



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 November 2012
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: Janet Elliott, in the Chair: Simon Abbott, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Jeremy Clynes, Tony Ghilchik, Eva Jacobs, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis, David Littaur, John Sells, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Will Sowerbutts, Richard Wakefield, Richard Wiseman and Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitors: Alan and June Armstrong-Wright, Tony and Judy Blendis, Basil Hillman and Joyce Littaur.

1. Apologies for Absence and welcome to visiting residents

Peter Beesley, Douglas Blausten, Charles Gale, Colin Gregory, Max Petersen, Judith Samson, Ian Tutton. The visitors were introduced and welcomed.

2. Questions notified in advance - none.

3. Questions from visiting residents

3a The Chairman proposed and the Council agreed that the visitors participate in the debate on the Report and Motions from the Roads and Traffic committee, and that it should be taken after the financial report.

4. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes of 4 September

Approved.

5. Executive Committee Minutes of 19 September (confirmed) and the unconfirmed Minutes of 10 October. These were received.

6. Financial Report

JC had circulated the latest figures to Council before the Meeting and there were no variations to be noted. The new bookkeeper was working well. It was reported that to date there are 1,950 paid up RA members for 2012 (last year 2,041 at year end).

[Item 8.1 was taken here]

7. RA response to Independent Enquiry (Harris Report)

7.1 Report on Open meeting 11 October and formal acceptance of proposals for change

The Open Meeting on 11 October had resulted in some additional points, all incorporated in the circulated update with covering explanatory note. These were explained to members by the Vice Chairman. Following discussion, RWakefield proposed and RWiseman seconded a Motion

“That the Council adopt the Proposals, circulated to Council on 31 October 2012, in response to Part Three of the Harris Report, and adopt the criteria in 7.1 of the Proposals for early Identification of potentially Major planning issues.”

This was passed Nem Con

7.2 Confirmation of work in progress on implementing proposals

JE said that there is work to be done arising out of the proposals and she will prepare further information on implementation for the EC meeting on 14 November. **JE**

8. Committee Reports and Issues

8.1. Motion from Roads and Traffic on a CPZ policy and associated issues

Gary Shaw, Chairman of the RA Roads and Traffic Committee, introduced the topic, speaking to a paper he had previously circulated on the pros and cons of retaining and extending CPZs and the difficulties of getting a consensus on this topic among HGS residents. He asked the Council to support the following Motion:

‘That the RA should oppose any extension to the areas covered by CPZs within HGS and that it should seek the dismantling of the existing CPZs’

This was taken together with a proposal from the Open Meetings sub-group that the December 4 meeting be on CPZs, as discussed at the EC September Council when it was thought conditional on obtaining professional advice. That was available for just under £900.

Visitors from Hampstead Way and Willifield Way who are among those campaigning for an extension to the Temple Fortune CPZ, expressed their continuing strong support for an extension of the CPZ (which is still under consideration by LBB) and their concern at the lack of positive support from the RA Council.

Both DLt and TG considered that the Council should develop the views expressed by DB (not present), in his quest for a strategic approach.

At this point GS, after consulting WS (who shares the R&T’s majority view) agreed to a request to defer the Motion to the January Council meeting. The Chairman thanked GS for his agreement.

JS will liaise with GS regarding details of the December 4 Open Meeting and the Executive Committee will also discuss further details at their 14 November meeting. It was agreed that ample publicity should be given for the Open Meeting

8.2 Events Committee and Executive:

Cancellation of New Year’s Eve Fireworks and proposed expansion of summer Picnic

The notification of the cancellation of the New Year’s Eve fireworks had been circulated to Council with the announcement to be inserted in Suburb News (now published), and no contrary opinions had been expressed.

RWakefield told Council about his ideas for the expanded summer picnic, in combination with an extended two day event. His initial suggestions included decorating Central Square, erecting a marquee, stalls, competitions, talks, Suburb walks and possibly a dance and barbeque in the evening. He proposed that local organisations be invited to participate and an organising committee, wider than Events Committee, be formed to undertake detailed planning against a budget yet to

be agreed. Council agreed this idea in principle, noted the need for publicity to start early and suggested the weekend of 15/16 June for the event.
RWa and DLt will liaise and this will be discussed further at the Executive Committee
RWa/DLtt

8.3 Consam

Consam had put in objections to the Annemount proposal, after both a report from CAAC and an RA open meeting, and to the crossover at Brookland Rise, as well as asking for more screening along the common boundary for the Chandos Development.

Members of Consam will be meeting shortly to review their terms of reference in line with the section of the 'Proposals' document agreed by the RA Council.

LB Barnet had been contacted regarding the Meadway Gate pergola. Closed as a dangerous structure. LBB asserted that it was a Trust responsibility – which seemed unlikely as it was on LBB land. RJ was following this through.

Light in Telephone kiosk outside Fellowship House: RJ had arranged for this to be mended.

8.4 Publications Committee

Minutes of the recent Meeting would be circulated. A further meeting would shortly be held to discuss their terms of reference and their views on developing RA Facebook opportunities.

'Editorial Notes' for Suburb News, recommended by the Executive Committee, and circulated to Council, would be in place as future guidance. There had been no dissent.

David Lewis (who had taken over responsibility for RA notice boards displayed in residents front gardens from Simon Abbott) would be replenishing the supply of notice boards.

8.5 Trees & Open Spaces Committee

HGS Trust Tree Survey

The above was noted, including the meeting for potential volunteers 20 November.

A further Bigwood coppicing morning would be 10 November.

Threat to Oak Tree behind Asmunds Place

The application to fell the oak tree on Trust land at the bottom of Asmunds Place is being heard 12 November at 7pm at Hendon Town Hall. JE, JonS and DL agreed to attend.
JE/JonS/DL

9. Proposals for Future Open Meetings

This item was incorporated into the discussions on Agenda 8.1, see above.

10. To Note other business not covered above undertaken via the Executive & other committees

Suburb Gallery

Council was invited to the private view on 11 November of the next show which is in aid of the North London Hospice

LBB consultation on controls over Sex Establishments

In response to the recent consultation by LB Barnet, the Chairman had written on behalf of the RA, with EC approval, and as notified to Council, in Support of LBB's

proposal to adopt a licensing regime under Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009, which would not diminish the existing powers regarding liquor and noise.

Remembrance Day – Joint Service St Jude’s and Free Church

The Rev Ian Tutton, in recognition of Armistice day falling on a Sunday, had extended the joint Remembrance service of 11 November by inviting representatives from several organisations to attend and to speak at the service. The Executive had agreed that the Chairman attend and read on behalf of the RA. **JE**

Barnet Link

A meeting will be held on 8 November at Avenue House to discuss developing policies in Barnet under new National Health Service regulations. JE agreed to attend. **JE**

Dust Vans

Richard Wiseman reported that dust vans were parking in the middle of the road to enable them to collect the rubbish from either side of the road more easily, but this was holding up the traffic. RWi had taken this up with LB Barnet who agreed to instruct them to stop this practice.

12. To re-confirm the dates of future Council meeting to July 2013 at 8.00pm at Fellowship House

Council agreed that meetings should be held on

Thursday 3 January

Tuesday 5 March

Tuesday 2 April; (meeting to re-appoint standing committees)

Tuesday 7 May

Tuesday 2 July

No council meetings are scheduled for December 2012 and February and June 2013

Dates and subjects of Open Meeting in early 2013 to be confirmed.