



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
7th February 2017 at Fellowship House Willifield Way at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Barbara Bliss, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Tony Ghilchik, Colin Gregory, Jeremy Hershkorn, Louise Hillman, David Littaur, Peter McCluskie, Max Petersen, Harry Simmonds, Simon Sackman, Jonathan Seres, Gary Shaw, Ann Spencer, Ian Tutton, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council)

Visitors: Joyce Littaur

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Alan Brudney and Charles Gale.

2. Question Time

There were none.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Approval of the Minutes of the Council held on 3 January 2017

These were approved

Receipt of Executive Committee Minutes held on 17 January 2017

These were received.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes not on the Agenda

There were none.

5. Finance

Louise Hillman had previously circulated the final full year accounts which are being reviewed by Paul Hartley. She reported on a surplus for the year of just under £5,000. The key difference was due to tree planting - LB Barnet had planted fewer trees than anticipated and the New Year's Eve fireworks expenditure was lower than budgeted and income higher. Events Committee were congratulated for achieving this.

6. Proms Sponsorship

The Council discussed the application for £3,000 received from the St Jude's Proms which would entitle the RA to sponsorship of the lunchtime concerts. This is a similar amount to last year. Various emails had been circulated by Council members for and against this proposal.

The Chairman thought that the RA needs to discuss this. Possibly the amount of the grant should be reduced, and he queried whether it is the job of the RA to subsidise concerts as there are other causes that are important to the Suburb for its future preservation. Over the years he estimated that the RA has given £65,000 to the Proms.

A proposal had been made by Peter McCluskie to make a loan to the St Jude's Proms if its problem was cash flow in advance of the concerts but they have said that this would not be very helpful.

Louise Hillman read out the covering letter to the Application which had been submitted explaining the importance of the RA's participation.

Harry Simmons suggested that tickets booked for the Proms should also include an application form to join the RA. This was considered a good idea but it was too late to organise this year.

Council members had different views on whether this money should be made available although they were in favour of the Proms being held. Some Council members felt that there were benefits to the community and to the RA in making a grant to the Proms.

Jonathan Seres proposed and Colin Gregory seconded a Motion

That the RA should make a grant to the St Jude's proms of £3,000 for this year which would enable them to be the sponsor of the lunchtime concerts.

This was passed with 12 votes in favour, 2 against and 3 abstentions

It was agreed that there will be a full debate by Council on the future of this Grant in September or October this year.

7. Northway Gardens Grant

Brian Ingram has applied for a grant of £635 towards the cost of maintaining the rose beds in 2017. This covers £310 for manure, compost and grit in April plus £325 towards maintenance work which Barnet has ceased carrying out. Tony Ghilchik said that Trees and Open Spaces recommend the grant of £310 to Council and would be happy for them to grant the full £635 requested if this is available. Council agreed to make a full grant.

Peter McCluskie proposed and Tony Brand seconded a Motion

That the RA should make a grant to the Northway Gardens Organisation of £635 towards the cost of maintaining the rose beds in 2017 in accordance with their application

This was passed by 12 votes in favour and 2 abstentions.

8. Proposed Development at Bute Mews

Peter McCluskie had circulated a list of the various issues identified by Consam regarding the proposed development of six new houses. These included concerns at the size of the dormer windows in the roofs and the exterior doors which are shown on the plans to open onto Northway Gardens.

Council was in favour of improving the area but was concerned that a further planning applications would be made for additional housing. Jonathan Seres thought that the developers have tried to make it commercially viable without impacting the appearance and have paid attention to the quality of the environment. There was concern over issues of access to the service road, vehicular movement, possible damage to the park, and how and where the water and sewer pipes will be laid.

Although some of the issues could be covered by conditions in the planning consent or building regulations, Ian Tutton thought that the RA should hold a public meeting on the proposal. Although only residents who live or work locally would probably be interested, it would be an opportunity for them to ask questions about the proposals. The closing date for consultation is 8th March.

It was agreed that the public meeting should be held at the end of February from 6 – 7.15pm. *The date was subsequently agreed as Wednesday 1 March at the HGS Synagogue.*

Representatives from LB Barnet, The Developers, the HGS Trust, and Councillors should be invited. Jonathan Seres will talk to the Synagogue to assess availability and whether there would be any security issues, in which case Ian Tutton kindly agreed to make a room in the Free Church available. If required **JS** Ian Tutton agrees to circulate flyers, Peter McCluskie agreed to draft the flyers and contact the proposed participants and Barbara Bliss agreed to help organise the meeting. **PM, IT, BB, JS**

9. Proposed changes to Standing Orders

The Chairman proposed and Max Petersen seconded a Motion

That the Standing Orders of the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association should be amended as follows:

1. *Clause (20) shall become Clause 20 (a).*

2. *A new clause 20 (b) shall be inserted:*

(b) All members of such Standing or Select Committees shall be paid-up Members or paid up Associate Members of the Association from commencement of, and throughout, their service on the committee.

3. *After Clause 27 (c) an additional sub clause shall be inserted:*

(d) Such a representative shall be a paid-up Member or paid up Associate Member of the Association from commencement of, and throughout, their service on the body or joint committee.

This was passed unanimously

10. AGM Matters|

Honorary Officers

The Honorary Officers with the exception of Louise Hillman have agreed to stand for election at the AGM.

David Epstein has agreed to stand as Honorary Treasurer and has been proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Max Petersen.

Council Members

It was agreed that Jeremy Hershkorn, Diane Walsh, Charles Gale, Jonathan Seres and Ann Spencer will retire and seek re-election at the AGM

The Chairman said that new, and preferably younger, Council members who are already serving on RA committees are needed to serve on Council.

11. Committee reports

Publications

Terry Brooks told Council that no one had volunteered to take over the work that Charles Gale had been doing relating to the discount scheme and advertising for the Suburb Directory. The date for finalising the information can be extended to the end of March. Louise Hillman offered to telephone all the businesses that were participating in the discount scheme and check that they wish to continue for a further year on similar terms. **LH** Council was very grateful to her for agreeing to this.

Trees and Open Spaces

Tony Ghilchik requested Council members to come to Bigwood on Saturday 11th February from 10.00 am to help with coppicing,

12 Urgent Business

HGS Heritage

Jonathan Seres informed council that Simon Abbot had been working on creating a virtual museum with the grant from the RA and it is hoping that this will be launched in June 2017. The group is hoping to scan all editions of Suburb News from July 1983- Summer 2004 with the help of some HB School students and Steve Morris had created a programme to enable searches to be made on the site. Issues published from Autumn 2004 are already on-line

Suburb News

Jeremy Hershkorn congratulated Terry Brooks on the latest edition of Suburb News which Council endorsed.

13. To confirm the date of the next two RA Council Meetings as Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 4th April at Fellowship House

These were confirmed

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