

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3 July 2007  
At Fellowship House at 8.00pm

*Present:* David B Lewis in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Terry Brooks, Dave Brown, Alan Brudney, Jean Barraclough, Carol Boulter, Janet Elliott, Derek Epstein, Nicole Gerber, Colin Gregory, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Eva Jacobs, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis (Vice-Chairman), David Littaur, Georgina Malcolm, Steve Morris, Selwyn Nakan, Max Petersen, Brian Rivett, Gary Shaw, Will Sowerbutts, Richard Wakefield,

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Mr and Mrs J Mathias, Eunice Kossoff and Pia Duran

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Douglas Blausten, Derek Chandler, Francois Crompton-Roberts, Richard Kemp, Alan Walker	
2	<u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting dated 3 July</u> These were approved.	
3	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda</u>  <u>RA Nominee for the Institute</u> The Chairman and Jean Barraclough had asked Fay Naylor for the requisite application forms to join the Institute Society to be circulated to Council. These had not arrived and Jean Barraclough will telephone her.  <u>Kenwood Open Air Concerts</u> Eva Jacobs told Council that it is hoped that the concerts will re-commence next year. The public consultation is continuing and there are organised tours to explain the new proposals. A further meeting will be held in September.  <u>Incorporation of the RA</u> Selwyn Nakan and Derek Chandler have produced a draft document which the EC will consider. This will be discussed at the September Council Meeting.  <u>Fireworks - 24 June</u> Alan Brudney said that these had taken place despite the rain and he was congratulated for the excellent display. This was the last firework display that he will organise for the RA.  <u>100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stones of the first two cottages</u> The Lord Mayor had agreed to visit the first two cottages on 24th June. Some 60/70 residents had attended the ceremony and the rain had held off.	JB

	<p><u>Further Discussion over new Premises for the Gallery at Fellowship House</u> Negotiations are continuing. Richard Wakefield reported on a record turnover in the Gallery over the last six months, due to the sales of paintings and centenary mugs.</p> <p>Eva Jacobs queried the basis for agreement of the rent to be paid. The Chairman explained that this had been negotiated and Pia Duran said that the rent included heating lighting some cleaning and council tax and it was a very reasonable rent. Fellowship is enthusiastic about housing the Suburb Gallery.</p> <p><u>Reconsideration of the Marching Band at the Big Birthday Party on 24 June</u> The Chairman said that he had been sent an invoice for £50 from the Band, but he had informed them that there was no contractual obligation and that the RA could not pay this. The Council thought that the Pageant was an excellent alternative and Colin Gregory and his team were thanked.</p> <p><u>Plaque to the late Harold Wilson</u> The chairmen reported that this event had gone off well. The sandwiches and refreshments for the reception had cost £218.</p>	
4	<p><u>Question Time</u></p> <p><u>Allotment Walk</u> Pia Duran said that due to the weather the walk around the allotments had been cancelled and will now take place on Saturday 7 July departing at 10am from Fellowship House.</p>	
5	<p><u>Report on Centenary Celebrations to date</u> David Littaur spoke about the Service at Norrice Lea Synagogue on 28 April which started the celebrations, the interdenominational Service at the Free Church, the opening ceremony, the big Birthday party on 17 June, the Eucharist service at St Judes, the Pageant, the Harold Wilson plaque, the Lord Mayors Visit and centenary event in Golders Hill Park on 24 June, the Exhibition at Church Farm Museum and the St Jude's Proms which had raised a record £65,000.</p> <p>Carol Boulter proposed a vote of thanks to David Littaur for all the work he had done together with Joyce. The RA Council endorsed this,</p>	
6	<p><u>Royal Visit a by HRH the Duke of Gloucester on 12 July</u> The Centenary Committee proposed that a plaque commemorating the royal visit should be unveiled on 12 July and that the RA should pay for this. The Trust had approved the design a copy of which was circulated to Council and listed building consent was being obtained. Although the stone would not be in place, the wording would be drawn on the stone which would be unveiled on an easel. Exact details of the cost were not provided and a long discussion took place. Invitations had already been sent out for this event by the Centenary Committee.</p>	

	<p>A motion was proposed by Colin Gregory and seconded by Richard Wakefield: 'that a sum not exceeding £3,000 should be made available for purchasing, arranging the wording and installing the stone' This was passed Nem. Con.</p> <p>Colin Gregory explained that at the end of the morning session on the second day of the architectural conference which will be held at the in HB School, the Duke of Gloucester will come outside on to Central Square for about 20 minutes. There will be speeches by Colin Gregory, Eddie Chaplin, Mervin Miller and the Duke of Gloucester. The HB School choir will sing and sandwiches will be provided and served from a gazebo on Central Square. Georgina Malcolm said that Barnet had agreed to tidy up the square for the visit and David Littaur told Council that Barnet had agreed not to charge for the use of the Square.</p> <p>The Chairman pointed out that the insurers must be notified of this event. There will be some amplification for the speeches. Another long discussion was held about the merits of providing sandwiches.</p> <p>David Littaur proposed and Colin Gregory seconded a Motion 'That the sum of £659 be made available for sandwiches and wine for the visit by the Duke of Gloucester on July 12' This was passed Nem Con</p>	
7	<p><u>Authorisation of expenditure for the third round membership mailing in September up to £2,000</u></p> <p>Steve Morris explained that last year the third mailing had produced some 400 additional members. Although the RA's income has increased this year the membership is down. He hoped to introduce on-line membership next year together with standing orders. It will only take some 134 new members to recoup the cost of the current proposed mailing.</p> <p>Steve Morris proposed and The Chairman seconded the Motion 'That the sum not exceeding £2,000 be made available for a further mailing to non-members of the RA'. This was passed Nem. Con</p>	
8	<p><u>Report on the Progress of the Leasehold Tribunal Application</u></p> <p>The Tribunal has decided that the level of the Trust's Management charge is reasonable and that the application by Mr Papadopoulos had been rejected.</p> <p>Richard Wakefield told the Council that he had attended the Tribunal for the hearing of the proposal for banding the Management Charge. The Tribunal will be visiting the Suburb before making its decision. The Chairman said that the decision of the tribunal hinged on whether the Trust's decision was reasonable.</p> <p>Pia Duran said that the tribunal will visit the Suburb to ascertain whether the residents who live on Falloden Way have the same amenities as the residents of, say, North Square.</p>	

9	<p><u>The Institute</u></p> <p>The Council discussed the sale of the Ratcliffe painting to the Tate Gallery for £62,000 to raise money due to the Institute's financial difficulties. Carol Boulter thought that this painting as well as the Tea House may have belonged to the Suburb and asked whether anything could be done. There are other paintings and antiques which it is believed are at present kept at Park House. The Chairman will ask Fay Naylor if he can look at them. Richard Wakefield pointed out that he had written to Fay Naylor asking for a list of these items but she had not responded.</p> <p>The Chairman told Council that the Institute is planning to change its Memorandum and Articles of Association so that the Institute is no longer obliged to have RA and Fellowship representation on the Council. There had been no consultation about this. Fay Naylor had said that there could be an informal arrangement for RA representation. The Council were most concerned and it was suggested that perhaps that the Institute may be taken over in the future.</p> <p>Jean Barraclough said that representation will only come from the local education authority, the staff and the governing body of Middlesex University. She pointed out that there had been little support from the RA when the Institute had initially asked the HB School to pay rent for the use of the building and this had gone to litigation. She reminded the Council that the Institute had tried very hard to find premises on or near the Suburb and had rejected other suitable sites further away</p> <p>Colin Gregory said that the RA and the Suburb must not give up on the Institute but we should register strongly the discourtesy to the RA in removing the RA as a nominating body without consultation and continue to explore informal nominations. The RA should help the Institute to get back on its feet. Alan Brudney and Georgina Malcolm agreed with this. The Chairman said that it was difficult to find a volunteer to act as the RA's nominee. Alan Brudney was thanked for all his hard work over the years as the RA's nominee.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed the motion which Janet Elliott seconded that :</p> <p>'The RA Council continues to support the Institute but regrets the loss of the formal power of nomination and wishes to explore with the Institute finding a replacement for Alan Brudney on the Institute Council.</p> <p>This was passed with one vote against.</p>	D BL
1 0	<p><u>St Jude's Proms – RA's Advertisement</u></p> <p>Carol Boulter was dismayed to see the RA's advertisement in the programme/brochure and thought that it was merely a repetition of things that the RA does. She hoped that next year this would be improved and that the RA tries to capitalise on the money that the RA gives to the Proms.</p>	

	<p><u>Correspondence</u> The Chairman said that he had received letters of thanks from the Lord Mayor for June 24 and from the Mayor of Barnet for June 17.</p> <p><u>Hampstead Heath Consultation</u> Colin Gregory thanked Council members for their response to the Consultation and a reply is being prepared. There is research being carried out about cyclists on Hampstead Heath and he would like this to be discussed at a future Council Meeting.</p> <p><u>Fallosen Way</u> Gary Shaw told Council that the story of the removal and re-instatement of the Fallosen Way bus stop would be shown on BBC1 on Friday 13 July at 9.15am</p> <p><u>Free Church</u> Jean Barraclough said that the Free Church had agreed to store the Centenary Birthday Cake in the cellar but that the scenery would need to be stored elsewhere.</p> <p><u>Recycling Event</u> This will be held on Saturday 7 July departing at 10.30am from Little wood.</p>	
	<p><u>To confirm the date of the Next Meeting on Tuesday 4 September at Fellowship House at 8.00pm</u> This was confirmed.</p>	