



Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
February 2nd 2016 at Fellowship House Willifield Way at 8.00pm

Present: David B Lewis - in the Chair, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Lynda Cook,, Charles Gale, Tony Ghilchik, Colin Gregory, Anita Harlow, Jeremy Hershkorn, Louise Hillman, Stephanie Hurst, Brian Ingram, David Littaur, Max Petersen, Frances Prentice, Simon Sackman, Gary Shaw, Hella Schrader, Ann Spencer, Ian Tutton, Diane Walsh, Rosemary Goldstein (Secretary to the Council).

There were no visitors

1. Apologies for Absence

Jonathan Seres and Alan Brudney.

2. Question Time

There were no questions

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Council Meeting dated 1st December 2015

Attendees

A comma should be inserted after 'Ian Tutton'

Brookland School Area Open Meeting

First paragraph

Delete 'I' before 'heard'

Delete 'restricted' between 'increased' and 'hours'

4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the Agenda.

Finance: Printing

AS asked whether two estimates are being obtained and competitive tendering is being observed. It was agreed that procedures should be followed

5. Receipt of EC minutes of 5th January 2016

Minutes of the Executive 5th January 2016

Council Circulation List

'EC' should be substituted for 'Council'

6. Proposal to continue in closed session

There were no residents present who were not members of Council.

The Meeting went into closed session for items 7 and 8

9. Sponsorship Application – Proms St Jude’s

An application had been made to the RA to increase the grant from £2,750 to £3,000. LH said that the membership revenue of the RA was about £28,000 a year and she had included a provision for a grant of £2,750 in the 2016 budget.

DLt said that the increased amount in the application was due to increased costs incurred in putting on the concerts..

Some Council members including the Vice Chairman said that they would like to have a proper debate about the grant. In view of the lateness of the hour DBL suggested that Council vote on a Motion to make a grant of £2,750 and that a discussion is held on whether we should increase this to £3,000 at the March Council Meeting when there will be more time.

Jeremy Hershkorn proposed a Motion, seconded by Anita Harlow

That the RA agree to make a grant of £2,750 to St Jude’s Proms for 2016 and a discussion on the proposed increase of £250 will be held at the March Council

Simon Sackman proposed an amendment to the Motion, seconded by Tony Ghilchik

That the grant to St Jude’s Proms should be increased to £3,000 for 2016

This was passed by Council with 12 votes in favour and 3 against

A further Motion was proposed that the RA should make a grant of £3,000 to St Jude’s Proms for 2016

This was passed by Council with 14 votes in favour and 3 against

10. Grant Application – Open House

This was postponed to the March Meeting of Council

11. Nomination of Tony Ghilchik as RA representative on Central Square Gardens Working Group

Postponed to the March Meeting of Council

12. Committee Reports and any Other Urgent Business

Postponed to the March Meeting

13. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 1st March 2016 at Fellowship House and future RA Council meeting on 5th April, 3rd May, 7th June, 5th July and 6th September 2016.

Confirmed

AOB Colin Gregory was sorry to learn that after 38 years Douglas Blausten had withdrawn from Council. Colin said that he had contributed a great deal to the RA over a long period of time and the Council recorded their appreciation for all he had done.