



Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 6 November 2018
at Fellowship House, Willifield Way at 8 pm

Present: Emma Howard - in the Chair, Barbara Bliss, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Alan Brudney, Tony Ghilchik, Colin Gregory, Jeremy Hershkorn, Adrian Hodgson, Helen Leiser, Peter McCluskie, Steve Morris, Hella Schrader, Gary Shaw, Harry Simmonds, Ann Spencer and Rosemary Goldstein (Asst Secretary to the Council).

Visitor: Lester Hillman

A risk assessment was carried out in accordance with the agreed format

1. Note apologies and absences

There were no apologies. Simon Sackman was absent.

2. Question Time for residents who are not members of Council

2.1 Lester Hillman told Council that 20th December 2018 marks 50 years of HGS becoming a conservation area and the date when the entry was placed in the London Gazette and he asked if the RA wishes to commemorate this.

2.2 He had approached the Trust but they had had to cancel their annual Christmas lecture for this year.

2.3 7th November 2019 is the 70th anniversary of World Town Planning Day

2.4 The following was agreed by Council:

- Something will be posted on the HGS Virtual Museum site **Action Steve M**
- An article will be included in the next edition of Suburb News. **Action Terry B**
- Revd Alan Walker will be consulted about the possibility of marking this event in the annual Michael Rowley talk. **Action Hella S**
- The matter will be discussed with Consam, CAAC and the Trust **Action Peter M**

2.5 The question of signage at the entrances to the Suburb was raised but there are many entrances and there already is a symbolic gate at the Hampstead Way/Finchley Road entrance so it was agreed not to pursue this idea further.

3. Approve, as accurate, the minutes of the Council Meeting, held on 4 September 2018

These minutes were approved.

4. Note minutes of EC meeting held on 18 October 2018

These were noted.

5. Friends of Bigwood meeting

5.1 The AGM was not particularly well attended

5.2 LB Barnet's street tree policy was explained by Andy Tipping who had confirmed that notice should be given to residents when a tree is cut down, unless there is a health and safety issue, but this has not been done in some cases

5.3 As pavements are re-laid the material used beside street trees will ensure that water is able to penetrate it to the trees.

5.4 We are waiting to hear about any trees which were not listed but were cut down, before speaking to Andy Tipping. **Action Ann S**

6. Review of notice boards

6.1 A list of notice boards has been prepared and Hella Schrader will liaise with Emma Howard regarding the removal or re-positioning of some boards. This item should come off the agenda for now.

Action Emma H/Hella S

6.2 New laminated posters are being prepared to use on notice boards where there are no RA events to advertise **Action Emma H/Hella S**

7. Tree planting

T&OS have sent a list of 15 new street trees which they have prioritised (together with a list of possible substitutes should any of these 15 be unavailable from the nursery), to LB Barnet and awaits their acknowledgement. They have also sent a list of 22 park trees to go into Northway Gardens and Lyttelton Playing Fields.

8. A1 Road safety brief

8.1 Wilbar Associates have been instructed to carry out a survey of the A1 between Beaufort Drive and Winnington Road to consider whether there is a higher accident rate on this part of the A1, identify any safety issues, make recommendations and identify specific issues for future discussion with TFL

8.2 Wilbar may await the outcome of the study to be carried out by TFL before proceeding with the survey.

9. Addison Way traffic calming

LB Barnet has agreed to put this on the agenda for the next Area Consultative Committee Meeting. Rupert Denny will attend on behalf of the RA and a report back will be made to EC in due course. **Action Gary S**

10. Open meeting

10.1 It has been difficult to find a date when Mike Freer MP and the Councillors can attend an open meeting and this is now likely to take place in April.

Action Emma H/Peter M

10.2 Andy Tipping (LB Barnet) will be invited to attend a January open meeting to answer residents' concerns about trees on the Suburb **Action Ann S**

11. Ward boundary review

11.1 LB Barnet's consultation on the ward boundaries closes on 3rd December

11.2 Steve Morris has looked into the possibility of a survey of residents in the East Finchley ward to ascertain whether they wish to remain in this ward or become part of the Garden Suburb ward. He can use Survey Monkey at no cost and he already has the email addresses for some 500 residents.

11.3 There would be some logistical advantages if the entire Suburb is contained in one ward and there would only be one set of councillors to deal with but affected residents' views should be sought before the RA puts this idea forward

11.4 Council agreed that this survey should take place and the EC will discuss the questions to be asked on the survey (via email if need be). **Action Steve M**

11.4 There was concern that part of the Garden Suburb ward could be moved into another ward and the RA's opposition should be expressed whatever the outcome of the East Finchley survey.

12. London Forum: report back

12.1 Colin Gregory has taken over as the RA's representative after Derek Chandler's death earlier in the year.

12.2 The London Forum was set up in 1988 and became a charity in 2002 with over 100 civic societies as members. They represent the views and interests of amenity and civic societies on issues important to the living and working environment particularly in areas of town planning, development, heritage, transport, infrastructure, waterways and open spaces

12.3 Their Chairman or a representative would be happy to talk to the RA about the work of the London Forum.

12.4 The RA had re-joined the London Forum for the current year.

12.5 A Motion was proposed by Colin Gregory and seconded by Jeremy Hershkorn

'That the RA should continue with its membership of London Forum for a further year at a cost of £68'

This was passed unanimously

13. Drinking fountain

13.1 A fountain in Northway Gardens has been out of action for many years but 10 years ago a gardener found its missing plate and other parts which the Trust now holds

13.2 There has been a move to reintroduce water fountains by some local authorities to try to reduce the use of plastic bottles

13.3 There is a Drinking Fountain Association which makes appropriate grants and the Trust may also be prepared to make a grant for this purpose

13.4 Council considered this to be a good initiative

13.5 The restoration of this water fountain will be pursued with Matthew Gunyon (LB Barnet), and his manager at director level, and the City of London.

Action Colin G

14. RA finances

14.1 The budgeted deficit for 2018 of £6,000 has been turned into break even or a small surplus. A large saving had been made by no longer employing a bookkeeper. Income had been enhanced by money received for a photoshoot.

14.2 Committee chairs should prepare their budgets for next year.

14.3 Adrian Hodgson will talk to an organisation providing locations for films and note the RA's interest in this aspect.

Action Adrian H

14.4 Steve Morris and Tony Ghilchik were thanked for the clear presentation of the accounts

15. Update on Hallowe'en Party and New Year's Eve Fireworks

15.1 Halloween Party

15.1.1 This was a great success and Events committee were congratulated.

15.1.2 The party was overbooked. 40 children and their parents came which meant that there were 80-100 people. Some people who had not booked had to be turned away.

15.1.3 The story teller who was excellent will be asked to attend the Summer Fair

Action Hella S

15.2 Fireworks

15.2.1 A risk assessment had been carried out.

15.2.2 More volunteers are needed and the RA Council were asked to help. Hella Schrader will contact volunteers from last year. Tony Brand will approach HB School.

Action Hella S/Tony B

15.2.3 An email will be sent to all RA volunteers asking for help.

Action Hella S/Peter M

15.2.4 A donation of £250 had been agreed with a sponsor. A main sponsor is still sought.

16. Matters arising from standing committee reports submitted since previous Council meeting

16.1 Allotments

Some 60 people had attended the Harvest Festival supper.

16.2 Publications

16.2.1 It was suggested placing copies of Suburb News on the H2 bus, in cafes, shops, surgeries etc. but the problems with discarded papers were raised. Copies of Suburb News are already placed in the Suburb Library and the Trust Office

16.2.2 Copies of Suburb News will be taken to the café in Lyttleton Playing Fields and other venues will be considered in the future **Action Harry S**

16.2.3 Tony Brand will talk to the British Legion about the possibility of selling poppies on the Suburb next year. **Action Tony B**

17. Any other urgent business

17.2 Northway Gardens

The EC will discuss a request by Brian Ingram for a little over £1000. This is an increase from last year's grant which Brian Ingram says is due to increased costs and reduced LB Barnet funding. A similar application will be made to the Trust and £700 has already been raised by local residents

17.3 Twittens

Ownership of the twittens between Abbeyfield and Erskine Hill was questioned as it is in need of repair. (Some twittens are owned by the Trust and LB Barnet and some privately owned). This will be looked into. **Action Alan B**

18. Next scheduled meeting of Council: Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 8pm in Fellowship House.

(Note: There will be a special meeting for RA volunteers on Tuesday 4 December at 8pm at Fellowship House. The items for discussion will be re-sent closer to the date. Refreshments will be provided. **Action Peter M/ Emma H**)