

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3 June 2008
at Fellowship House at 8.00 pm

Present: David Lewis in the Chair

John Boulter (Hon Treasurer), Simon Abbott, Douglas Blausten, Terry Brooks, Dave Brown, Alan Brudney, Carol Boulter, Janet Elliott, Derek Epstein, Colin Gregory, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Eva Jacobs, David Littaur, Steve Morris, Max Petersen, Gary Shaw, Leonie Stephen, Richard Wakefield,

Visitors included: Joyce Littaur, Andrew Botterill, Pia Duran, Marjorie Harris, Anne Crawley, representatives from Willifield Way and Queens Court.

1	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> David B Lewis, Francois Crompton-Roberts, Nicole Gerber, Rosalind Josephs, Selwyn Nakan, Brian Rivett, Richard Kemp</p>	
2	<p><u>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> These were approved.</p>	
3	<p><u>Matters Arising not on the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Michael Rowley Memorial</u> David Lewis reported on a very successful event and thanked everyone involved, particularly Alan and Lucretia Walker, Richard Wakefield, Vincent Crompton- Roberts, Jan White and Sally Lewis for all their work. It was suggested that this event is repeated.</p> <p><u>Walk Around the Allotments</u> Pia Duran reminded Council that she will lead a walk around the allotments on Saturday 7 June, leaving from Fellowship House at 10.00 am.</p> <p><u>HGS Management Charge</u> Richard Wakefield told the Meeting that there was nothing further to report.</p> <p>Carol Boulter thought that there was a good letter written by four elected Trust members in the Suburb News about the proposed banding of the Management Charge. She said that more should be done by the Trust to inform and consult residents as had been requested by the RA. She mentioned the excellent brochure that had been circulated a few years ago about the proposals by the Trust to develop the Central Square/Northway site.</p> <p>RW said that residents have been subjected to 15 letters. He stated that the four trustees on the HGS Trust are committed to getting a progressive charge although the Trust itself is neutral.</p>	

Parking Tickets in Falloeden Way

Gary Shaw was congratulated on his achievements and all the work he had done for residents was appreciated. He is now trying to obtain the return of money paid in parking tickets and he thought that residents should already be able to recover fines paid for parking on the loading bay in Hill Rise. He suggested a 6 month period to enable residents to re-claim fines and at the end of the period he thought that TfL should donate any unclaimed money to charity.

Club House and Museum Project Update

Derek Epstein had reported to the council in May that the working group's proposal to rebuild the tower had been rejected by Fellowship but it was suggested that a complete rebuild may be acceptable. The Working Group evaluated other possible venues on the Suburb and prepared a paper which explained why other locations are unsuitable, the benefits of the Fellowship site, the reasons for the rebuild the impact on Fellowship and that a Club House elsewhere on the suburb without Fellowship would not be viable, since there are insufficient resources for both and one would suffer.

The original club house was opened in 1910 and the Centenary would be an excellent opportunity to recreate a Club House with similar architectural features to the one that was destroyed in WW2. There would be no cost to Fellowship and free suitable alternative accommodation for the duration of the building work would be provided. If there is widespread community support and the proposal is viable, funds would have to be obtained and planning permission sought from the Trust and LB Barnet.

Sadly, Fellowship rejected the whole proposal and Derek Epstein said that he could see no clear reason why. The Working Group could be abandoned or pursued in case Fellowship agrees to this at a future date

Leonie Stephen was upset that she had not been consulted about the proposals although she is the RA's representative on Fellowship. The Working Group's paper had not been circulated to Fellowship committee members in advance of their meeting. She said that Fellowship it is a community asset.

Pia Duran explained that Fellowship is very well used for numerous activities. The majority of members are now in their 80's and many volunteers are in their 70's. Derek Epstein confirmed that it would be a prerequisite that Fellowship's valuable activities would not be compromised.

Carol Boulter said that this is a viable community centre and it would be unrealistic for the Working Group to try to recreate the

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	<p>sort of community which existed in the past. A public meeting could be held to discuss this</p> <p>Derek Epstein confirmed that it would indeed be the intention to hold very thorough community consultation in order to gauge community support.</p> <p>Derek Epstein said that the Free Church had agreed in principle to accommodate Fellowship whilst it was being rebuilt.</p> <p>Marjorie Harris said that members of the Working Group had visited the Brentham Club House and had seen all the activities which they organise. Funds have recently been raised to build an extension for this. Simon Abbott said that this community is bereft of community activities and there is a demand for this. Letchworth also has a thriving Community Centre.</p> <p>Eva Jacobs thought that it would be good for the Suburb and for the elderly on the Suburb for them to be included within a community centre serving all ages.</p> <p>Colin Gregory considered that there is no focal point for the community and visitors to the Suburb, but thought that the Working Group must proceed with everyone's support. He was in favour of the Working Group exploring ideas and carrying Fellowship with them.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the Working Group to continue to investigate other possibilities including the possible redevelopment of Fellowship House at some stage and encourage Fellowship Committee members to join in with the discussions.</p>	
4	<p><u>Question Time</u></p> <p><u>Queens Court</u> Two residents from Queens Court attended the Meeting to thank the RA for the award given to Queens Court and they said that they would be holding an award ceremony. They are trying to encourage all residents living in Queens Court to agree standards of behaviour and sign up to these.</p> <p><u>Centenary Funds</u> Andrew Botterill asked how much had been raised for the Suburb Centenary and how much had been spent. John Boulter said that the next issue of Suburb News will contain details. The tax position is still uncertain and the net position is unknown. Money had been raised by sponsorship, brochure, sale of memorabilia and advertisements. Andrew Botterill referred to the Centenary Brochure which outlined how the money would be spent. He said that it was not mentioned that the funds could be spent on a 'grand project'. Richard Wakefield pointed out that this wording had not been approved by the Council.</p>	

<p><u>Willifield Way Roundabout and Speed Humps</u> A group of Willifield Way residents attended the Meeting to express their concern at the removal of the speed humps and a roundabout, by LB Barnet without consultation. Gary Shaw said that LB Barnet no longer supports the use of road humps as a means of traffic calming Alan Brudney pointed out that there are several other ways of traffic calming. Something also needs to be done at the Crickmer Circus junction.</p> <p>Derek Epstein said that it is LB Barnet policy to remove humps and then consult residents. A heritage lottery application had been made to reinstate the original crossing at Crickmer Circus but this had been turned down.</p> <p>English Heritage had also stated that they consider this crossing to be ugly. Perhaps the priority could be reversed which may make it safer. Steve Morris considered that the lack of these roundabouts is accidents waiting to happen. Road humps are dangerous for cyclists and emergency vehicles and we should seek another traffic calming device.</p> <p>Richard Wakefield would like to remove the roundabout at Meadway/Hampstead Way because there had been a large increase in traffic in Hampstead Way/Willifield Way as a consequence, but some Council members considered it a good arrangement as it stopped the traffic congestion at this crossroad Gary Shaw pointed out that artificial restrictions on a main road, such as Finchley Road encourages the use of side roads.</p> <p>Colin Gregory proposed and Simon Abbott seconded a Motion regretting that LB Barnet did not consult residents regarding the removal of the road humps on Willifield Way and the roundabout at Willifield Way/Asmunds Hill and seeking the replacement of this roundabout as well as a new one at Crickmer Circus.</p> <p>This was passed by 13 votes in favour and 3 against.</p>	
<p><u>HGS Trust</u> A resident was concerned that, in his opinion the Trust did not seem to know or were unable to enforce the hours when building working is carried out on the Suburb. With the large number of current building projects, the noise is causing distress to residents at anti social times, such as weekends and bank holidays. He thought that the Trust do not seem to be following their own guidelines.</p> <p>Simon Abbot said that this had been discussed by the RA Council and he is preparing a draft paper. The EC will consider this draft and it will be brought to the July Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that the next Suburb News will contain the details of the hours when building work is allowed together with a telephone number to contact the Environmental Health Officer at LB Barnet</p> <p>The resident also asked for details of the mechanism for approval of planning applications and perhaps this could be stated on the Trust and RA web site.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>RW</p>

7	<p><u>Street Clutter Project</u> This will be discussed at the July meeting.</p>	
8	<p><u>Any Other Urgent Business</u></p> <p><u>Recycling</u> Alan Brudney said that LB Barnet is changing their recycling contract in November and new bins will be issued.</p> <p><u>Volunteers Party</u> Steve Morris said that there are issues with the 12 July date as it clashes with the Horticultural Society event and the Garden Suburb Theatre production.</p> <p>Publication Committee will meet on 23 June and select a date in September.</p> <p><u>Paper on Youth on the Suburb</u> Simon Abbott asked the position regarding the paper he had prepared and his attempt to answer questions about a possible youth project on the Suburb. It was suggested that this is forwarded with the minutes to Council members to consider.</p> <p><u>Suburb Gallery</u> Richard Wakefield said that sales are running at £600 per month with a loss of £276 over a period of 5 months. There are several exhibitions planned.</p> <p><u>Stationery and Photocopier</u> Richard Wakefield said that he was unable to continue to order the stationery. No one is now in charge of the photocopier since Derek Chandler resigned.</p> <p><u>Notice Boards</u> Simon Abbott said that some of the notice board needs updating and he will be making proposals at the July meeting.</p> <p><u>New Mayor of Barnet</u> Colin Gregory suggested that a letter should be written on behalf of the RA to John Marshall congratulating him on his appointment.</p>	<p>DBL</p> <p>DBL</p>
8	<p><u>To confirm the date of the next meeting on Tuesday 1 July at 8.00pm at Fellowship House</u> This was confirmed</p>	