by Gino Henry – this was passed unanimously. Stephen Tomkins then gave the Chairman's report.

**Motions**

There were 4 motions proposed by Stephen Tomkins to amend the Harambee constitution. These motions had been notified in full to members more than two weeks beforehand.

Motion 1 regarding name change was seconded by Jane Mumford

Motion 2 regarding quorum at AGM and Governing Council meetings was also seconded by Jane Mumford

Motion 3 regarding acceptance of constitution dated of 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008 was seconded by Alison Walsham

Motion 4 regarding membership was seconded by Joshua Wilson

All four motions were passed unanimously.

**Elections**

Alison Walsham, Gino Henry, and Stephen Tomkins were reconfirmed as trustees – proposed by Claire Bennett & seconded by Jane Carpenter. Chater Allan were reappointed as auditors – proposed by Stephen Tomkins, seconded by Alison Walsham and passed unanimously.

**Thanks**

Thanks was given to Terry Allsop as outgoing member of the Governing Council.

Particular thanks were voiced to our Leonardo programme interns Agi Berecz & 'Neso' Agnes Toth and to Julia Lumley for her continued work on resources. Thanks were also given to our many volunteers.

**Staff changes**

Sam Bennett was thanked for 10 years involvement with Harambee - in view of her expected departure (some time in July 2008) from her role as Strategy Coordinator. Jane Carpenter expressed how Sam had contributed so greatly to Harambee through a combination of strategic thinking and an optimistic sense of direction – of knowing where Harambee should be and having & communicating a sense that Harambee would get there.

**The official business concluded at 8:45pm**

The official business of the meeting had been preceded by a presentation by Sue Hodgson of Great Abington Primary School on her experience of participating in Harambee's Perceptions of Africa project. The official business was followed by a presentation by Joe Piper, Raju Raman and Jose Lima from the group "Fairtrade Cocaine" on the impact of the drug trade on children in South America and how there is no such thing as "Fairtrade" cocaine.