



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
6 June 2017 at Fellowship House Willifield Way at 8 pm

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Tony Ghilchik, Adrian Hodgson, Jeremy Hershkorn, Emma Howard, Peter McCluskie, Max Petersen, Gary Shaw, Peter Spaul, Ann Spencer, Ian Tutton, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

Visitors: Elizabeth Burn. Hella Schrader and Diane Walsh for Item 3

1. Welcome

The Council sent their best wishes to David Littaur who is recovering in hospital after an operation.

2. Apologies for Absence

Received from Barbara Bliss, Colin Gregory, David Littaur, and Jonathan Seres,

3. Question Time

Diana Walsh and Hella Schrader asked Council members to commit to helping with the Summer Picnic on 11 June. They said that volunteers were urgently required and all Council members who were present were asked if they could assist with the various tasks including setting up and clearing up after the event.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft Council Minutes dated 10th May 2017 were approved with the following amendment:

6 (c) Road Safety

Paragraph 3 line 1 should read

‘Jonathan Seres agreed and suggested that we concentrate on the Market Place crossing as that is the immediate concern’

5. Matters Arising

Litter Team

Barbara Bliss was asked to prepare an article for the next edition of Suburb News.

Action BB

Bigwood & Littlewood Management Group

Alan Brudney told Council that he had spoken to Peter Falk who is the Chair of the new Friends of Bigwood group as the Management Group seems to have ‘slipped into the background’.

Federation of Residents Associations of LB Barnett

Alan Brudney had emailed the Barnet Group but had not received a response. He will pursue this.

Action AB

Orchard Housing Society

Alan Brudney will formally inform the Society that Emma Howard has replaced Diana Berger. **Action AB**

Memorial Benches

Harry Simmonds is dealing with a Bench in Temple Fortune Lane, opposite the Health Clinic, which has fallen into disrepair. It is hoped that LB Barnet may pay for the renovation/replacement. **Action HS**

Memorial Benches for Charles Gale and Richard Wakefield have been ordered. Charles Gale's sister will suggest a convenient date for the dedication of the Bench.

Golders Green Redevelopment Proposals

Peter McCluskie said that there had been some 1,000 objections to LB Barnet's draft Planning Brief and LB Barnet is now reconsidering this. Jeremy Hershkorn thought that the response from the RA was excellent and it was well received by residents. Peter McCluskie and Emma Howard were thanked for all their work in preparing this.

Road Safety

Gary Shaw said that there will be a meeting of Roads and Traffic Committee next week to finalise the details for the Public Meeting on 6 July. He did not wish to Chair and speak at the meeting therefore someone else will be required to Chair. David Lewis offered to do this.

Gary Shaw asked whether Council thought that the Free Church may be too large a space for this meeting and whether a smaller venue should be considered. Jeremy Hershkorn said that there may be only 50 people attending, as the Meeting will be held at the beginning of the summer holidays but Emma Howard thought that there would be a good attendance. Gary Shaw preferred to have a small room which is full rather than a larger room sparsely filled.

Ian Tutton pointed out that the furniture could be refigured and attendees could be asked not to sit in the back rows. The Free Church had been booked and paid for and there is a PA system which can be used. Council agreed to proceed with the Free Church to hold this Meeting.

Distribution of Posters on RA Boards

David Lewis said that we need a replacement to take over the responsibilities previously carried out by Frances Prentice.

The role includes laminating the posters and dividing and distributing them to the 4/5 distributors for them to hand out to the poster board holders.

Terry Brooks agreed to draft a note for the HGS list and enews. **Action TB**

The Chairs of the Sub committees should also be asked whether anyone would be prepared to take this on or someone from Events may agree to do this.

Action Chairs of Sub Cttees

6. Matters raised by Members

Discount Scheme

David Lewis said that a Volunteer is required to take over this portfolio. Those already taking part in the Discount Scheme need to be contacted each year to ascertain whether they wish to continue and be included in the Suburb Directory. If

no one is found to run this the Scheme it may have to be dropped. Terry Brooks agreed that we can contact the existing local businesses each year but some will inevitably drop out and we need a volunteer to seek new participants.

A volunteer is also need to sell advertising for the Suburb Directory.

Adrian Hodgson suggested that the names of these participating in the scheme could be included in Suburb News as an incentive to join. **Action TB**

Peter McCluskie suggested that perhaps those on the recommended list of tradesmen on the HGS Discussion Group could be invited to join the scheme.

Action TB

7. Financial Matters

Appointment of interim Treasurer

Emma Howard told the Council that she had agreed to take over the Treasurership on an interim basis. She said that it is a daunting task and she is only prepared to do so with more bookkeeping support.

She has met with Janet Elliot and Jeremy Clynes and she will sit down with the RA book keeper to see whether he is able to do more to assist her. She considered that the work involved is overwhelming in its existing format.

David Lewis said that at present there are two systems: one for membership subscriptions and the other for the accounts.

Ian Tutton suggested that we get a few people together with appropriate experience to look into modernising the system and the possibility of setting up an integrated system.

Adrian Hodgson said that he would happy to help as he has the relevant experience.

The Membership and Marketing Committee also needs to be revisited.

The Council agreed that Emma Howard, Adrian Hodgson and Ann Spencer should set up a small working group for this purpose and report back to Council.

Action EH,AH,AS

A Motion was proposed by Ian Tutton and seconded by Peter McCluskie

'That Emma Howard should be appointed as interim Treasurer to the HGS RA for a period of three months'

This was passed unanimously

Financial Support for Open House 2017

Ian Tutton told the Council that an application had been made to the RA for a grant of £800 to Open House Weekend, in September 2017.

He explained that LB Barnet and Kingston are the only London Boroughs who do not financially support this initiative. HGS Trust has agreed to pay £800.

It was hoped that each of the Churches on the Suburb would contribute £200. The Free Church has already agreed to this.

The Society for Friends will also be asked to contribute although it has not contributed in the past.

Alan Jacobs has agreed to act as liaison with Open House although he has moved away from the Suburb

A motion was proposed by David B Lewis and Seconded by Terry Brooks

'That the HGS RA contribute the sum of £800 to Open House Weekend 2017, less any contributions received from other organisations that may be approached'

This was passed Nem Con

8. Sub Committee Reports – previously circulated

There were no issues raised.

9. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Orchard Housing Society

Alan Brudney told the Council that he has been attending various meetings of the Society and that the AGM will be held on 21 June at Fellowship House at 7.30pm.

Central Square Flowerbeds

Tony Ghilchik said that no progress had been made on the date for the formal opening.

10. Any Other Business

There was none.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday July 4th at Fellowship House at 8.00pm.