



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
May 5th 2015 at Fellowship House at 8.00pm.

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Douglas Blausten, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Lynda Cook, Tony Ghilchik, Colin Gregory, Jeremy Hershkorn, Louise Hillman, Stephanie Hurst, Brian Ingram, David Littaur, Max Petersen, Frances Prentice, Simon Sackman, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Hella Schrader, Ann Spencer, Diane Walsh. Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitor: Joyce Littaur

1. Apologies for Absence These were received from Charles Gale, Anita Harlow, John Sells. Absent: Amanda Reuben.

2. Corrections to April Council Minutes

Minutes Heading

'7th' April was omitted.

5 - Election of Executive Committee

Amanda Reuben not Ruben

6 - Election of Standing Committees:

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Simon Sackman was nominated

David Lewis is a co-opted member

Events

Talat Rashid not Rashi

7 - Proposal for Transmitter Mast on St Jude's Spire

Third paragraph from the end: substitute "agreement" for "argument"

3. Matters Arising from the minutes not on the Agenda

DBL congratulated Terry Brooks and his team on the production of the latest *Suburb News* and the *Suburb Directory*

Proposal for Transmitter Mast on St Jude's Spire

This was turned down by LB Barnet.

Co-option of Rev Ian Tutton

MP reported that Rev Ian Tutton was now able to attend Council meetings. He had previously resigned due to other commitments on Tuesday evenings. A Motion was

proposed by **MP** and seconded by **JS**: 'That Rev Ian Tutton be co-opted to the RA Council'. This was passed with 1 abstention

Notice Boards

FP explained the sensitivity involved dealing with notice board holders and she would like the RA to agree criteria for their use

JS proposed and **MP** seconded a Motion: 'That the RA's policy regarding what is permitted to be displayed on the notice boards be referred to the Events Committee for discussion at a meeting to be attended by Frances Prentice (Coordinator of the notice boards) and that its recommendations then be brought to RA Council'. This was passed with 1 vote against. **DLt** will invite **FP** to attend the next meeting of the Events committee.

4. Question Time

There were no questions from visitors.

Terry Brooks wanted Question Time to be taken after apologies on the Agenda to avoid residents having to sit through approval of the Minutes. This was agreed.

5. Sir Donald Sinden and Dame Elizabeth Taylor blue plaques

GS said that it is unnecessary for planning permission to be obtained from LB Barnet and the HGS Trust has implied that it will give consent. The total cost of the two plaques and hanging them will be £1,144.39 inc vat although a local charitable Trust will pay half the cost of the Elizabeth Taylor plaque which will reduce the average cost to £429 each. The design of the plaque will be similar to the one erected for Harold Wilson.

Gary Shaw proposed and Tony Ghilchik seconded a Motion: 'That the RA should make the sum of £1,144.39 available to fund the manufacture and installation of two plaques to commemorate the houses where Sir Donald Sinden and Dame Elizabeth Taylor had lived on the Suburb'. This was passed with 2 abstentions.

Both plaques will be erected at the same time to save costs but they will be unveiled separately. It was hoped that the Donald Sinden plaque would be unveiled in September 2015 and the one for Elizabeth Taylor at a later date.

6. Proposal for RA Council to meet in December 2015 instead of January 2016

Terry Brooks raised the question of Open Meetings. He said that Council had adopted the Strategy Report recommendation that four dates a year would be reserved for potential Open Meetings but the effect of the proposed Council meetings in February and December would reduce these to two.

JS said we did not have to have Open Meetings on the first Tuesday of a month and suggested we reserve the 2nd Tuesdays of December and February for potential Open Meetings. **JS** also said that Fellowship House was happy to accept cost-free cancellations up to 6 weeks before an open meeting.

Terry Brooks proposed and Jonathan Seres seconded a Motion: 'That the RA moves the January 2016 Council meeting to December 2015 and reserves the second Tuesdays in December and February for potential open meetings'. This was passed with 1 vote against and 1 abstention

7. Proposal for an Open meeting on 2nd June 2015

Gary Shaw proposed and Max Petersen seconded a Motion that : ‘There should be an open meeting on June 2nd to discuss Noise on the Suburb’. This was passed with 2 abstentions.

The officer in charge of noise at LB Barnet and the Noise Abatement Society had already been contacted

8. Committee Reports

EC Report

Joy Edelman Legacy

DBL reported that there was scope for putting more trees in Kingsley Way which could be paid from the remaining money from this legacy in addition to the annual provision. *The matter was referred to Trees & Open Spaces for action next year.*

Trees & Open Spaces

Outside Gym

TG told the council that LB Barnet is considering plans for an outside gym in Lyttelton Playing Fields. There would be one for youths and another for older residents. Trees & Open Spaces had responded to the initial consultation by LB Barnet which will consult again once detailed plans are available.

Council members thought that I this an excellent idea but **BI** thought that Lyttelton Playing Fields was an unsuitable location.

Tony Ghilchik proposed a Motion which was seconded by Alan Brudney: ‘That the RA Council supports and welcomes the initiative to construct an outdoor gym’. This was passed with 1 vote against and 2 abstentions.

Tree Planting

TG said that a survey of LBB's tree planting had been carried out and nearly all the trees have now been planted.

Membership

Hella Schrader will talk to Janet Elliott when she returns from holiday. Council was looking forward to working with the new membership committee and hearing any new plans..

Roads and Traffic

GS said that parking tickets had been issued outside Brookland Rise School on a Bank Holiday.

Gary Shaw proposed and Jonathan Seres seconded a Motion: ‘That the Roads and Traffic Committee should place signs on the lampposts by Brookland Rise School warning residents that parking restrictions apply on Bank holidays’. This was passed unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

Management Accounts

LH had circulated the accounts to Council. She said that the income streams are now shown separately and the four year forecast is based on the budget. The Accounts are not consolidated and exclude the Gallery. She was congratulated for producing these new style accounts so soon after her appointment

Rose Garden

BI had completed an application form on behalf of the Northway Gardens Organisation, circulated on the afternoon of this meeting, for funding to pay for part of the work already carried out or projected over the next two years to the Rose Garden totals £7,676.00. The form states that £4,794 has been donated. Most of the cost is, or would be for manure because of the lack of soil above a clay sub-soil.

BI said that when he had made his original bid to LB Barnet he had been informed that the ground which is solid clay had been left unworked for 7 years but he had now ascertained that these beds had been unused for 20 years.

DBL would like to see matching funding which is normal practice when the RA funds projects, and other organisations should be approached. **BI** said that he had applied to organisations including the Trust but they had only agreed to make a grant of £600 to pay for a water supply (which is additional to the figures quoted above).

BI asked for an immediate decision on this application but Council agreed that the normal process for funding should be adhered to. This view was reinforced by **LH**.

DBL said that there could be a conflict of interest between the Northway Gardens Organisation and **BI**'s application as he is also a member of Council.

*Council thought the application was not entirely clear and **DW** agreed to go through it with **BI** and clarify some points before resubmitting it. The application would initially be considered by the Trees & Open Spaces committee which agreed to look favourably at it. It would make a recommendation for discussion at the EC which would then bring a proposal to the next Council Meeting in July.* **DW**

10. To confirm the date of the remaining meetings of Council in 2015

These will be held on Tuesdays 7th July, 1st September, 3rd November and 1st December 2015 at Fellowship House at 8.00 pm.

Open Meetings: 2nd June and potentially 13th (not 6th) October