



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
1st March 2016 at Fellowship House, Willifield Way at 8.00pm

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

Visitors: Alan Jacobs (for part of this meeting), Joyce Littaur, Peter McCluskie and Harry Simmonds

David Lewis informed the Meeting that Harry Simmonds, a co-opted member of the Roads & Traffic Committee and Peter McCluskie, Chairman of Consam, have agreed to stand for Council at the AGM

1. Apologies for Absence

These were received from Colin Gregory, Alan Brudney, Jeremy Hershkorn, Max Petersen and Hella Schrader.

2. Question Time

There were no questions.

3 Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 2 February 2016

Brian Ingram would like some changes to the Minutes of the Meeting held in closed session.

Jonathan Seres proposed and Terry Brooks seconded a Motion:

That Brian Ingram should circulate a tracked document to the Hon Sec with his suggested amendments to the draft minutes of that part of the Council Meeting held on 2nd February 2016 in closed session This Motion was passed

Sponsorship Application – Proms at St Jude’s

There should be a space between ‘a’ and ‘year’ in Line 3

4 Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda There were none

5 Receipt of EC minutes of 16th February 2016

Printing

Ann Spencer agreed with BI that we should keep to the procedure which had been agreed for tendering for Suburb News. Terry Brooks said he had been asked to inform the EC if he did not wish to put out to tender and to provide reasons, which he did, and that it was for the EC to decide what to do. If the EC agreed with Terry Brooks’ proposals it should inform Council why it had agreed and if there were three

or more objections from Council members a vote should be taken. The Chairman explained the decision of the EC in this case.

It was agreed that Lines 3 and 4 should be deleted from the draft EC minutes

Stuart Gray Award

The second line should read '- Max Petersen, Simon Sackman and Ann Spencer-

6 Circulation of Statement of Accounts 2015

The Treasurer said that the statement of Accounts were circulated to Council on 16 Feb and will be circulated to members together with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting

7 Grant Application – Open House

The Chairman told Council that in addition to the Free Church agreeing to pay £200 towards Open House for this year, St Jude's had agreed to pay £200. The Chairman had also contacted the Society of Friends asking them for £200 but had not yet received a response.

BI would like to see more publicity for the RA but The Chairman said that the main purpose of the RA's contribution to Open House is to publicise the Suburb.

The Chairman proposed and Jonathan Seres seconded a Motion

That the RA proceeds with a grant to Open House Weekend 2016 for a sum of £800 in the knowledge that the RA has been promised a grant of £200 each from the Free Church and St Jude on the Hill towards the cost and that the Friends Meeting House has also been asked to contribute £200

This was passed unanimously

8 Nomination of Tony Ghilchik as RA representative on the steering group for the Central Square Flower Beds to complete the implementation of the Steven Crisp proposals . The steering group had been set up with representatives from a North Square resident, HGS Trust, LB Barnet and the RA.

Brian Ingram proposed and Terry Brooks seconded a Motion that: *Tony Ghilchik becomes the RA's representative on the Central Square flower beds Steering Group.* This was passed unanimously

9 AGM Matters including retirees by rotation and nominations

Stephanie Hurst and Douglas Blausten are retiring from Council at the AGM and are not standing for re-election.

David Littaur, Alan Brudney, Brian Ingram and Ian Tutton whose terms will end are seeking re-election. Terry Brooks agreed to resign and seek re-election instead of having some members drawing lots.

Harry Simmonds and Peter McCluskie who are standing for election to Council at the AGM were visitors to the meeting

10 Committee reports and any other urgent business

Events Committee asked the Council for £350 to purchase a projector for use by all RA committees. This is required by the speaker for the Michael Rowley Event. The Treasurer pointed out that it will be depreciated over three years.

David Littaur proposed and Terry Brooks seconded a Motion:

That a sum not in excess of £350 will be made available to purchase a projector for the RA. This was passed Nem Con

Roads and Traffic

Brookland Area Traffic Proposals

Gary Shaw told Council that he had been notified by councillors of the result of the consultation from LB Barnet and the proposals for a Zebra Crossing and 20mph speed limit will not proceed. There will be minor signage changes and an upgrade of an informal crossing with tactile paving. There will also be a separate proposal for CCTV to monitor the zigzag lines. Tony Brand was thanked for his help with the distribution of leaflets for the public meeting.

Cycle Route

The Chairman, the Chairman of Consam and the Chairman of Roads & Traffic and an RA Member Philp Davies with specialist knowledge of the subject visited LB Barnet to discuss a proposed cycle route initiative from TfL between East Finchley and Cricklewood via the Suburb. There will be no financial contribution by LB Barnet. The route (just in its Suburb section) would involve 192 new advisory traffic signs although the guidelines for street signs in the Suburb state that no advisory traffic signs should be used. The only ones currently existing indicate a few of the footpaths.

The Chairman said that cycling along Meadway could be dangerous. The Barnet officers had said that they would defer consideration of the proposals for at least a year as another cycle route connecting to it had not yet gone ahead. The RA representatives were supported by Cllr Marshall at the meeting.

Notice Boards

BI noted that only £40 had been spent on notice boards whilst £130 had been spent on new membership software.

Ian Tutton suggested that the RA ascertain the cost of providing 12 hedge notice boards which can display four posters at the same time. The Chairman considered that these could be dangerous and Jonathan Seres said that large boards in hedges were not what the RA and the Trust stood for and that extra signs should not be encouraged. He thought that there are not many places on the Suburb where they would be suitable. BI said that he had found ten locations for boards on walls or posts, details of which he will send to FP for her to consider. FP agreed to obtain costings for a few more larger notice boards. **FP**

Trees and Open Spaces

TG reported that LB Barnet's Open Spaces Policy on-line is linked to a questionnaire which he encouraged Council members to complete.

Charles Gale was thanked for his work arranging for LB Barnet to repair Memorial Benches.

Adult Education Open Meeting

Ian Tutton reminded Council members that an open meeting will be held on 20 March at 8.00pm at the Free Church to consider the provision of adult education on the Suburb in the light of the Institute moving away.

11 Future Meetings

Council confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 5th April 2016 at Fellowship House and future RA Council meetings on 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July and 6th September 2016

Open Meetings: These are normally held on a Tuesday or Thursday subject to topics and ideas will be welcomed and sent to the Secretary..