

Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3 September 2007
At Fellowship House at 8 pm

Present: Richard Wakefield - in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Simon Abbott, Douglas Blausten, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Carol Boulter, Derek Chandler, Jane Elliott, Colin Gregory, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Eva Jacobs, Rosalind Josephs, David Littaur, Steve Morris, Selwyn Nakan, Max Petersen, Richard Kemp, Gary Shaw, Leonie Stephen, Alan Walker

Visitors: Joyce Littaur, Pia Duran, Harold Karton

1	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Jean Barraclough, Peter Beesley, Dave Brown, Derek Epstein, David B Lewis, David Lewis.	
2	<u>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting 3 July</u>	
3	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda</u> <u>Kenwood Open Air Concerts</u> Eva Jacobs told Council that she understood the concerts would resume next year but the siting of the concerts will probably be moved. A public meeting will be held on 25 September at Hampstead Old Town Hall. <u>Incorporation of the RA</u> Selwyn Nakan said that this report was not yet ready for circulation. <u>Fireworks</u> Alan Brudney has been in touch with the fireworks company who have supplied the RA's fireworks in the past. They are able to provide an 8 minutes display with music at a cost of £1,200 plus vat. They will obtain their own insurance and clear up after. Richard Wakefield proposed and David Littaur seconded a motion that the RA should make a sum of money not exceeding £1,500 available for a musical fireworks display on 31 December and authorised Alan Brudney to negotiate with the firework company This was passed Nem Con. David Littaur will contact LB Barnet and Henrietta Barnett School to obtain their permission for this.	AB DLt

Discussion over the new Premises for the Gallery at Fellowship House

Richard Wakefield informed the Council that the small room had been decorated. The floor, hanging facilities, glass door and lighting have still to be dealt with. Richard Wakefield said that the cost of renovation will be £3,000.

The agreed rent is £2,500 inclusive and in addition the RA is being asked to pay £50 for the use of Fellowship House for each Council meeting.

Carol Boulter was surprised at the reversal of the relationship where we have been collecting money for Fellowship in return for the free use of Fellowship House but Richard Wakefield pointed out that some of the RA's book keepers fees are now charged to Fellowship. John Boulter did not think that this was unreasonable.

A motion was proposed by Richard Wakefield and seconded by Eva Jacobs that rent of £50 should be paid to Fellowship House by the RA for the use of the hall for each Council meeting.

This was passed Nem. Con.

Alan Brudney asked whether there would be a Gallery sign outside Fellowship House and Richard Wakefield said that this is being looked into.

Pia Duran said that under the lease the Gallery is unable to have the exclusive use of the room. She told Council that work is being done to the front garden in order that the Gallery can be seen from the road. Fellowship is applying to the Trust's grants committee for £1,000.

Simon Abbott pointed out that there are many issues which should be agreed in writing, for example who will own all the equipment.

John Boulter thought that the RA can afford this expenditure if there is a financial return. Richard Wakefield said that the Gallery needs to achieve a turnover of £8,500 to break even on the new overheads. This had been achieved in most years in the old Gallery and it remained to be seen whether being away from the shopping centre would make any difference. He said that under the previous arrangement with the Trust the RA could not be liable for losses.

Douglas Blausten did not consider that this was the way the RA should act when it come to spending residents money and Simon Abbott suggested a special simple application form for completion when dealing with internal expenditure.

John Boulter pointed out that this application for money had come up during the summer and a decision was needed quickly.

Colin Gregory said that there is an ongoing issue of finance for the

<p>Gallery and the extent of RA support must be made clear. The terms of agreement must be communicated to the council. There is also a separate issue of the move to the Fellowship and the contribution to the cost of this one off grant.</p> <p>Colin Gregory proposed a motion which Simon Abbott seconded that the RA should allocate the sum of £2,000 towards the cost of the move and renovation of the room and the statement of agreement will be circulated to Council. This was approved Nem Con with one abstention.</p> <p>Pia Duran said that there should be a joint committee with representatives from Fellowship, the Gallery and the RA. The EC will consider the financial reporting and governance and report back to Council.</p> <p><u>Report on Centenary Celebrations to Date</u> David Littaur told the Council about the events that that been taken place during the summer including the cycle festival, youth music centre concert, sports day on Lyttelton playing fields, walk on north side of suburb which raised £120 for the North London Hospice, Henrietta Barnett founders week, Town and Country Planning Conference with the presence of the Duke of Gloucester where a plaque was unveiled, open air theatre production of the Tempest, Edwardian Tennis Tournament, Horticultural Association Garden Party, HBS Summer Concert and Arts and Crafts exhibition at Henrietta Barnett School.</p> <p>Colin Gregory circulated a letter from Kensington Palace thanking the RA for its hospitality at the conference and for organising the event.</p> <p><u>Authorisation of expenditure for the third round membership mailing in September</u> Steve Morris reported that a letter will be going out to residents who have not renewed. Membership is down but the revenue is increased. £25,000 has been collected so far in subscriptions.</p> <p><u>The Institute</u> Alan Brudney reported on a lively AGM , which had been addressed by Colin Gregory, Terry Brooks and himself, where the resolution to deprive the RA of its right to nominate a member to the Institute Council was withdrawn. The Council of the Institute will continue to accept a nominee from the RA.</p> <p>Janet Elliott has been invited to attend an Institute Council meeting and will be meeting with the Chairman and Fay Naylor A motion was proposed by Colin Gregory and seconded by Richard Wakefield that Janet Elliott should be the RA's representative on the Institute Council. This was passed Nem Com.</p>	<p>EC</p>
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	<p><u>Hampstead Heath Consultation</u> Colin Gregory circulated copies of the Results of the Consultation process. He will also circulate details of the web site for further information.</p>	
4	<p><u>Question Time</u> There were no Questions.</p>	
5	<p><u>The Trust Report on the decision of the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal and the resignation of the three remaining elected members.</u> Richard Wakefield explained about the two applications to the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal: Mr Papadopoulos's to vary the level of management charges and Mr Walker's to have the charge banded.</p> <p>Mr Papadopoulos's application was rejected. The Tribunal said that Mr Walker's application did not fall within its jurisdiction: only the Trust itself or an application by 1,200 residents can change this.</p> <p>The remaining three elected members of the Trust have said they will not stand again. At present there are four candidates standing for the four vacancies on the Trust Council which would mean that there would not be an election if no one else is nominated. The Trust AGM will be held on 19 September.</p>	
6	<p><u>Authorisation of additional centenary expenditure for the Centenary Lunch at Fellowship for suburb residents who have lived on the Suburb for 60 years or more. Originally £400 was authorised and an additional £1,100 is required.</u></p> <p>A breakdown of the expenditure for this lunch had been given to John Boulter and it was noted that the wine will be provided on a sale or return basis.</p> <p>A Motion was proposed by Richard Wakefield and seconded by John Boulter that a further sum of £1,100 is made available for the lunch for residents who had lived on the Suburb for 60 years or more. This was passed Nem Con.</p> <p>As regards Centenary finance, Richard Wakefield said that £49,000 had been collected from residents and sponsorship and an estimated £27,000 raised from advertisements and profit on the sales of memorabilia, roses, pageant ticket sales and collections. To date around £49,000 had been spent or provided for.</p> <p>Simon Abbott was anxious to have an event for teenagers on the Suburb and it was suggested that he write up a proposal and circulate it to Council.</p>	

7	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p><u>Fellowship</u> Pia Duran thanked the RA for the cheque for £7,500 which they had collected on behalf of Fellowship and had been given to her.</p> <p><u>AGM</u> This will be held on 31 March 2008.</p>	
8	<p><u>To confirm the date of the Next Meeting on Tuesday 2 October at 8.00pm at Fellowship House</u> This was confirmed</p>	