



Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on
Tuesday 5 March 2019
at Fellowship House, Willifield Way at 8 pm

Present: Emma Howard - in the Chair, Tony Brand, Terry Brooks, Tony Ghilchik, ,
Adrian Hodgson, Helen Leiser, Peter McCluskie, Steve Morris, Hella Schrader, Ann
Spencer and Rosemary Goldstein (Asst Secretary to the Council).

Visitor: Sian Jones

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

1. Note apologies and absences

Received from Barbara Bliss, Alan Brudney, Colin Gregory, Jeremy
Hershkorn, Simon Sackman, Gary Shaw, Harry Simmonds

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

There were none.

**3. Approve, as accurate, the minutes of Council meeting, held on 5
February 2019**

3.1 These were approved subject to

11. Open Meetings

11.2.1 to read 'Various elected representatives have agreed to attend the
public meeting to discuss local issues'

11.2.2. Substitute 11.2.2 with the content of 11.2.3

3.2 Matters Arising from Council Meeting held on 5 February

3.2.1 Refuse Collection

3.2.1.1 There were questions about point 16.1.2 regarding refuse collection in
a crescent in Temple Fortune Lane. LB Barnet stated that, for health and
safety reasons, bins will no longer be collected from the houses in the
crescent but the residents have to put them onto the street comprising at least
33 bins in green bin week. The resolution agreed at the meeting was that
LBB refuse collector would carry on collecting the bins from the houses for a
month. Thereafter they would only do so if the residents were able to obtain a
letter from their GP supporting why they needed assisted collection. Even
then they would only do this for houses with no step access. Those with
steps would need to put their refuse into bags. This was reflective of action

being taken by LBB all over the Borough and was really all about saving costs rather than trying to protect the health and safety of the workmen as LBB were alleging.

3.2.1.2 Residents of Waterlow Court have apparently been asked to pay a five figure sum of money to enable their bins to be collected from their current collection point at the rear of the block behind Heath View.

3.2.1.3 LB Barnet's letter about Waterlow Court will be forwarded to the Councillors and MP asking for their comments, before publishing it in the next Suburb News.
Action Terry B

3.2.2 Tree Issues

The Trust has applied to LB Barnet to cut back the tree in the twitten between Wordsworth Walk and Coleridge Walk by 40% although Trees and Open Spaces were not informed of this proposal. T&OS will look into this.

Action Ann S

4. **Note minutes of EC meetings held on 21 February 2019**

These were noted.

5. **RA finances**

5.1 Copies of the Financial Report for 2018 which has been signed off by the Hon Accountant (Paul Hartley) were circulated to Council.

5.2 Instead of the projected deficit of £6,000 the RA had made a surplus of £9,000. Increased advertising, sponsorship and subscriptions; reverting to in house bookkeeping; less expensive fireworks and greater use of email contributed to this

5.3 The surplus may reduce this year as it is more difficult to get sponsorship for RA Events, and multiple smaller sponsorships may have to be accepted.

5.4 After a period of decline the RA membership has increased slightly.

5.5 Suburb News and Suburb Directory are now self financing overall.

5.6 A small amendment to the Financial Report was agreed by Council.

Action Steve M

6. **RA Constitution: final proposals**

6.1 The revised Constitution will be put to the Special General Meeting which will be item 3 on the AGM agenda.

6.2 The various changes will be grouped into four sections and a short explanation for each change will be given on the SGM agenda. Each of the four sections will be voted on separately, with a show of green cards.

6.3 Subject to some minor changes Council unanimously agreed that this draft should be put to the SGM and in the first instance uploaded to the HGS website.

Action Peter M/Steve M

7. RA Standing/Working Orders: merger and revision

7.1 The Standing and Working Orders had been merged (to be called just Standing Orders henceforth), some alterations made and the draft had been circulated to Council

7.2 Some minor amendments were agreed. Council was reminded that any further changes could be made by simple resolution of the Council.

7.3 A Motion was proposed by Peter McCluskie and seconded by Emma Howard

'That the new Standing Orders (subsuming Working Orders) as amended by Council should be adopted by the HGS Residents Association with immediate effect'

This was passed unanimously.

7.4 The new Standing Orders would be uploaded to the HGS website

Action Peter M/Steve M

7.5 Peter McCluskie was thanked for all his hard work revising the Constitution and the Standing/Working Orders.

8. Actions arising from Volunteers Evening

8.1 Children's Writing Competition

Publications Committee will discuss this at their forthcoming meeting

Action Terry B

8.2 Future of Tennis Courts and Community Orchard

Trees & Open Spaces are considering these proposals

Action Tony G

9. T&OS elections for chair

9.1 Colin Gregory has been elected as Chair of Trees & Open Spaces.

9.2 Tony Ghilchik was thanked for all his work, over nearly 10 years as Chair of the committee.

10. Volunteer to attend FORAB meetings

10.1 FORAB had expressed a view that a representative from HGS RA should attend FORAB meetings which are held in Finchley every other month.

10.2 As there were no volunteers from Council members present, an email will be sent to all RA volunteers asking whether anyone is interested in attending the next meeting.

Action Peter M

11. Open meetings April and September

11.1 April 25th at Fellowship House at 8.00PM

11.1.1 All elected Councillors have been invited to attend to discuss any matters of interest to residents.

11.1.2 Attendees will be invited to submit questions in writing and Revd Alan Walker, who will chair the meeting, will collate them.

11.1.3 A flyer and an eNews to advertise the event will be drafted.

Action Hella S

11.2 September 24th

11.2.1 This open meeting will discuss road and transport safety with PC Matthew Rolf and others attending.

11.2.2 Further details will be included in the next edition of Suburb News and flyers will be sent out at the end of August.

Action Hella S/Terry B

12. **Photo shoots: registration of interest with LBB**

Adrian Hodgson had spoken to Film Fixer and noted the RA's interest and he will talk to Film London, although there could be a cost for registering the RA's interest.

Action Adrian H

13. **Drinking fountain**

In Colin Gregory's absence this item was carried forward to the April Council meeting

14. **AGM preparations – volunteers/nominations/voting**

14.1 Adrian Hodgson and Hella Schrader will organise the bar aided by Peter Jenkins

14.2 Ann Spencer will count the ballot papers with Anita Harlow acting as backup if needed.

14.3 Tim Hands is organising the sound system.

14.4 Food will be provided for the meeting.

Action Hella S

14.6 A note about nominations for Council was included in the last Suburb News.

14.7 The Agenda will be posted on the web site.

Action Peter M/Steve M

14.8 An eNews with a link to the financial report and other AGM documents will be circulated shortly and a posting on Facebook would also be made.

Action Peter M/Terry B

14.9 All residents are invited to the AGM and there will be a membership desk to enable residents to join the RA

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

15.1 Events

Hella Schrader wishes to retire as Chair of Events, after the AGM, and has asked her committee to find a successor.

16. Any other urgent business - notified to Chair prior to commencement of meeting.

16.1 Ward Boundary Consultation

16.1.1 The consultation had recommended that the Garden Suburb Ward boundary become more similar to the HGS Trust boundary with a reduction in the number of Councillors from three to two.

16.1.2 The proposed changes will not take effect until May 2022.

16.1.3 Residents should be asked to make their own representations.

16.2 Heathrow airspace and future Operations Consultation

Gary Shaw had previously opined that there would not be any concerning impact on the Suburb. The leader of Barnet Council is looking into the matter with his officials.

17. Next scheduled meeting of Council: Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 8pm in Fellowship House.

This was confirmed