**Statements from candidates standing for election by ordinary resolution as Trustees for Friern Barnet Community Library at the AGM on 11 December, 2022.**

**Daniela Brandler is interested in the Trustee role of manager of online sales of rare books.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**I am a lawyer by profession, now working part time. I can ensure that the FBCL Trustees are aware of current legislation. I have some experience of online book selling and can help the Trustees find buyers for their rarer donated books. I am committed to this community as I grew up in Finchley, attended school in the area, went to university in the area and brought up my son here. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate.**

**Cllr Pauline Coakley-Webb is interested in the Trustee role of liaison with local government.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**I am currently a Trustee for Friern Barnet Community Library and have been since June 2014. I am a Councillor for our ward. I am Vice Chair of the East Barnet Community Festival which holds an annual three-day music and dance festival in June at Oak Hill Park, along with Theatre in the Park. I am a Trustee of the Lancelot Hasluck Housing Trust, a charity which has sheltered housing for older people of limited means. This includes receiving reports on the financial investments of the Trust, reports on the running of the estate and interviewing and agreeing prospective tenants. All of the above requires commitment, time and willingness to be part of a team which works to fulfil the charitable aims of the organisation. I apply the same skills to my role as Trustee of FBCL. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate.**

**Anne Finnie is interested in the Trustee role of safeguarding.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**I have been a Trustee of FBCL since August 2013. My skills lie in my background in Social Services, Child Protection, Mental Health and knowledge of the law. I therefore advise on safeguarding and problems around these areas. I look after the mandatory DBS checks for our volunteers. I am also assistant acting Treasurer for FBCL. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate.**

**Joanna Fryer is interested in the role of Chair of Trustees.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**My background is in teaching having been Head of Classics in various secondary schools in the UK and having retired from Finchley Catholic High as Head of Classics, Head of Careers and Teacher Governor. I was Secretary of the Save Friern Barnet Library Group and as such helped ensure that we won the legal right to run this library. I have been a Trustee since its foundation and was elected Chair in August 2013. Since that time we have achieved much. We have become a registered Charity, have developed all the correct policy documents and have maintained a healthy bank balance. We have installed a new boiler, a new kitchen and a new disabled access toilet. We have a new burglar alarm system, CCTV and fire alarm. We have a new, stronger perimeter fence, a repaired roof and have redecorated throughout. Our books are catalogued and the volunteers are learning the online library management system. Our volunteers have all had emergency first-aid training. We have secured a 25 year non-repairing lease from Barnet Council. I have also been acting Treasurer since January 2016, a position I am hoping to pass on after the AGM. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate.**

**Harry Gluck is interested in the Trustee role of Premises Advisor and Fundraising.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**My background is in IT and I am now retired from an excellent job at Imperial College, London. I was an active member of the Save Friern Library Group which won the right to run this library. In 2013 I became Treasurer of Friern Barnet Community Library but resigned that position in 2016. I was co-opted as Trustee again in 2021 and as such am also assistant Treasurer and Premises Advisor. I help ensure that we get the most reasonable quotes for quality work done in the library. I have been responsible for repairs to the fence and decoration of the outside of the building. I also have experience in fundraising through holding concerts and am looking forward to holding events in the library. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate.**

**Cllr. Linda Lusingu is interested in the Trustee role of fundraising support.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**I am a newly elected Councillor in the ward. I admire the energy and commitment I have seen from volunteers at the library and want to become involved in their fundraising events. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate.**

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**Penny Marlton is interested in the Trustee role of Secretary.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**I started off my working career with children as a nursery nurse, ending up running a nursery for children with special educational needs and disabilities for Islington Mencap. From there I qualified as a social worker but decided not to enter into paid work and stayed at home when I had our daughter. Later I worked for London Borough of Barnet in a technical setting looking after schools’ electrical equipment and ending up as a Senior Administrator. From there I made another career change into the Metropolitan Police Service as a Police Community Support Officer. This job has equipped me with the confidence to deal with challenging situations. I retired from the police in 2019 just before Covid lockdowns. I am very experienced in taking minutes of meetings and can fill the gap in that Trustee role for FBCL. Post Covid I was co-opted as Trustee of Friern Barnet Community Library. I am also a volunteer at London Zoo. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate.**

**Cllr Barry Rawlings is interested in the role of liaison with local government.**

**What skills, knowledge and experience can you offer?**

**I have been a Trustee of Friern Barnet Community Library since the first AGM and bring my many years’ experience as Councillor in our ward and Leader of the Labour Party in Barnet Council. I have this year become Leader of Barnet Council. For many years I have been Trustee in Home-start Barnet, Barnet Play Association and IPOP. I have had many years’ experience as a manager of a charity-run community centre and as a school governor. I hold an enhanced DBS certificate**