



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
7th June 2016 at Fellowship House Willifield Way at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Barbara Bliss, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Lynda Cook, Tony Ghilchik, Anita Harlow, Jeremy Hershkorn, Louise Hillman, David Littaur, Peter McCluskie (part of Meeting), Max Petersen, Frances Prentice, Simon Sackman, Gary Shaw, Hella Schrader, Ann Spencer, Ian Tutton, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitors: Michelle Sochol, Richard Grethe, Christine Murphy

1. Apologies for Absence

Jonathan Seres, Colin Gregory, Charles Gale.

2. Question Time

There were none.

3. Presentation by Sgt. Mark Thomas and Inspector Jason Moseley of the Metropolitan Police

Inspector Jason Moseley told the meeting that he has worked in LB Barnet for seven years. The Golders Green area is split into five sections and details of his team can be found on the SNT web site and also on MPS twitter.

He said that the Suburb is a low crime area and much of the crime is carried out by people living outside the area. He invited residents to let him know their priorities for policing the Suburb.

Visitors to the meeting raised the problem of criminal activity carried out by people on scramblers which the police were unaware of and which Inspector Moseley said will now be looked into.

Inspector Mosley said that he would try to send a police officer to the Summer Party. He said that he now has more flexibility than in the past to place officers where they are needed and where there is an increase in crime.

The question of fly tipping was raised but, despite several reports, the Police did not seem to be aware of the extent of the problem or the photographs of the suspected van and fly tipper which had been circulating.

Inspector Mosley talked about the 'Ridealong' scheme whereby nominated residents would be invited to accompany a police patrol for four hours.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Moseley and Sgt. Mark Thomas for attending

4. Presentation by Richard Gentry of the Heath Constabulary

Richard Gentry talked about his role as Constabulary manager for the City of London who manages Hampstead Heath and Queens Park. There has been a police presence on Hampstead Heath since 1800 and there have always been 12 Constabulary Officers. The City of London took over the management of the Heath in 1989. The team consists of 10 Constables, 2 of them are dog handlers and 2 sergeants. They patrol from early in the morning to late into the night.

He talked about the main issues which they deal with which involves dogs and cyclists and includes, dog fouling, attacks by dogs off leads, cyclists not using designated cycle routes, and also rough sleepers and drug misuse.

The Constabulary tries to educate users of the Heath and engage with them and enforce the law. During the summer months there are more people using the Heath and crime is more prevalent.

Despite the press comments there are not any 'no go' areas on the Heath. A suspect has recently been detained in connection with the recent robberies on the Heath.

Further advice is being sought from the aviation authority regarding the use of drones.

The Constabulary works closely with local police teams. The team carries first aid equipment and defibrillators.

In response to a question, he said that the Constabulary is employed by the City of London and they have powers of arrest and their own uniform

The Chairman thanked Richard Gentry for attending and for his comprehensive presentation

5. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

Some minor corrections had been incorporated into the May Council Minutes which were approved by Council.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda.

The Institute

Ian Tutton had been nominated as one of the six trustees to the Institute Council which is now based in Kingsbury. He reported on the Institute AGM which was held last week.

Losses for the previous year were £600,000 and projected losses for this year are £300,000. Courses are being closed and redundancies being made to reduce the costs.

A large sum of money had been spent on refurbishing the new building in Kingsbury where there is a 15 year lease and an effort is being made to renegotiate the terms of the lease.

There is a cash flow problem with paying bills during the coming summer months and participants in courses for next year were being encouraged to enrol and pay for these now. He thought that the Institute had been badly advised and he was not optimistic about its future.

Alan Brudney asked if there was any chance that the Institute could move back to the Suburb and Ian Tutton said that it was considering the possibility of repatriating some courses to the Suburb. There was a problem with finding suitable accommodation. Barbara Bliss suggested that they could use the HB School during the evenings.

The Chairman said that the future of the Institute is out of the RA's hands and the RA should encourage residents to set up adult education in the Suburb. Ian Tutton said that there is a group of people who are working on a community learning network and the Chairman hoped that the RA would encourage this project and support it.

Members of Council were resigned to the fact that the Institute has been lost as a community facility for the Suburb.

Queens's 90th Birthday

Gary Shaw reported that the RA had sent a congratulatory message to the Queen.

7. Receipt of EC Minutes of 18 May

These were received.

8. Finance

The Treasurer had previously circulated the monthly management accounts. The estimate of subscription income has been reduced and a yearly forecast shows a deficit of £356.

9. Committee reports and any other urgent business

Events

Summer Party

The Chairman offered to organise the RA table with the help of Terry Brooks and Max Petersen. **DBL/TBr/MP**

Roads and Traffic

Resurfacing work is being carried out in Willifield Way and this may indicate that other Suburb roads will soon be scheduled for resurfacing. Barbara Bliss reported that half of Kingsley Way had been resurfaced.

Consam

A public meeting will be held on 21 June at 7.30 at Fellowship House to discuss the Suburb pavements and Hella Schrader will prepare posters. It was hoped to recruit other residents to volunteer for this working group. **HS**

Ian Tutton had read the Minutes which had been circulated regarding the meeting held between Consam and the Trust and thought that some of the elected representatives should have been present. He did not consider it a very encouraging report.

Ann Spencer said that the Trust have produced guidelines which shows that they do have this issue on their Agenda. Simon Sackman thought that it was not a carefully considered paper. The Chairman said that Consam had requested stricter guidelines for paving in front gardens or for use as parking but the new guidelines seemed to be less strict. The elected representatives of the Trust should be setting the policy. He thought that there was nothing wrong with the original guidelines but it is the Trust's interpretation of them which seems too permissive.

Consam should look at the decision regarding the front garden of a house in Rotherwick Road where additional paving has been carried out without permission.

PM

Trees and Open Spaces

Ian Tutton was concerned at the lack of progress on Central Square.

Tony Ghilchik said that the flower beds will not be treated until after the Summer party. Ian Tutton thought that the work should have been completed before the Summer when the square is most used.

Lynda Cook did not wish the use of the weed killer Roundup produced by Monsanto and the Chairman said that the RA were not told at the time of the grant application that weed killer would be used

Jeremy Hershkorn proposed and Terry Brooks seconded a Motion that

'The HGSRA requests that no further weed killer is used in Central Square and an alternative method is found to remove the remaining weeds.'

This was passed by 14 votes in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention

Ian Tutton asked the Chairman to enquire about interest on the money held by the Trust **DBL**

TG said that the work on Central Square had commenced but had been delayed due to the wet weather but there needs to be a gap of three weeks between the spraying and the planting. Some spraying had already been carried out.

10. To confirm the date of the next two RA Council meetings as Tuesday 5th July 2016 and Tuesday 6th September 2016 at Fellowship House

Open Meetings: normally on a Tuesday or Thursday to be arranged subject to topics
- all ideas were welcomed.