



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 April 2013
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm**

Present: Janet Elliott, in the Chair, Douglas Blausten, Alan Brudney, Jeremy Clynes, Charles Gale, Tony Ghilchik, Brian Ingram, David Lewis, David Littaur, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Richard Wiseman and Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitors: Joyce Littaur

1. Apologies for absence and welcome to new Council member and to visiting residents

JE welcomed Brian Ingram to Council and Joyce Littaur to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Peter Beesley, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Colin Gregory, Stephanie Hurst, Rosalind Josephs, Max Petersen, John Sells, Ian Tutton, and Richard Wakefield

2. Questions notified in advance

There were none

3. Questions from visiting residents

Children's' Party

Joyce Littaur suggested that the RA consider holding a children's' party during the winter months. Events Committee were asked to consider the practicalities of the RA organising such an event and the cost implications. **DLt**

Jonathan Seres suggested that anything that reaches out to new members is a good idea and should be considered.

4. AGM 21 March 2013

4a. Oral report

JE reported that the AGM had been commented on positively by those attending. It was estimated that approximately 120 people had attended and noted that in future a member of the organising team should be designated to count the attendees.

There were positive comments about the layout of the hall for the meeting, the food and the sound system, which had been particularly helpful to those needing to use the loop. However, the table microphones were not very user friendly for those speaking from the "table" and the need to do our best to improve on this for next year was noted by the Chair of Events.

4b. To approve the Minutes.

The AGM minutes were approved subject to a minor typing error.

5. Council & EC Minutes

5a. Approval of Minutes of 5 March 2013 Council Meeting

The circulated March Minutes were approved

Agreed that in future when initials are used in Minutes, they will distinguish between Charles Gale **CPG** and Colin Gregory **CG**

5b. To receive the minutes of the Executive Committee of 12 March 2013

These were received

6. Financial Report

JC said that although the figures were accurate the sum of £89,000 referred to is contained in the RA's Deposit Account and it is not Petty Cash.

There was little expenditure in February and the income received was from Standing Orders for annual subscriptions.

AB said that the Allotments Committee may ask the RA for some funding in the future

7. To confirm the membership of RA Council members on RA Standing Committees and the RA representation on other bodies for 2013-14

The Chairman had circulated a paper on the question of Standing Committees and representation, as, under the Constitution, the allocation of Council Members to the Standing Committees has to be re-confirmed each year at the first meeting of the Council following the AGM. All appointments agreed are for the year April 2013 to the first Council meeting following the 2014 AGM.

7.1 Appointment of Executive Committee for 2013-14

Janet Elliott, Chairman; Jonathan Seres, Vice-Chairman; and Jeremy Clynes, Hon Treasurer are members of the Executive Committee under the constitution.

The following appointments were made by the Council:

Tony Ghilchik; David Littaur; Richard Wakefield and Richard Wiseman

A further one appointment may be made.

7.2 Allotments

Alan Brudney agreed to continue as the Council's nominee for 2013-14

Noted that the remaining members of the committee are the elected site secretaries and members co-opted by the Committee. Current membership is:

Pia Duran * (Chairman) 8458 2300

Terry Rand *

Chris Page* (Horticultural Society)

Susanne Bramson* (Asmunds Place Site)

Brian Finch* (Big Site)

Peter Hodgson* (Willifield, Erskine Hill and Chatham Close Sites)

Philip Harlow* (Addison/Creswick Site)

Margaret Lancaster* (Woodside Site)

Frances Philips* (Eastholm Site)
Gloria Moss* (Eastholm Site)
Celia Parkyn* (Fellowship Site)
Evelyn Thomas* (Willifield & Wordsworth Site)
Janet Scharf* (The Orchard)

7.3 CONSERVATION AND AMENITIES

The following Council members were re-appointed for 2013-14:

John Sells (Chairman)
Jeremy Clynes
Tony Ghilchik
Rosalind Josephs
Max Petersen
David Lewis
Jonathan Seres

The following members co-opted by Consam under Standing Orders have agreed to continue in membership:

Jonathan Rowley
Louise Scheuer
Alex Shattock
Geoff Spyer

7.4 EVENTS

The following Council members were re-appointed for 2013-14:

David Littaur (Chairman)
Tony Brand
Charles Gale
Richard Wakefield

The following members co-opted by the Committee under Standing Orders have agreed to continue in membership

Annette Davis
Alan Walker

7.5 MEMBERSHIP

The following Council members were re-appointed for 2013-14:

Janet Elliott (Membership Sec),
Jeremy Clynes
Stephanie Hurst

The following persons are co-opted to carry out specified membership responsibilities:

Sue Aldous (Life members and associates)
Plus Ward Organisers and Ward Reps

7.6 PUBLICATIONS

The following Council members were re-appointed for 2013-14:
Terry Brooks (Chairman)
Richard Wakefield

The following members co-opted by the Committee under Standing Orders have it is understood agreed to continue in membership for 2013-14:

Claire Calman
Lorna Page
Terry Rand
Judith Samson
Deborah Warland

7.7 ROADS & TRAFFIC

The following Council members were re-appointed for 2013-14:
Gary Shaw (Chairman)
Charles Gale
Will Sowerbutts

The following members co-opted by the Committee under Standing Orders have it is understood agreed to continue in membership for 2013-14:

Alan Armstrong-Wright
Judith Samson (was previously on the Committee as a member of the RA Council)

7.8 TREES & OPEN SPACES

The following Council members were re-appointed for 2013-14:
Tony Ghilchik (Chairman)
Peter Beesley
Alan Brudney
Colin Gregory

The following members co-opted by the Committee under Standing Orders have it is understood agreed to continue in membership for 2013-14:

Deborah Calland
Peter Falk
Sally Lewis
Maria Schlatter
Ann Spencer
Leonie Stephen

7.9 GARDEN SUBURB GALLERY

The following Council member was re-appointed for 2013-14:
Richard Wakefield

Plus, member co-opted to represent interested organisations: Peter Falk, Fellowship and a team of around 12 volunteers

7.10 LITTER TEAM

Rosalind Josephs and 112+ volunteers

7.11 RA THEATRE CLUB

Information to come from The Theatre Club Committee (via Valerie Codron)

7.12 SUBURB WEBSITE

Council accepted with pleasure the agreement of Steve Morris to continue to maintain the website and the hgslists facility.

7.13 RA representatives and nominees on other organisations 2013-14

The following person who it was understood agreed to fulfil (or continue to fulfil) these representational roles, subject in some instances to the agreement of the organisations concerned, were thanked by the Council.

Bigwood and Little Wood Management Group

Alan Brudney, Tony Ghilchik and Colin Gregory from the RA Council, plus: Deborah Calland, Peter Falk, Sally Lewis and Léonie Stephen.

City of London's Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee

Colin Gregory

English Heritage Liaison

Geoffrey Spyer

Federation of Residents Associations of LB of Barnet (FORAB)

Janet Elliott; alternate David Lewis

HGS CAAC

Max Petersen and Geoffrey Spyer

HGS Fellowship

David Littaur and Richard Wakefield

HGS Heritage

David Littaur

HGS Institute

Janet Elliott

HGS Trust, Estates Committee

Rosalind Josephs

HGS Trust, Finance Committee

Jeremy Clynes

HGS Trust, Grants and Amenities Committee

Eva Jacobs and Louise Scheuer

HGS Trust, Property and Plans Committee.

Geoffrey Spyer and Jonathan Rowley
with David Lewis as alternate

HGS Trust, Trees Survey Steering Group

Janet Elliott

HGS Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Max Petersen and Geoffrey Spyer

Kenwood Landscape Forum

Maria Schlatter (nominated by Trees and Open Spaces)

London Forum of Greater London Amenity Societies

Derek Chandler

Memorial Seats

Rosalind Josephs (nominated by Trees and Open Spaces)

North London Hospice (North West Support Group)

David Lewis

Orchard House Society

Simon Abbott

The proposals set out above were agreed, subject in certain cases to the final agreement of those so nominated.

Arising from the above discussion Brian Ingram expressed an interest in aspects of the work of Membership, Events and Publications.

Associated with the above BI also asked if he might put forward ideas on an RA Marketing Strategy. In response Richard Wiseman suggest, he put his initial thoughts on paper for discussion at a subsequent meeting, on the usual condition that any such paper would first be reviewed by the Executive Committee. The above proposal was agreed in principle without a vote.

JS pointed out that, as previously agreed, in connection with the Harris Report, the Executive would be revisiting the Standing and Working Orders and would take the opportunity to clarify the various references to the six year rule in the Standing Orders. The resulting proposals would be brought to Council for comment and or agreement.

8. To note future programme of Council and Open meetings

The following programme of Council and Open Meetings was noted.

RA Council meetings

Meetings will be held on Tuesdays 7 May, 2 July, 3 September, 5 November 2013, 7 January and 4 March 2014 at 8.00pm at Fellowship House.

Open Meetings

JS said that although the Sub Committee on Open Meetings had provisionally booked Thursday, 18 April, it is was new looking unlikely that there would be an open

meeting on that date. However, the proposed closure of Golders Green Police Station might be an appropriate topic and information was still being gathered. JE said that the Institute may be able to provide more information regarding their plans which could also be the subject of an open meeting.

BI suggested a meeting with the local Councillors and was informed that Hustings meetings are usually organised before an election takes place. BI also remarked that he had found the Open Meeting addressed by Cllr Thomas most interesting.

Reserved dates for Open Meetings on the first Tuesdays of the months in which there are not Council meetings are Tuesdays, 4 June, 1 October and 3 December at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

9. Any Other Urgent Business

St Edwards Church

AB suggested that JE send a note of welcome from the RA to the new priest and that he would give her his details. **AB/JE**