



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 May 2013
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm**

Present: Janet Elliott, in the Chair. Tony Brand. Terry Brooks, Jeremy Clyne, Tony Ghilchik, Stephanie Hurst, Brian Ingram, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis, David Littaur, John Sells, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw and Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitors: Joyce Littaur and Ann Spencer

1. Apologies for absence and welcome to visiting residents

Apologies were received from Peter Beesley, Douglas Blausten, Alan Brudney, Charles Gale, Colin Gregory, Max Petersen, Richard Wiseman, and Richard Wakefield

2. Questions notified in advance - There were none

3. Questions from visiting residents - There were none

4. AGM 21 March 2013

4a To approve the short version of the Minutes.

JE will circulate these for approval at the July meeting of Council.

JE

5. Council & EC minutes

5a. Approval of Minutes of 2 April 2013 Council Meeting - These were approved

5b To receive the unconfirmed Minutes of the Executive Committee of 18 April 2013 - These were noted.

5c Matters Arising

The Chairman reminded members that the letters written on their behalf to LBB re the Welsh Harp development and to Father Tony Convery of St Edward's Church had been circulated. A reply from Father Convery had been received and was read out.

6. Financial Report

The Treasurer had circulated the March accounts JC explained that to that date the expenditure had been within budget and the membership figures were in line with previous years. The April accounts are being prepared and would be available for the May Executive meeting.

Suburb News Delivery team Party

TB had circulated a paper from Publications regarding a proposed party to thank Suburb News Distributors to be held at Fellowship House on September 26. The last party had been held in 2008. He asked for £400 to be made available to fund this which Council agreed.

7. Membership arrangement for printing and delivery by volunteers of receipts membership cards and directories

JE reported that all the arrangements were in hand and the Directory, although slightly later than usual; will go to press at the end of May.

8. Report on Police Station Open meeting and future meetings

JS reported on a useful meeting. It appeared that most Suburb residents were not aware that the Golders Green Police Station (in the Finchley Road in Temple Fortune) would close on 24 June. The Open meeting attendee had been informed that the premises occupied by the Safer Neighbourhood Team in Golders Green Road, which at present has no public access, would become a contact point and open to the public on certain days with very limited hours. The meeting proposed that it should be open for a short period at the same time at least five days a week. Since the meeting, MP Mike Freer agreed to help achieve this.

JS said that there is no obvious topic for a public meeting to be held on June 4. The next public meeting will probably be held in the autumn.

9. Committee Reports and issues

9.1 Consam

Hogarth Hill

John Sells reported that objections had been registered to a proposed hard standing and dropped kerb.

HGS Trust

Consam were in discussions with the Trust on how they deal with residents' enquiries as there seems to be a level of dissatisfaction with the way in which such enquiries were handled.

Glentree Development

There is a proposal for a development close to the rear of St Edward's Church in Hoop Lane. Although it is outside the Suburb Consam are looking into this and would like the views of Council members and residents.

Development at Welsh Harp

Although it is outside the Suburb, the Chairman had, with the agreement of Council, sent a letter of objection to the scale of the development in an area of special scientific interest and which is a London wide amenity.

9.2 Events

Michael Rowley Event

This will be held on May 11 at 2,00pm. Posters have been distributed, an announcement was made in eNews, and JE had written a note on the HGS Discussion Group. DLt asked for volunteers to help put out the chairs.

Summer Fun Day – 23 June

Posters have been distributed and it has been announced in eNews. DLt said that the fourteenth meeting of this sub-committee will be held on 8 May.

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Council began a discussion on whether or not to hold New Year's Eve fireworks display, following last year's cancellation on grounds of cost. These had escalated through the need for an outside organiser and other support as a result of the dwindling band of volunteers by comparison with the Centenary year of 2007. A paper had been circulated the previous week

The question to be addressed was whether the RA wants the fireworks and if so is it practical?

A questionnaire will be inserted in eNews asking residents for their views

The estimated cost, with an active committee, would be approximately £5000.

TG pointed out that the number of attendees was probably only 10% of membership of the RA and SH commented that many were not Suburb residents.

JE pointed out that those attending drinks in St Jude's were mainly from the Suburb. She thought that it would always be relatively difficult to get volunteers to commit themselves in advance to help on New Year's Eve as they most often had other commitments.

It was agreed that the eNews questionnaire would proceed and the results would be discussed by Events committee at their meeting on 19 June and a final decision will be made at the July Council meeting.

BI suggested that paid assistance is obtained for items such as moving chairs at Suburb events. DLt agreed to consider this. Someone has been hired to keep the toilets clean for the Summer Picnic and the costs will come out of the agreed budget.

9.3 Publications

Suburb News

The Council appreciated the work that RWa had done to prepare the latest Suburb News and TB said that whilst RWa is recovering from his operation, he is being offered help where he needs it

New RA Leaflet

This is nearly ready for printing and distribution.

Discount Scheme

Publications committee had considered dropping the Discount Scheme this year and were looking for someone to take it over in the future. There had been little feedback although the discount card is used at the Moyses Stevens flower shop, Suburb Gallery and Cohen's jewellers

JE reported that Charles Gale had subsequently offered to help and there is possibility of another person assisting. In these circumstances it was agreed to continue with the Scheme this year. JE will tell Lorna Page for the Directory. **JE**

9.4 Roads and Traffic

GS had nothing further to report.

9.5 Trees and Open Spaces

TG had circulated the latest minutes and there was nothing further to add.

10. Any other Urgent Business - There was none.

11. RA Council meetings

These will be held on Tuesdays, 2 July, 3 September, 5 November 2013 and 7 January and 4 March 2014 at 8pm at Fellowship House.

Open meetings Potential dates - Tuesdays, 4 June, Tuesday, 1 October and 3 December 2013 at Fellowship House.