



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
3 January 2017 at Fellowship House Willifield Way at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Barbara Bliss, Tony Brand, Alan Brudney, Tony Ghilchik, Jeremy Hershkorn, Louise Hillman, David Littaur, Peter McCluskie, Harry Simmonds, Simon Sackman, Gary Shaw, Ian Tutton, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitors: Joyce Littaur,

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Terry Brooks, Colin Gregory, Jonathan Seres, Charles Gale, Max Petersen, Ann Spencer

2. Question Time

There were none

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 6 December 2016

These were approved.

Receipt of Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 13 December 2016

These were received.

4. Matters Arising

Allotments Committee

Alan Brudney told Council that, after the discussion which took place at the December Council, a meeting of the Allotments Committee will be held on 8th February with the site managers.

Brookland Rise School

Gary Shaw had not heard anything further from the resident who complained against the noise from the Xylophone at Brooklands School.

Open House

Ian Tutton is trying to find someone to take over this responsibility. **IT**

Bute Mews

Barbara Bliss reported that the vandalised fence had been repaired and the fly tipping situation has improved. However, there are still outstanding issues: the decking from the closed restaurant in Kingsley Way is an eyesore; the low entrance arch to the Mews from Kingsley Way was hit by a lorry, (thought to be from Barnet or a Barnet contractor) which brought down some masonry; the closed supermarket is

being used for cooking food. Barbara Bliss thought that the owner of Kay's delicatessen in Golders Green also owns the supermarket.

It was suggested that the landlord of the flats should be informed by the tenants and asked to ensure that the structure of the building has not been weakened. The tenants would like a sign erected to indicate the height of the arch.

David Lewis suggested that Barbara Bliss asks the tenants of the flats to talk to the managing agents. If they have no success Barbara Bliss should write to him or Gary Shaw, with a copy to Council, supplying details and history of the property which could act as a draft for a letter of complaint from the RA to Barnet, probably sent via Suburb Cllrs. **BB**

Finance and Proms at St Jude's

David Lewis had suggested removing one-off items from the RA Budget and enable grants to be decided on an ad hoc basis. Peter McCluskie said that if an item is in the budget it does not mean that the RA has authorised this expenditure and Louise Hillman drew Council's attention to the narrative in the management accounts which cover this point.

Jeremy Hershkorn thought the grant should remain in the RA's budget
Ian Tutton said that there had been an assumption by the Proms Committee that they will receive the grant from the RA but the RA may not be able to continue to continue the grant in the future.

David Lewis said that the RA is lacking revenue and relies on a declining number of members and may have to lower the grant in future years. It would not be appropriate to draw on reserves to make the grant. Louise Hillman thought that we should not discuss the grant until the paper have been circulated but she did not think that the St Jude's Proms Committee take the RA's contribution for granted. David Littaur said that it is perverse to assume that the Proms are making such presumptions. David Lewis said that the RA does not raise money to give away to charity. This will be discussed further at the February Council meeting.

5. Finance

Louise Hillman had circulated the management accounts in advance and she said that there had been no significant changes. She awaits the final figures for the New Year's Eve fireworks and information from Tony Ghilchik regarding LB Barnet's tree planting. **Dlt/TG**

6. Proposed Changes to the Standing Orders

This will be considered at the February Council meeting when there should be more Council members present.

7. Committee Reports

Membership and Marketing Committee

Ian Tutton circulated a paper setting out his views on how Suburb organisations and businesses could become associated with the RA. The aim was to create an income stream which could become a special fund and how this could be structured without becoming a new category of membership nor involving a change to the constitution. He suggested a donation of £50 pa and the establishment of a liaison committee

David Lewis proposed and Peter McCluskie seconded a Motion

*That the proposed new association of organisations and businesses referred to in the paper prepared by Ian Tutton should be called '**Friends of the HGS Residents Association**'*

This was passed with 11 votes in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention. Council members were in favour of this suggestion and Jeremy Hershkorn proposed that any advertiser or sponsor should automatically become a 'Friend'

David Lewis proposed and Gary Shaw seconded a Motion:
That Ian Tutton should be appointed to the Marketing and Membership committee

This was passed unanimously, Ian Tutton agreed to progress this initiative through the Marketing and Membership Committee and he resigned from the Events Committee.

RA Nominee for HGS Heritage Committee

Jonathan Seres had agreed to be the RA's nominee until 30 April 2017 and he had agreed to continue for a further twelve months.

David Lewis proposed and Tony Brand seconded a Motion:
That Jonathan Seres be nominated as the RA's nominee on the HGS Heritage Committee for a further period of twelve months from 30th April 2017.

This was passed unanimously

Trees and Open Spaces

Northway Gardens

Brian Ingram had applied for a further grant from the RA. This will be discussed at the February Council meeting as there is no urgency for the funding

8. Urgent Business

The Orchard Housing Society

Alan Brudney who is on the Committee of the Orchard told Council that this is a group of approximately 62 rented flats which is well funded. They would like to become more involved with the RA. The two managers do not live on the Suburb but could become Associate member of the RA. Alan Brudney will give them the relevant application forms. **AB** Alan Brudney will also ask Jeremy Clynes for a list of members of the RA who live in the Orchard and the non-members can then be canvassed **AB**

New Year's Eve Fireworks

Jeremy Hershkorn congratulated David Littaur and the Events Committee on a very successful fireworks party which was well attended and well organised
David Littaur said that his Committee, at their next meeting, will discuss the possibility of a fireworks party in 2017. The earlier that the fireworks are ordered the less expensive they will be.

Meeting Dates Dates of the next two RA Council meetings were confirmed as Tuesday 7th February and Tuesday 7th March 2017. Send ideas for Open Meetings to

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