



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at Fellowship House Willifield Way at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Lynda Cook, Tony Ghilchik, Charles Gale, Colin Gregory, Anita Harlow, Louise Hillman, Brian Ingram, David Littaur, Max Petersen, Frances Prentice, Simon Sackman, Gary Shaw, Hella Schrader, Ann Spencer, Ian Tutton. Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitor: Peter McCluskie, Mike Levy and two others for part of the meeting

**1. Apologies for absence**

These were received from Douglas Blausten Jeremy Hershkorn, Stephanie Hurst, Jonathan Seres and Diane Walsh.

**2. Question Time**

There were no questions

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting**

Grant Application by Central Square Residents Association

Paragraph 4

Delete 'from' in Line 1

Suburb Mailing

Second to last line

'discusses' should be "discuss'

**4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda**

Virtual Gallery

FP reported that Jeremy Clynes is interested in becoming involved with this project and the Chairman will speak to him. **Action DBL**

BI will speak to Fellowship to ascertain its proposals for the future of the Eileen Whelan Room (formerly the RA Gallery). **Action BI**

Central Square Funding Application

TG said that he now has a full breakdown of the costs of this scheme and at the meeting of the Steering Group it was confirmed that the Trust would take on the maintenance of Central Square for three years probably through the 'Adopt a Place' scheme which may be the best way forward. He said that there is an element of urgency in approving the funding as the plants must be ordered for the Spring planting.

It was confirmed that £2,450 has been collected from donations therefore the sum of £8,750 is now required from the RA.

The Trust will manage the project and will receive the money collected and then apply to LB Barnet for the matching funding

BI was concerned that £13,000 is being asked for Everedge Steel Edging. He said that this edging is incompatible with the raised beds - which Council was told was essential to avoid water getting in. He said that the cost for 600 metres of the most expensive type of Edging is £7,200 (incl VAT) and the cost of fitting is around £2,100.

If the cost of the scheme is less than £40,000 the RA would require a pro rata refund of the difference in cost. LC wanted to know whether the Trust has experience in managing open spaces and whether the RA would have any say in the management. Although the Trust does have experience, there was concern that the Trust's contractors use leaf blowers and that the RA may not have a say if it was unhappy with the way the project was being managed.

*A motion was proposed by Tony Ghilchik and seconded by Max Petersen that 'The Treasurer may pay the sum of £8,750 to the HGS Trust towards the cost of replanting Central Square flowerbeds as soon as the EC has received formal written confirmation from the Trust that they will maintain the flowerbeds at least for the first 3 years and that the Trust confirms in writing that the RA will be refunded 25% of the total of any under spend. If the total cost of the project exceeds £40,000 the RA will match the Trust's contribution but not in excess of £1,250, making a maximum contribution of £10,000.*

This was passed by 15 votes in favour, 3 votes against and with 1 abstention

BI asked to receive a copy of the 'Adopt a place document as soon as possible.

## **5. Receipt of EC minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

These were received.

Hampstead Garden Suburb cultural Hub (Heritage Centre at St Judes)

Line 1

Delete 'to'

Line 2

'Lady' should replace 'Large'

## **6. Finance**

LH said that she had circulated the management accounts which were similar to the last set. She said that the full year surplus to date was £5,000 compared to the forecast of £3,000.

LH will work on creating a budget for the EC to consider. She will email committee chairmen and ask them whether their budget for last year is sufficient. **Action LH**  
**Action GS** will provide the email addresses.

The RA Reserves Policy will be discussed at the December meeting of Council.

## 7. Brooklands area traffic proposals

GS told the Council that as a result of the School Travel Plan, after an initiative by Brookland parents, two major proposals had been prepared by Capita, to include the area from Ossulton Way in the East and Brookland Rise in the west

- Scheme1      20 mph speed limit 24/7  
One way system around Brookland Hill and Brookland Rise  
Zebra crossing outside the School
- Scheme 2      Slightly fewer roads affected  
20mph speed limit only at drop off and pick up time  
No one way scheme  
Zebra crossing outside School

GS said that traffic problems exist only at both ends of the school day. A permanent one-way system would result in inconvenience for residents who try to avoid using these roads around the critical periods so a one-way system might be more of a nuisance than a benefit.

The zebra crossing would be taking away parking spaces and be a nuisance for residents living nearby who would be disturbed by the flashing lights. GS did not think that the 20mph speed limit would solve anything as it is very difficult to drive down Hill Top at peak times. Outside those times speeding is a rare problem and would criminalise residents who exceed the limit. Problems are caused by parents ignoring the existing restrictions.

There has been an indication from the Councillors that they would not wish to proceed with scheme 1.

The RA had suggested that they could contribute towards a 'lollipop lady' for an hour in the mornings and afternoons which would be good PR .

BI said that he had written to some 300 residents and the majority do not want the scheme A. He said that there are many 'rat runners. who use this route. There used to be a lollipop lady but she had been injured on duty.

GS said that the school does not wish to do anything that the residents are unhappy with.

IT proposed that a public meeting is held at the school with local councillors to ascertain residents' views.

*A Motion which was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Gary Shaw was passed: 'That the RA holds a public meeting to ascertain the views of residents',*

The EC will discuss this further: **Action EC**

## 8. Litchfield Way/Meadway Roundabout

BI told Council that he would like the RA to make a grant of £125 to cover the costs for three people to remove the weeds from this roundabout before they seed, and to put in more manure.

The EC will discuss this and if they agree will authorise this grant. **Action EC**

## **9. Poster boards**

FP said that there was nothing further to report.

## **10. Heritage Centre and Support for St Jude's Appeal**

St Jude's is applying to the Heritage Lottery Funding for £5 million for essential restoration work and to create a Heritage and Visitors centre for the Suburb in the Lady Chapel with additional community and studio space. It would like the support of the RA but are not asking for any funding.

*The Chairman proposed and Alan Brudney seconded a Motion:*

*'The RA Council welcomes the proposal for the setting up of a Suburb Heritage Centre in the Lady Chapel of St Jude's and will be happy to be represented on any organisational and/or fund raising committee which maybe founded for this purpose.'*

This was passed unanimously,

## **11. Open Spaces Bill**

A letter had been sent to the Remembrancer, Paul Double, at the City of London Corporation setting out the RA's comments on the proposed Bill which will be introduced to Parliament on 23 November.

The City would like to be able to make money from leasing the open spaces. The RA said in the letter that they would like to see a schedule containing broad restrictions to any policy to ensure that commercial events which exclude the general public are restricted to certain designated areas of the Heath, with limits to the number and types of such events per year.

CG had circulated the draft Bill to Council. The overarching provision of the 1871 Act has been preserved.

The main outstanding concern is with clause 7 This clause provides that 'The Corporation may—temporarily use or permit others to use land (including buildings) forming part of an open space for the purposes of a conference, an exhibition or the making of a film (which are to be regarded as "events" for the purposes of the following provisions of this section)'

The powers are to be exercised in relation to a policy which although it must be developed in consultation with interested parties, could be adopted without the relevant consultative committee's agreement. The City says that 'It is to include provisions requiring the Corporation to have regard to the character of the open space (or the part of the open space) involved when considering if or on what terms a licence is to be granted, and a condition that permission is only to be given where material injury to the amenity, or significant impairment to the public enjoyment, of the open space does not arise in consequence'.

LC considered that the policy is too broad and there is no mention of the frequency of any event. She said that the Heath and Hampstead Soc may oppose it at second reading. She was concerned at the inclusion of 'conference's' and 'films' and the use of the words 'significant impairment'

CG said that as it is a private Bill there is a second stage procedure for opposing provisions by petition, but it is the wish of the City not to have to receive a petition. There is a meeting of the consultation committee on 9<sup>th</sup> November when outstanding concerns can be raised.

CG will also raise the outstanding issues and liaise with the Heath and Hampstead Society . He will use his discretion and report back to Council. **Action CG**

## **12. 2016 Council and Open Meeting dates**

These dates have been reserved for Meetings in 2016

2 Feb  
1 Mar  
5 Apr  
3 May  
7 Jun  
5 Jul  
6 Sep

CG suggested that the RA reintroduce monthly, shorter and more focussed meetings. This will be discussed by the EC. **Action EC**

## **13. Committee reports**

### Noise Committee

DBL told the Council about the proposals for red and yellow cards to be delivered to offending residents and he showed them what was proposed.

There had been a very large and varied response to these proposals in the Media GS said that Channel 4 is preparing a documentary and it was agreed that he could provide them with a copy of the video of the committee meeting.

### Events

DLT said that there will be a New Resident's Party on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 7.00-8.30pm and Council members were encouraged to attend.

## **14. Any other urgent business**

### Temple Fortune Lane

AS reported that a planning application has been submitted to convert a Victorian house into a block of flats just outside the Suburb ward in Temple Fortune Lane. She asked for the support of Consam and the Trust to object to these proposals. The deadline for objections is 5<sup>th</sup> November. Council agreed that Consam should write an appropriate letter.

### CPZ

Residents of Heathgate have requested a CPZ and organised local meetings. LB Barnet had not informed the RA which seems to be an ongoing problem with Barnet. GS will liaise with the residents. **Action GS**

## **15. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 at Fellowship House and future RA Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 Open Meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> December (for confirmation)**

The dates for Council Meetings were confirmed.

DBL asked for suggestions for open meetings and in particular for 8<sup>th</sup> December IT suggested that we could hold an open meeting to ascertain interest in resurrecting an informal network of classes on the Suburb linked to the Institute, CG suggested an open meeting on energy efficiency. If Council members had any ideas of 'hot topics' suitable for an open meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December they should let him know ASAP