



**Minutes of a Meeting of the RA Council held on
Tuesday 12th April 2022, at 8pm via Zoom video-conferencing**

Present: Emma Howard (Chair), Steve Morris (Hon Treasurer), Peter McCluskie (Hon Secretary), Shelley-Anne Salisbury (Publications), Phillip Harlow (Allotments), Adrian Hodgson (Events), Colin Gregory (T&OS), Maria Schlatter (T&OS), Jonathan Waxman (Environment), Gren Manuel (Environment), Selena Green (RA Membership Secretary)

Apologies and absences

1. Apologies received from Judy Smith and Helen Leiser. Tony Brand joined but left because of technical difficulties. Phillip Okrent and Marie-Christine O'Callaghan were absent.

Questions from residents (submitted in advance)

2. There were none.

Post-AGM discussion

3. The draft minutes of the 2022 AGM, were reviewed and will be approved at next year's AGM.
4. The Chair expressed a special thanks to the Publications Committee's Chair and Environment Committee's Chair and Secretary for their addresses to the AGM. And appreciation for Olivia White's address on the Hampstead Heath Extension playground project.
5. It was agreed that Bigwood Hall was suitable for the occasion and the Chair thanked everyone for attending. Tony Wilson was thanked for setting up and monitoring the RA's new sound system.

Council membership

6. Helen Leiser had stepped down from the Council but has offered to continue as the RA's Fellowship representative. Appointment approved.
7. Helena Benes had offered herself for RA Council and a piece was read out from her by the Hon Secretary. The appointment for Helena Benes to Council was proposed by the Hon Secretary and seconded by Colin Gregory. The vote was unanimously in favour by Council. The Hon Secretary will inform Helena. **Action Peter**

Executive Committee and Standing Committees

8. The decisions for each standing Committee were discussed by the Council.
9. Conservation & Amenities Committee (Consam): It was agreed that the Committee which has been semi-dormant for some time will be disbanded. The RA's

representatives to the Trust's Property & Plans Committee (PPC) will serve on, and be directly responsible to Council.

10. Allotments, Environment, Events and Publications Committees: These four Committees were re-established.
11. Trees & Open Spaces: Tony Ghilchik had retired from Council and T&OS, and it was agreed that a new Chair is needed. The Chair would need not merely to chair meetings but to personally drive forward the work including the various projects and also tree protection. A "rotating Chair" would not work as this simply related to the chairing of meetings which was a comparatively unimportant aspect.
12. It was agreed that a decision on the continuance of the T&OS Committee would be deferred until after the 3 May T&OS meeting. The matter would be considered at the 10 May Executive Committee meeting.
13. Allotments: Regular meetings with the HGS Trust will continue to overcome ongoing issues. It was confirmed that a treasurer is not needed on the Allotment Committee. Steve Morris had stepped down from the committee.
14. Executive Committee: The three RA Officers, Emma Howard, Steve Morris and Peter McCluskie together with Adrian Hodgson (Events), Jonathan Waxman (Environment), Shelley-Anne Salisbury (Publications) and Philip Harlow (Allotments) would all be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Appointments to standing committees and representational roles

15. All Council members will remain on the same standing committees as prior to the AGM.
16. Trust Property & Plans: The Chair will replace Tony Zeilinger as agreed by Council. Helena Benes will continue, and Colin Gregory will continue as the alternate.
17. Trust Estate: Alan Brudney has stepped off Council but has expressed a wish to continue as RA representative. This was agreed by Council.
18. Trust Finance & Organisation: Tony Ghilchik is content to remain as representative for now The Treasurer is prepared to take over once Tony steps down.
19. Other roles were discussed, and these changes were agreed by Council as follows:
 - FORAB, Peter McCluskie to replace Tony Zeilinger.
 - Helen Leiser, having stood down from Council, will carry on until as representative for Fellowship and will attend meetings of Council when the topic of Fellowship is on the agenda.

RA finances, membership and website

20. The Quarter 1 accounts were circulated to Council and the Hon Treasurer summarised the larger figures that were discussed in the previous Council meeting.
21. RA Income: The overall income for Q1 is £34,000 which includes £26,000 from membership, £7,500 from Publications and interest from the bank. Deducting £5,000 for RA running costs, leaves £29,000 for the RA to spend and is running as expected.
22. Actual Expenditure for Q1:
 - £6,000 for trees
 - £3,000 for Proms

- £2,726 for Northway Gardens including the bench
- £1,000 for the Community Orchard
- £3,192 for HGS REACH survey
- £10,000 HHE playground

23. Membership: All standing orders have been received. Technical issues with Club software delayed the renewal mailout but has now been resolved.

24. Email renewal reminders will be sent out week commencing 18 April to existing members and postal reminders will be sent out in June including standing order members with no email.

Action Steve

25. Proms tickets will be offered in the letter and donations for the extension playground mentioned.

Action Steve

HHE playground

26. The City of London have finalised the design for the extension and a planning application has been submitted to LBB. The total cost for the project is £40,000 and will be finalised before tendering for construction.

27. £10,000 needs to be raised by end of May.

Environment (REACH)

28. Planned projects are ongoing and other discussions on Government initiatives were mentioned. The Committee will discuss how to solve current issues in the Suburb.

Events incl Summer Fair

29. Minutes of the last Committee meeting had been circulated to Council.

30. Summer Fair: A date has been set for 12 June, and catering is to be reviewed, a band has been confirmed. The fair will be on 2pm – 5pm. Donkeys will not be used this year. The use of Church toilets will be discussed.

Action Adrian

31. A budget of £6,000 was been agreed for the year.

Publication matters incl Suburb Directory

32. The deadline for all submissions is 1 May.

33. Distribution will be deferred to 17 May because of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend.

34. The Chair has been working on the SN Directory and has reached £1,725 in advertising income which is above target.

Community Orchard

35. The trees for the Community Orchard are now planted and there was a good turnout of attendees on 20 March. Approximately 30 people attended the event and a special thanks was given by Council to all who helped.

36. A rota had been drawn up for watering the trees.

37. Volunteers for the subcommittee are needed and a request will be featured in SN together with an article on the fruit trees planted. **Action Maria**

Allotment matters

38. The Hon Secretary read out a statement from the Allotments Chair. There are still issues with flooding that Thames Water are investigating: all else is progressing.

Standing Orders - amendments

39. Standing Orders amendments, as shown [here](#), and comments thereon had been circulated to Council.
40. SO3 was discussed to decide whether Council meetings should be open to the public. An amendment to the amendment was proposed but there was no seconder.
41. There were no comments from Council on the other amendments.
42. The amendments as circulated were proposed by the Hon Secretary and seconded by the Chair. Council voted by a majority to approve the amendments.

Next scheduled meeting – 19 July 2022 at 8pm via Zoom