



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
5th April 2016 at Fellowship House Willifield Way at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Barbara Bliss, Tony Brand, Alan Brudney, Lynda Cook, Charles Gale, Tony Ghilchik, Jeremy Hershkorn, Louise Hillman, David Littaur, Peter McCluskie, Max Petersen, Frances Prentice, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Hella Schrader, Ian Tutton, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitors: Joyce Littaur

The Chairman welcomed Barbara Bliss and Peter McCluskie to Council

1. Apologies or absent

Colin Gregory, Terry Brooks, Harry Simmonds, Simon Sackman, Ann Spencer, Anita Harlow, Diane Walsh

2. Question Time

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

1st March 2016 Council Minutes

Jonathan Seres had attended the meeting

Notice Boards

Add the words "larger boards were" after "Jonathan Seres" in place of "this was"

4. Receipt of EC minutes of 16th February

Terry Brooks should replace Tony Brand
The first and penultimate paragraph were deleted

5. AGM matters

'Harry' should replace 'Henry'
insert "who" between "McCluskie" and "are"?

21st March 2016 AGM

The draft Minutes were approved in principal with some small amendments and subject to the addition of the voting figures for and against Brian Ingram in the election for Chairman and for membership of Council.

The Minutes will be formally approved by Council at the 2017 AGM.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda.

There were none.

7. Receipt of EC minutes of 15th March 2016

These were received.

8 Election of Executive Committee, Composition of RA sub-committees and Representatives on other bodies

Election of Executive Committee

The four officers are members ex officio.

Chairman – David B Lewis
Vice Chairman – Max Petersen
Hon Secretary - Gary Shaw
Hon Treasurer – Louise Hillman

A Motion to elect the following to the Executive Committee was passed Nem Con:

Tony Brand
Charles Gale
Tony Ghilchik
David Littaur
Diane Walsh

Hella Schrader and Peter McCluskie, having expressed their willingness to serve, will be co-opted to the EC

Election of Standing Committees

Council considered the following recommendations for Council members to serve on the Standing Committees and they were elected Nem Con. The committee chairmen and co-opted members (marked *) will be confirmed by the individual committees.

Allotments

Alan Brudney will send Judith Samson confirmation of any changes of the 10 site secretaries. The site Secretaries are ex officio committee members. He confirmed the other entries were correct.

Consam

Peter McCluskie (Chm.)
Simon Sackman (Sec.)
Janet Elliott*
David B Lewis
David Lewis*
Max Petersen
Louise Scheuer*
Ann Spencer

Events

David Littaur (Chm.)
Anita Harlow (Sec.)
Tony Brand
Peter Chapman*
Robert Farmer*
Charles Gale

Talat Rashid*
Hella Schrader
Ian Tutton
Alan Walker*
Diane Walsh

Marketing

The viability and objectives of this committee was discussed and it was agreed to merge the Marketing Committee with the Membership Committee

Membership & Marketing

Hella Schrader (Chm.)
Janet Elliott* (Membership Sec.)
Jeremy Clynes* (IT support)
Charles Gale
Jeremy Hershkorn
David B Lewis
Max Petersen
Frances Prentice
Ann Spencer
Diane Walsh

Publications

Terry Brooks (Chm.)
Charles Gale
David B Lewis
Lorna Page*
Judith Samson*
Gary Sheldon*

Council noted that a volunteer is required to take over the advertising for Suburb News

Roads & Traffic

Gary Shaw (Chm.)
Alan Armstrong-Wright*
Barbara Bliss
Charles Gale
Michael Milner*
Harry Simmonds*
Diane Walsh

Trees & Open Spaces

Tony Ghilchik (Chm.)
Lynda Cook (Sec)
Alan Brudney
Colin Gregory
Philip Samworth*
Maria Schlatter*
Ann Spencer

RA Representation on Other Organisations

The Council considered and confirmed the following appointments Nem Con

Bigwood and Littlewood Management Group

Alan Brudney, Tony Ghilchik, *Colin Gregory* (who represents the Garden Suburb Theatre) plus numerous additional volunteers.

Community Barnet

This should be deleted

City of London's Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee

Colin Gregory

Federation of Residents Associations of LB of Barnet (FORAB)

Alan Brudney

HGS Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Max Petersen

(+ 3 TBC)

HGS Fellowship

David B Lewis

HGS Heritage

David Littaur

HGS Institute

The position regarding the institute's future is uncertain. The Chairman will talk to Richard Marks. **DBL**

HGS Trust, Estates Committee

Patricia Major

HGS Trust, Finance Committee

Max Petersen

HGS Trust, Grants and Amenities Committee

Eva Jacobs

Louise Scheuer

(**DBL** to confirm that they are happy to continue)

HGS Trust, Property and Plans Committee*

Max Petersen, Ann Spencer

Alternates: Peter McCluskie, Simon Sackman

HGS Trust, Trees Survey Steering Group

This Group had completed its mandate and will be disbanded after a final report has been prepared.

Kenwood Landscape Forum

Maria Schlatter

London Forum of Greater London Amenity Societies

Derek Chandler

North London Hospice (North West Support Group)

David Lewis

The Orchard Housing Society

Diane Berger

Alan Brudney

The Council agreed that representatives should provide reports to the RA about the work of their organisations

Other RA Committees and Working Groups

Litter Team

Charles Gale (and 112+ volunteers)

Memorial Seats

Charles Gale

Suburb Website

Steve Morris

Noise Abatement Working Group

Gary Shaw (Chmn)

Peter McCluskie

Judith Samson

David B Lewis

Diane Walsh

Nicola Lipton

Ellen Gilbert-Hertz

9. Bute Mews

As a result of the state of the mews which was raised at the AGM the following Motion was passed unanimously

To establish a select committee to investigate the state of Bute Mews and to negotiate with the authorities and the owners to abate the current environmental pollution in the Mews. The Committee should include a representative from each of Consam, Roads & Traffic and Trees & Open Spaces plus 2 other members.

Barbara Bliss volunteered to represent Roads and Traffic Committee. Tony Ghilchik will seek a volunteer from Trees and Open Spaces Committee and David B Lewis will represent Consam. **TG**

The Committee will co-opt further members

10. Suburb Pavements and discussion on whether a select committee should be formed to seek improvements following matters raised at the AGM.

The Chairman suggested that a small working group is formed to put pressure LB Barnet to deal with pavement issues and to stop them laying tarmac on the grass verges.

Tony Ghilchik said that residents should report faulty pavements to LB Barnet via 'Fix my street'

It was suggested that a pavement officer is appointed and the Chairman will ask Philip Davies whether he may be interested in taking this on. **DBL**

It was agreed that an article should be included in Suburb News informing residents how they should report these problems.

It was also agreed that an open meeting will be arranged to discuss pavements and a working group will be recruited. **DLt**

11. Committee reports and any other urgent business

Events

David Littaur updated Council about future events:

Michael Rowley Event

22nd May at 3.00pm at Friends Meeting House

Dr Eva Branscome will talk about the work of the Barnetts.

New Residents Party

15th May 6-8pm at Fellowship House

Hella Shrader would particularly like the Chairmen of the standing committees to attend. Jeremy Clynes had agreed to give a short talk about the Library

Summer Fun Day Picnic

12th June at Central Square

David Littaur said that donkeys, a face painter, Punch and Judy show, a tropical animal zoo, a children's entertainer have been booked

Lynda Cook was concerned that some residents may be upset and unable to attend as this date falls on a Jewish holiday.

Charles Gale said that this was the Queens official 90th birthday celebration date and there was no other suitable date to hold this event. If some residents did not wish to pay for events on the day other arrangements could be made.

It was agreed that in future dates would be checked to try to avoid a similar situation

Queen's 90th Birthday

Council agreed that Colin Gregory should be asked to compose a suitable letter from the RA to congratulate the Queens on her Birthday. **CG**

Correspondence from Brian Ingram

Jeremy Hershkorn was concerned about the emails sent by Brian Ingram dated 23 March and 3 April which contained comments about some Council members which were offensive and had no validity.

Council agreed that it would be preferable to ignore these rather than continue a public dispute.

12. To confirm the date of the next meeting

Tuesday 3rd May at Fellowship House and future RA Council meeting on 7th June, 5th July and 6th September 2016 were confirmed.

Open Meetings

Security & Crime and Pavements were suggested topics. Events committee will consider suitable dates to hold these. **Dlt**