

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 November 2006
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: David Lewis (Vice Chairman) in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Simon Abbott, Denis Baron, Carol Boulter, Alan Brudney, Derek Chandler, Terry Brooks, Francois Crompton-Roberts, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council) Rosalind Josephs, Richard Kemp, (Vice-Chairman), David Littaur, Georgina Malcolm, Selwyn Nakan, Max Petersen, Leonie Stephen, Douglas Thomas, Richard Wakefield (Hon Secretary),

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Brian Viner

1 Apologies for Absence

Jean Barraclough, Peter Beesley, Colin Gregory, Eva Jacobs,. David B Lewis, Steve Morris, Gary Shaw.

2 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting - October 3rd

3 Matters Arising not on the Agenda

Eric Fletcher Memorial Garden

Georgina Malcolm reported that LB Barnet had rebuilt the flower beds incorrectly. They had placed two inappropriate lockable posts at the entrance to Northway Gardens.

Treasurer's Report - Fireworks

John Boulter had sent the order to Fantastic Fireworks Ltd for the fireworks for New Year's Eve.

David Littaur pointed out that he had received a large bundle of papers from LB Barnet with detailed forms to complete.

Planning and other Procedures of the HGS Trust

Simon Abbott asked whether the Trust could be asked to consider their powers to deal with abandoned vehicles. Consam will take this matter up. Rosalind Josephs will try to organise the removal of a large bowser parked outside Alan Brudney's house.

RJ

Carol Boulter asked the position regarding an additional design for a Centenary Mug. This will be discussed at the November EC Meeting.

Bookkeeper

In response to a question from Douglas Thomas. John Boulter said the problems had now been sorted out with regard to the invoices and there did not seem to be any particular problems regarding the centenary funds.

4 Question Time

There were no questions.

5 Safer Neighbourhoods and Crime Prevention.

David Lewis introduced Sgnt Edmondson from the Metropolitan Police to Council. He explained the new Suburb Safer Neighbourhood Scheme. and passed round the details of how to contact the Neighbourhood Team . Their telephone number is either 020 7161 9016 or 020 8721 2984.

In addition to Sgnt Edmondson, there is one police constable and two community support officers. The Team will shortly be joined by a further police constable and another community support officer. He said that crime on the Suburb had increased between April and September.

The Team are required to set up a Community Action panel to agree and set police priorities and the first meeting will shortly take place. Any resident who wishes to join the panel may contact Sgt Edmondson. Amongst other matters, the Team is dealing with Tom O'Brien and parking issues arising from school runs.

In reply to a question as to whether the team provide 24 hour coverage, Sgnt Edmondson said that they do not work overnight although they sometimes provide cover up to midnight. Details of any crime can be reported on 020 8200 1212 if there is no immediate need for police to attend the scene.

RK

Richard Kemp was concerned at the increase in the number of groups of youths congregating at night time which is intimidating and he will e mail Sgnt Edmondson with details of the localities where they are meeting in order that this can be dealt with.

Francois Crompton Roberts raised the question of speeding cars and he would like to see 'average speed' cameras, although Richard Wakefield thought that these were inappropriate for the Suburb. Derek Chandler suggested that a mobile speed camera is brought in to monitor speeding cars in Meadway.

Rosalind Josephs was concerned about parking on grass verges. Council was told that this was dealt with by LB Barnet and not the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

David Lewis thanked Sgnt Edmondson for attending. He offered to come back to Council with his team and to make a presentation.

6 Fallden Way: Rebuilding and Suspension of Bus Stops

Derek Chandler explained that Transport for London had removed the bus stop bays in Fallden Way as they did not conform with the Disability requirements under new legislation. Two bus stops along Fallden Way had now been suspended at great inconvenience to residents, as they were considered too dangerous. Gary Shaw is in discussion with Transport for London and had requested an on site meeting to see what can be done.

Simon Abbott suggested contacting the London Disability Association who may be able to help.

7 Matters Arising out of the Executive Committee Minutes and endorsement of the Centenary Expenditure recommendations of the Executive Committee

Richard Wakefield circulated examples of the three mugs together with an order form. The EC had recommended that 500 were ordered but as Richard Wakefield had received orders for 100 mugs from the Institute and 131 from the Gallery he suggested that 1,000 mugs are ordered. Details of the artist and the date of the painting will be printed on the base of the mug. John Boulter pointed out that at the 90th Anniversary it had taken a long time to sell the mugs but Georgina Malcolm explained that this was because they were not sent in time to be sold at the Anniversary weekend. Carol Boulter was concerned that the mugs may not be ready in time, but Richard Wakefield said that that it would only take three weeks from the time that the order is placed. Leonie Stephen said that there was a lot of interest in the mugs at the Gallery. Selwyn Nathan suggested that it could be a term of the contract that the agreed delivery date is met. Richard Kemp asked whether the mugs were microwavable and dishwasher proof. Richard Wakefield confirmed this.

Georgina Malcolm proposed that 1,000 mugs are ordered. This was seconded by Leonie Stephen. A vote was taken and there were 13 votes were in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions.

Terry Brooks proposed that £150 should be made available for the Barber Shop group, £250 for the face painting for £230 for the thimbles plus posting and packing.

This was seconded by Carol Boulter and passed unanimously. Rosalind Josephs said that she had been told that the thimbles will be delivered before Christmas.

8 Any Other Urgent Business
Indemnity for RA Council Members

The EC will discuss the possibility of incorporating the RA into a limited company at its November meeting. John Boulter said that the RA must be careful but a special insurance had already been in effect for several years.

Fellowship

Leonie Stephen was concerned that the money collected for Fellowship had not been handed over. John Boulter explained that a cheque for, at least the major part of the money, will be handed over next month. Leonie Stephen said that sometimes the RA do not appreciate everything that Fellowship do for the elderly on the Suburb.

24 Ingram Avenue

Richard Wakefield told the Council that LB Barnet will be discussing a planning application to demolish this house and to build two new houses.

This is a dangerous precedent for the Suburb and he urged Council members to attend the meeting at 6.30 on 9 November at Barnet Town Hall to support to the Trust.

Simon Abbott proposed a resolution which was seconded by Max Petersen that the RA Council support the HGS Trust in opposing the demolition of 24 Ingram Avenue. This was passed Nem Con.

Council thanked Vice Chairman David Lewis for chairing this meeting.

- 9 To confirm the date of the Next Meeting on Tuesday 5 December 2006 at 8.00pm at Fellowship House
This was confirmed