



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd April 2012
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm**

Present: Janet Elliott, in the Chair, Alan Brudney, Jeremy Clynes, Charles Gale, Tony Ghilchik, Colin Gregory, Eva Jacobs, David Lewis, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council), Rosalind Josephs, David Littaur, Max Petersen, Judith Samson, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Ian Tutton, Richard Wakefield

Visitors: Joyce Littaur

1. Apologies for absence and welcome to visiting residents.

Simon Abbott, Tony Brand, Richard Wiseman, Terry Brooks

2. Questions notified in advance. None.

3. Questions from visiting residents. None.

4. Report on AGM - 26 March.

The Draft minutes had been circulated to Council.

Chandos Development

'Andrew' should be replace by 'Anthony' in line 1

Janet Elliott said that 127 residents attended the AGM compared with 90 last year. Members discussed whether the names of those who had apologised for their absence should be included and it was decided against. It is only the Council who receives the full minutes of the AGM and if the names of those sending apologies were to appear, then the names of all those attending should also be given. A summary, which tradition keeps to one or two pages only, allows insufficient space to include names and is circulated to those present at the AGM.

5. Council and EC Minutes

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| 5a | Approval of Minutes of March Council Meeting. | Approved |
| 5b | To receive Minutes of the Executive Committee of 21 March. | Received |

Matter arising Hustings Meeting

David Littaur confirmed that this meeting will take place on 19 April at 8pm. He had not heard from Cllr Coleman's agent regarding an alternative Conservative representative.

RW will send out an eNews in advance to advertise the Hustings and well as posters being put on the RA notice boards. **RW**

6 Financial Report

JC explained that the new book keeper had resigned almost immediately after accepting as she had to return to Ireland for family reasons. Paul Davis had agreed

to take on this role for the RA, and will do so on his return from holiday. It had not been possible to provide accounts for this month.

7. Market Place Library

JS said that LB if Barnet closed the Library on 31 March and it is hoped that it will re-open on 17 April. The project now has 74 volunteers and rotas are being prepared. The formal agreement from LB Barnet is still awaited and for this reason many of the arrangements will have to be made at the last minute. Mike Fahey and John Marshall have both been particularly helpful. Council appreciated all the work that JS and JC had done and thanked them again.

8. To confirm the membership of RA Council members on RA Standing Committees and the RA representation on other bodies for 2012-13

The Chairman reminded members that it was only the appointments of RA Council members to Committees which was confirmed at this meeting and that under Standing Orders co-options to committees and the appointment of Standing Committee Chairman, was the role of the Committees themselves, though under the Constitution, the latter all had to be eligible to serve on the RA Council. The supporting aide memoire provided by the Chairman in respect of these appointments was taken into account, as well as the contributions of members present, when the following decisions were agreed:

8.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A motion was proposed by Ian Tutton and seconded by Max Peterson that the following should serve on the Executive Committee

Chairman, Janet Elliott,
Vice-Chairman, Jonathan Seres
Hon. Treasurer, Jeremy Clynes
Tony Ghilchik, Eva Jacobs, David Littaur and Richard Wakefield.
This was passed unanimously

Members were also in agreement with Richard Wiseman rejoining the Executive but at the time of the meeting it was not known whether he would be available to serve.

OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES - appointment of members of the RA Council to Standing Committees for 2012-13

8.2 Allotments Committee.

Alan Brudney
Pia Duran (chairman in 2011)

8.3 Conservation and Amenities Committee (CONSAM)

Jeremy Clynes
Tony Ghilchik
Rosalind Josephs

David Lewis
Max Petersen
Jonathan Seres

Noted that Geoffrey Spyer (Council member till the AGM) had stepped down and Consam had chosen a new Chairman (John Sells)

8.4 Events Committee

David Littaur (Chairman in 2011)
Simon Abbott
Tony Brand
Charles Gale
Richard Wakefield

8.5 Membership

Chairmanship vacant
Janet Elliott
Jeremy Clynes
Stephanie Hurst

8.6 Publications

Terry Brooks (Chairman in 2011)
Judith Samson
Richard Wakefield

8.7 Roads and Traffic

Charles Gale
Judith Samson
Gary Shaw
Will Sowerbutts (Chairman 2011)

8.8 Trees and Open Spaces (TOS)

Peter Beesley
Alan Brudney
Tony Ghilchik (Chairman 2011)
Colin Gregory
Eva Jacobs
Rosalind Josephs

9.0 OTHER RA COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

9.1 COMMUNITY FACILITIES & hgs HERITAGE WORKING GROUP

Simon Abbott (Chairman)
David Littaur

Notes: The co-opted members of the Working Group represent the interests of particular Suburb organisations/societies

9.2 GARDEN SUBURB GALLERY

Richard Wakefield

Co-options to represent interested organisations:

Noted that Peter Falk had been co-opted to represent the interests of Fellowship

Richard Wakefield made an appeal for more members of the RA Council to fulfil the role of volunteer overseeing the Gallery during its opening hours.

9.3 LITTER TEAM

Rosalind Josephs and 132 volunteers

9.4 MEMORIAL SEATS

Rosalind Josephs

9.5 RA THEATRE CLUB

Noted membership information on their committee would be provided shortly.

9.6 SUBURB WEBSITE

Steve Morris

9.7 OTHER ISSUES

The Strategy Working Party produced its final report in December 2011 and then stood down.

10. RA representatives and nominees on other organisations

CommUnity Barnet

Rosalind Josephs

Bigwood and Littlewood Management Group

Chosen from within the Trees & Open Spaces Committee:

Tony Ghilchik

Alan Brudney

Deborah Calland*

Peter Falk*

Sally Lewis*

Léonie Stephen * = co-opted members

English Heritage Liaison

Geoffrey Spyer

City of London's Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee

Colin Gregory

Federation of Residents Associations of LB of Barnet (FORAB)

Janet Elliott; Alternate: David Lewis

HGS Trust, Estates Committee

Pia Duran (representing the allotment holders)
Rosalind Josephs

HGS Trust, Finance Committee

Jeremy Clynes

HGS Trust, Grants and Amenities Committee

Simon Abbott
Eva Jacobs

HGS Trust, Property and Plans Committee

JS explained that Consam would like to enlarge the pool of experience of members in participating in the work of the Trust PPC. The Trust has introduced a new extended consultation process. They had agreed that PPC rather than an independent committee should be involved. PPC representatives should come from a pool of all Consam members.

Following a lengthy discussion, a Motion was proposed by Jonathan Seres and seconded by Rosalind Josephs that 'Geoffrey Spyer and another current member of Consam' should be included in the Suburb Director.

This was passed by 10 votes in favour, 3 against with 3 abstentions.

HGS Trust, Trees Survey Steering Group (new)

Janet Elliott

HGS Conservation Area Advisory Committee (CAAC)

Max Petersen and Geoffrey Spyer

Background information provided

It was explained that Jonathan Seres, on behalf of CONSAM, had been in touch with the Chairman of CAAC, Michael Bella Goddard, about the status of recent members of CAAC who, it was understood, had once been appointed to that body on the recommendation of the RA. He reported that the system of nomination, appointment and re-appointment had become somewhat opaque in recent years, and some former RA nominees continued to be welcome as members but were now there because of their personal contribution rather than their original nomination.

The Council agreed this position should be regularised, as far as practicable, with LBB &/or Mr Bella Goddard.

From 2012 onwards, from the RA's perspective only Max Petersen and Geoff Spyer of those listed in 2011 had current associations with the RA Council and or CONSAM and only they should be mentioned in the Suburb Directory under this heading for the coming year (see above). However, if more nominations would be welcome by CAAC, this would be decided by CONSAM and chosen from amongst its members.

HGS Fellowship

Richard Wakefield

HGS Institute
Janet Elliott

HB School Governors Observer

No appointment.

Agreed the Chairman will speak to the Head Teacher at the School about this. **JE**

Kenwood Landscape Forum

Eva Jacobs

London Forum of Greater London Amenity Societies

Derek Chandler

**North London Hospice
(North West Support Group)**

David Lewis

Orchard House Society

Simon Abbott

**11 ISSUES OF GENERAL INTEREST ARISING OUT OF THE DISCUSSIONS
ON COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

During the discussions on the appointments agreed above, a number of issues arose on which the Council felt requested action or information. These are set out below:

10.1 The issue of appointments to the Trust PPC and to LBB CAAC to represent the Council still needed further clarification and this should be done as soon as practicable so that it could be recorded in the 2012 Suburb Directory

10.2 The Council expressed the view that the Roads & Traffic Committee should review its Chairmanship and meeting arrangements in order to achieve an appropriate level of effectiveness as soon as practicable.

10.3 The Council agreed that they would like a report from Simon Abbott about the current and future work of this Working Group and information on the persons holding positions in respect of its work as a result of the setting up of a company and a charity both of which would impact on the role and responsibility of the RA for this Working Party.

12. To Note programme of Council and Open Meetings

Monday 16 April 8.00pm at Free Church, closed meeting to discuss draft report of the Independent Enquiry.

Tuesday 1 May

Tuesday 3 July

Tuesday 4 September

Thursday 19 April 8.00pm at Free Church Hall - Hustings meeting