



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3 September 2013
at Fellowship House at 8.00pm

Present: Janet Elliott, in the Chair, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Jeremy Clynes, Charles Gale, Tony Ghilchik, Colin Gregory, Stephanie Hurst, Rosalind Josephs, David Lewis, David Littaur, Max Petersen, John Sells, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Ann Spencer, Richard Wakefield, Richard Wiseman and Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council)

Visitors: Joyce Littaur and Pia Duran, Chairman of the Allotments Committee.

The Chairman welcomed visitors and all Council members to the first meeting of the RA Council after the usual summer break and in particular welcomed back Richard Wakefield and Jonathan Seres, both now well on the way to recovery following serious illness.

She also informed members that Ian Tutton had taken the decision to resign from Council as due to commitments related to his full time role, he is no longer able to attend the Tuesday meetings. She thanked him for the work he had done on Council and for his assurance that he continued to be supportive of the RA's work and would be pleased to be involved in the future, personally, and in his professional capacity as minister of the Free Church. Members thanked him his considerable contribution since coming to HGS.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Alan Brudney, Brian Ingram and Douglas Blausten.

2/3. Questions from members notified in advance and from visiting residents - None

4. Council & EC minutes

4a Approval of Minutes of 2 July 2013 Council meeting
These were approved.

4b. To receive the unconfirmed minutes of the Executive Committee of 16 July 2013
These were received and a minor correction was noted.

4c Matters arising (not covered elsewhere) - None

5. Financial Report

The Income and Expenditure accounts and the Balance sheet to end July had been circulated prior to the Meeting. JC confirmed that expenditure was within budget and that he was pleased to inform Council that all outstanding debts relating to advertisement income had been cleared with the exception of two older, very minor accounts. JS congratulated RWa and JC for accomplishing this. JC also reminded members that the costs relating to the Annual Report within the overall print budget will be slightly greater than last year as a result of the decision to send a copy to all residents; however, there will be other costs under the same budget heading which will be less than the amount budgeted.

6. Membership

The pattern of annual Membership subscriptions (new and renewals) being received is on course to be similar to last year. A further £1000 in subscription income has been banked in August.

JE reminded Council that the production of the Directory and the associated deliveries by volunteers had been subject to delays for a number of reasons and that a small proportion had been further delayed. However, the RA was grateful for the way in which residents (including many new to the task) had undertaken this work and to those who had organised the combined effort. Also positive was the increased support generated for the RA discount scheme from local retail outlets.

7. Committee Reports and issues:

7.1 Consam:

Car Club

JSL reported that this proposal now has the backing of the Ward Councillors in principle and a suitable site is being sought.

Smaller Posts for CPZ and Disabled Parking

Consam is discussing this with LB Barnet.

Trust Communication for residents

JSL is organising a meeting with Claire Calman to discuss this.

Basement in Green Close

JSL said that Consam could find no grounds to object but they will continue to monitor this proposal.

135 Willifield Way

Consam has objected to this proposed basement application.

7.2 Events:

Consultation on end of year Fireworks

Council had agreed in principle at its July meeting to the resumption of the New Year Fireworks for 31 December 2013, subject to the formation of a strong organising committee, the cost of the entire operation not exceeding £4500 and evidence of a sufficient number of volunteer stewards.

Following a positive response to the consultation survey Dlt reported that these three conditions had been met and he had circulated a paper in advance to the Council.

After discussion Dlt proposed a Motion which was seconded by RWa 'That the Fireworks on New Year's Eve should resume in 2013', which was passed nem con.

Dlt was thanked for all the work he had carried out during the summer.

7.3 Gallery

RWa said that the Gallery had done well in the first six months but needed new events for the next six months to sustain this. There is a shortage of volunteers for the autumn. The operation of the Gallery from some time in 2014 is also likely to be affected by the disruption caused by building works at Fellowship House and decisions which may be made by Fellowship before and following the completion of those works.

7.4 Publications: Suburb News & ENews

Publication of Suburb News and ENews had continued during recent months despite Richard Wakefield's ill health. TB undertook to look into why some residents had not yet received their latest edition of Suburb News. **TB**

7.5 Roads & Traffic

CPZ

GS reported that the new extended CPZ will commence next month and that some residents of parts of Willifield Way who had campaigned to be excluded from the new CPZ are now considering whether they need to change their minds, when faced with displacement parking from the new CPZ.

GS referred to the recent successful appeal by East Finchley residents which capped the costs of permits and visitors vouchers, commenting that this was a remarkable victory.

7.6 Trees & Open Spaces

Tree Planting

TG said that the estimated cost of planting had been increased in line with RPI to £3400 although Barnet have not yet made any claims for this money.

Tree Survey

This will recommence soon.

Trees Protection - Rotherwick/ Corringham and Temple Fortune Hill

JSL said that details of all trees in the area that feature in applications for permission to remove, are placed on the weekly Consam planning application lists.

Northway Gardens Playground

LB Barnet is putting in a planning application and once this has been passed the formal fundraising will start. LB Barnet had agreed to make a few extra metres of park area for this project and this was part of a separate planning application.

8. Autumn Open and other meetings –

The Chairman informed Council of a proposal to use the 1 October slot for a meeting between officers and committee chairs and respondents to fireworks survey to discuss further ways in which their offers of help might be used.

Council agreed to this proposal and JE said that there is an opportunity for new volunteers to respond to other possibilities to work for the RA. JS said that the Monkey Survey organised by JC produced 22 volunteer stewards and 16 possible committee members. There had been 24 volunteers in all. The Chair of each committee was asked to provide a short statement about their committee and if possible to attend this Meeting. Volunteers could be asked for their ideas of what the RA should do. RWA suggested that other residents are invited but JS thought that this evening should be reserved for those who responded to the survey. JE said that any resident known to a Council member who was thought suitable and who would like to attend, should also be invited.

Suggestions for future open meeting included a further invitation to MP Mike Freer who had offered to talk but no details had been agreed. Pia Duran suggested that the new trustees of the HGS Trust meet with the RA.

9. Any other urgent business

RA AGM - Monday, 31 March 2014 at 8.00pm

The Chairman asked members to note that the next RA AGM will be held on Monday, 31 March 2014 at 8.00pm. This was in line with the requirements of the RA's Constitution and did not conflict with any religious or public holidays. The venue will be discussed at the next EC.