



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

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

1. Apologies for Absence
Received from David Littaur and Jonathan Seres...

2. Question Time
There were none

3. **To approve Minutes of Council Meeting held on 6th June 2017**
These were approved subject to the following:

Terry Brooks should be referred to as 'Terry B' and 'Tony Brand' as 'Tony B'

6. **Discount Scheme**
The action points relate to Terry Brand

7. **Financial Matters**

Appointment of interim Treasurer
Paragraph 8 Line 1
Delete the words 'and Ann Spencer'

9. **Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Orchard Housing Society
The AGM was held at the Orchard and not at Fellowship House

4. **To Consider Matters arising from the Minutes**

Litter Team

Barbara Bliss had not yet prepared an article for Suburb News but Terry Brooks said that it would be too late for this edition which is now going to print.

Barbara Bliss said that she is unable to act as coordinator for the litter pickers. She had misunderstood what her brief was.

Emma Howard suggested an e letter could be posted asking for a volunteer Litter Picker and a Notice Board Co-ordinator as well as someone to sell advertising.

Terry Brooks said that he prefers not to send one out e letters more than once a month as residents would be less likely to read them.

Simon Sackman thought that it is the remit of LB Barnet to collect all litter.

Colin Gregory said that the reason for the litter pickers was to encourage residents to keep the piece of land near to where they live clean, as well as to help out when there was an annual blitz on litter on the Suburb.

The Chairman will write an article for Suburb News asking for volunteers. **Action DBL**

Memorial Benches

Harry Simmonds had written to Stephen Licht about the Memorial Bench for his Father in Temple Fortune Lane and awaits a response. He has kept the brass plaque.

Harry Simmonds said that there are a few benches where the slats at the rear have deteriorated and he will talk to the relevant officer at LB Barnet about these and any other broken benches. **Action HS**

Tony Brand said that the new benches in memory of Richard Wakefield and Charles Gale are ready and he awaits a date from Charles' sister when they can be inaugurated.

Discount Scheme

Terry Brooks thought that it was a good idea to list those participating in the Discount scheme in Suburb News but there was no room in this edition of Suburb News.

Action Terry B

Harry Simmonds is working on suitable cards for shop owners to place in their windows. **Action HS**

Terry Brooks said that he does not have time to contact the tradesmen who are recommended on the HGS list and invite them to join the discount scheme. No Council member present volunteered to do this.

Working Group on Accounts/membership modernisation

Emma Howard will initially talk to Janet Elliott and Jeremy Clynes but there is no urgency with this. **Action EH**

Central Square Flower Beds

These will be officially opened on Friday 7th July at 3.30. Council members have been invited to attend.

5. To receive Draft Minutes of the Executive held on 20th June 2017

These have not yet been approved by the Executive Committee

2. Minutes
 - Financial Matters
 - Appointment of Interim Treasurer
 - Delete this paragraph

Insurance for use of Free Church

Jeremy Hershkorn had read the draft minutes of the EC and was very concerned that members of the RA Council could be liable and run a huge personal risk. The existing cover on the RA insurance is limited to £50,000 which is too low. Usually a premises letting would include insurance.

Emma Howard said that the RA has a specific Charity insurance.

Ian Tutton explained that the insurance for a Grade 1 listed building is very high and the extra cost of any add-ons is disproportionately high. The Church had discussed the issue of terrorism and considered the terrorist risk to be low. If an accident occurs due to the Church's negligence this would be covered under their policy but if there is an accident due to the act of someone brought in by the RA, the RA would be liable.

Colin Gregory said that although the RA cannot insure a building it does not own it can insure against any liability. He suggested that a discussion is held with an insurance broker and he offered help to Emma Howard. Simon Sackman agreed and we should specify exactly what insurance we require.

Adrian Hodgson said that Events Committee had discussed the question of terrorist insurance when they planned the fireworks and the RA's policy was deemed to be adequate and fit for purpose. Insurance can be taken out for a one off event Harry Simmonds suggested that we ask the Free Church to take out special insurance cover for a particular event if the RA requires it.

Emma Howard read out a section of the terms of the insurance cover and it appeared that the RA does have some terrorism insurance but she will clarify this. **Action EH**

Ian Tutton pointed out that the Free Church does not benefit greatly from hiring the building out to the RA and if they are unhappy with the existing insurance arrangements they should seek an alternative venue.

The EC will discuss this matter again and decide whether the RA insurance is adequate and will report back to the August 29 Council meeting. **Action DBL**

6. Financial Matters

Exceptional Expenditure.

The RA's Working Orders provide that any Standing Committee wishing to embark on a project entailing other than petty cash, or in excess of £75 should notify the Secretary so that its Chairman can discuss the matter with the Executive before it is submitted to Council.

As a result of discussions at the June EC Emma Howard had looked at the RPI calculator and she recommended an increase from £75 to £150.

A Motion was proposed by Emma Howard and seconded by Tony Ghilchik

*'That the sum of £75 referred to in the RA's Working Orders (Item 1 **Finance**, Sub Section (c), Exceptional Expenditure,) should be increased to £150'*

This was passed unanimously

Emma Howard agreed to amend and circulate the Working Orders to Council. **Action EH**

The EC noted that there will be quarterly management accounts.

7. Matters Raised by Members

Ian Tutton said that many residents had expressed their concerns regarding the recent road traffic accidents in Lyttelton Road. These will be discussed at the Public Meeting on 6th July when further action will be identified.

8. Sub Committee Reports

Trees and Open Spaces

Tony Ghilchik said that the Trees Committee had received an application for funding of £150 for work to the Litchfield/Meadway roundabout.

In view of the decision made earlier at this Meeting, Trees and Open Spaces are able to consider and approve this without further consent of RA Council. **Action TG**

Roads and Traffic

Gary Shaw told the Council about the proposals which had been circulated by LB Barnet to ban right hand turns from the far end of Bishops Avenue into the Great North Way. The road will be narrowed and a small island installed. Traffic will be directed to access the Great North Way via Deansway.

Harry Simmonds said that there must be clear and adequate signage.

Roads and Traffic will not be meeting before the date for objections has passed. Gary Shaw will be talking to the Councillors but Council members were asked to provide him with any comments on this proposal. **Action GS**

9. Reports from representatives on outside bodies

There were none

10. Date of Next Meeting.

As Fellowship House will be closed, this will be held in the Free Church Hall on Tuesday 29th August 2017 at 8.00pm

11. Any Other Business

Name Places

Harry Simmonds had prepared name places for Council members, which he distributed.

Parking Restrictions

Colin Gregory told Council that he had seen signs posted in Asmunds Hill and Erskine Hill regarding parking restrictions. Gary Shaw said that double yellow lines will be painted around junctions where parking is causing a serious problem.

Refuse Collection

Emma Howard reported on problems experienced in some Suburb Roads where the Friday bin collection is not taking place and residents leave their bins outside to await collection. This may not be until the following Monday which causes a nuisance and could be hazardous.

The service has deteriorated recently.

David Lewis will post a message on the HGS List asking residents who are experiencing problems with refuse collection to contact the local Councillors. **Action DBL**