

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1st March 2005
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: Georgina Malcolm - in the Chair

Jean Barraclough, Carol Boulter, Rosemary Goldstein, Rosalind Josephs,
Leonie Stephen,
Simon Abbott, Denis Baron, John Boulter, Derek Chandler, Francois Crompton
Roberts, Richard Kemp, David Lewis, David Littaur, David Rapson, Michael
Rowley, Steve Morris, Gary Shaw, Douglas Thomas Alan Walker, Richard
Wakefield

Visitors included Joyce Littaur, Mr & Mrs Crossley

1 Apologies for Absence

Received from Peter Beesley, Douglas Blausten, Alan Brudney, Terry Brooks,
Arnold Elliott, Eva Jacobs, Colin Gregory, David B Lewis, Siddiek Meer.

2 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council agreed that the amendments sent to Council members by David B Lewis
should be approved.

3 Matters Arising

Street Lighting

Derek Chandler said that Roads & Traffic had written to LB Barnet to ask that they
take account of the special circumstances in Conservation areas.

4 North Square Site

Georgina Malcolm circulated a copy of her letter to Mervyn Mandell and his
response.

Michael Rowley said that the Trust's PPC had referred back the proposal to the
applicant and asked that it should be resubmitted. They considered that the
proposed house was too large for the site. The Trust is preparing a draft circular
letter to send to all residents detailing the Trust's position, and is seeking advice
regarding the Trust's duties and responsibilities under the Scheme of
Management.

5 Suburb Gallery

Richard Wakefield circulated a paper about the future of the Gallery. He told the
meeting that the Gallery had now been redecorated with a new signboard and with
hanging baskets. The sum of £1500 had been spent from the Gallery's reserves. The
electrician and the flowers were paid for with free advertisements in Suburb News.
There is a serious problem getting volunteers and the number of residents using the
Gallery has fallen possibly because they do not know when the Gallery will be

open. He asked Council for their ideas on the Gallery's future.

Carol Boulter asked whether the RA wished to keep the Gallery as she thought that whatever is done to try to attract people it can not be profitable. It will have to be subsidised. It could also be an information centre.

David Littaur suggested that a professional shopkeeper be recruited to manage and market the Gallery.

Simon Abbott thought that the Gallery is too small but it would be a great loss to the Suburb if it went. Perhaps the Church and Synagogue Magazines and Insight would agree to carry free advertising. If small gift items were stocked these could attract residents who might be drawn to purchase larger items/paintings. He suggested a small committee of volunteers would be a good idea.

Jean Barraclough thought that the Free Church might be able to provide free advertisements and she wondered whether volunteers would prefer to work in pairs in the Gallery. Perhaps the sale of portraits could be promoted.

Leonie Stephen who is the longest standing volunteer, preferred to have only one volunteer at a time. She thought that there was not enough publicity or variety of goods to sell.

Rosalind Josephs suggested that a letter could be targeted at litter pickers, membership representatives and Suburb News distributors to find new volunteers.

Alan Walker suggested posters advertising the Gallery could be placed in local cafes and perhaps there should be another activity in the Gallery e.g. photo developing. One of the estate agents might agree to sponsor it. There is also space in front of the Gallery, which could be utilised.

John Boulter said that the Gallery has never really made money as the rent had been subsidised by the Trust. In the same way as the RA donates money to St Jude's Proms it could sponsor the Gallery by one or two thousand pounds a year.

Simon Abbott said that the Gallery was a focal point and perhaps we could invite outside artists to participate. He suggested that we provide a picture framing service as the framing shop in Temple Fortune had recently closed.

Derek Chandler suggested the Institute be involved and perhaps we could install a PC and residents could look at the Suburb website.

David Littaur suggested selling second hand books.

Richard Wakefield pointed out that the Gallery really only made money by the sale of paintings. Richard Kemp suggested involving the Trust but Michael Rowley pointed out that the RA is in competition with the Trust for the sale of Suburb books and pamphlets.

Leonie Stephen said that the lack of a toilet is a problem for volunteers.

Gerlinde Crossley, who runs the Gallery jointly with Richard Wakefield, suggested that the Gallery might be extended as a Centenary project. It was agreed that this would be discussed by the Centenary Committee.

Council agreed that they wished the Gallery to continue and they thanked Richard Wakefield for his excellent paper. Council also thanked him and Gerlinde Crossley for all the work they do.

6 Suburb Centenary

The next meeting of the Centenary Committee will be on 7th March. Carol Boulter prepared an interesting paper for the Events Committee suggesting that a special committee be set up to co-ordinate events for the Centenary. The Centenary Celebrations Committee would be associated with the Events Committee. Eddie Caplin thought that this a good idea and the committee is to be set up at the next

meeting of the Events Committee. David Littaur has written to Question Time and also the Antiques Road show from which he has received a positive response.

7 CPZ

Gary Shaw has spoken to Cllr. Chris Harris and the Roads & Traffic Committee has now moved away from the idea of a large public meeting. A smaller meeting will be held at the end of the month. Cllr. Jazmin Naghar and an engineer from LB Barnet are expected to attend along with three members of Roads & Traffic. Gary Shaw thought that there was a limited window to apply some pressure to LB Barnet with a local election due in 2006.

8 Honorary Life members

Rev. Tony Spring and Dr. Chris Donovan were suggested as possible Honorary Life Members. Georgina Malcolm will approach them. GM

9 AGM - 21st March

David Littaur would like volunteers to man the wine bar and help move bottles of wine. Derek Chandler kindly agreed to this. He will bring a tub with ice. DC
Steve Morris will set up a stand to try to recruit ward organisers and membership SM
representatives. The EC will discuss whether there could be a small platform for the Officers to sit on. The sound system has been organised.
There is to be a Special General Meeting where the amended constitution will be put to members for approval. It is now available to read on the website, as is the existing 1995 constitution. A note should be put on the Suburb Discussion group telling members that they can now see the document.

10 Any Other Business

Big Fun Walk

David Lewis said that this would be held on 20th March in aid of the North London Hospice. He would like council members to participate.

Leylandii Trees

Simon Abbott asked whether the Trust have a policy on these trees. Georgina Malcolm will bring this up at the next meeting of the Trees & Open Spaces Committee. She will also look at some examples at the Hampstead Way/Willifield Way junction behind the tulip trees GM

Telephone Kiosk at Meadway Gate

Rosalind Josephs has tried unsuccessfully to get BT to mend the light in the kiosk. GM
Georgina Malcolm will contact them to see if she has any better luck.

Ward Organisers

Steve Morris said that Membership Committee is short of 5 Ward Organisers and 12 Membership Representatives.

Legacy to RA

John Boulter told Council that Dr Joy Edelman's most generous legacy of £6000 is for the purpose of planting cherry trees and installing a memorial seat in Kingsley Way. There are some disputes by the residuary legatees holding up the distribution

of assets. Georgina Malcolm commented that cherry trees are not expensive and a maximum of about £2000 would be taken up fulfilling this charge. John Boulter will talk to Peter Beesley to see whether any money left over after the purchase of the trees and bench can be used for similar purposes elsewhere on the Suburb. JB

Dame Henrietta Barnett's Grave

Alan Walker will talk to the church wardens in the village where Henrietta Barnett is buried to discover the position regarding maintenance of the grave. If there are no provisions the RA may consider contributing towards a fund for this purpose. HB School has agreed to give £400.

11 Date and Venue for Next Meeting

This will be held on April 5th at 8.00pm at Fellowship House.