

The Barbican Association General Council
Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 16th April 2026
At 630 pm in The Lilac Room
Present (crossed out not present):

<p>Elected Members: Jan Marc Petroschka (Chair) Randall Anderson (Deputy Chair) Alessandro Ferrari (<i>attended online</i>) David Preston (Secretary) Jane Quinn Sheila Robinson Stephan Solominidis Barnaby Spurrier François-Xavier Villemin</p>	<p>House Groups Represented: Graham Wallace (Andrewes) Helen Hulson (Ben Jonson) Humfrey Brandes (Brandon) Andy Hope (Breton) John Taysum (Bryer) Julia Robinson (Bunyan) Paul Moriarty (Cromwell) Martin Farebrother (Defoe) Linda Partridge (Frobisher) Annette Rudkin (Gilbert) Miranda Quinney (John Trundle) Richard Collins (Lambert Jones) Alberto Garciga (Lauderdale) Martin Luff (Mountjoy) John Holme (Postern) Jane Smith (Seddon) Sandy Wilson (Shakespeare) Graham Spickett-Jones (Speed) Brendan Barnes (Thomas More) Nicola Baker (Wallside) Fionnuala Hogan (Willoughby)</p>
<p>Other Members: Christopher Attwood (Treasurer) Jo Boait (RCC) Nigel Dixon (Assistant Treasurer) Adam Hogg Hannah Logan Co-Opted Member (Parent Rep) Helen Hudson (Barbican Life) Tony Swanson (Ex Hon Treasurer) Cormac Vautier (Auditor)</p>	
<p>Deputies and Guests: Fiona Lean (Ben Jonson) Alison Hope (Breton) Bernard Hughes (Willoughby)</p> <p>Nadia Bouzidi (Observer)</p>	

1.	Apologies for Absence
	Brendan Barnes, Jo Boait, Nigel Dixon, Martin Farebrother, Fionnuala Hogan, Andy Hope, Helen Hulson, Hannah Logan, Miranda Quinney and Julia Robinson had all sent apologies for absence.
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of March 2026
	The Minutes of the BAGC meeting held on the 5 th of March 2026 were approved.
3.	Welcome to the new Elected Members
	The Chair welcomed the six new Elected Members: Alessandro Ferrari; Jane Quinn; Sheila Robinson; Stephan Solomonidis; Barnaby Spurrier; and François-Xavier Villemin. In addition, Christopher Attwood and Cormac Vautier were welcomed as the new Treasurer and Auditor respectively.

4.	The Election of Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary
	Jan-Marc Petroschka was proposed, seconded and elected as Chair of the Barbican Association for the year ending at the AGM on 22 nd April 2027. Randall Anderson was proposed, seconded and elected as Deputy Chair of the Barbican Association for the year ending at the AGM on 22 nd April 2027. David Preston was proposed, seconded and elected as Secretary of the Barbican Association for the year ending at the AGM on 22 nd April 2027.
5.	Change of Address of the Barbican Association
	The official address of the Barbican Association has been changed to 15 Thomas More House, Barbican, London EC2Y 8BU.
6.	Approval of amended Treasurer's 2026 Report
	The Treasurer's Report for 2025 that was published as part of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) pack contained some wording that were incorrect. This was highlighted at the AGM and a statement made saying a rectified version would be presented at the next BAGC. In accordance with this statement the revised version of the Treasurer's report for 2025 was discussed and approved.
7.	Dates of the Barbican Association meetings in 2027
	The dates for the BA Steering Group meetings in 2027 were approved as: Monday 25th January 2027 5:30 pm Lilac Room Monday 15th March 2027 5:30pm (AGM Planning) Lilac Room Monday 28 th June 2027 5.30pm Lilac Room Monday 4th October 5:30 pm 2027 Lilac Room <i>[The above meetings are for Elected Members and RCC Chair only]</i> The dates for the BA General Council meetings in 2027 were approved as: Thursday 11th February 6:30 pm 2027 Lilac Room Thursday 22 nd April 2027 (AGM) Doors open 6:30 pm Event starts 7pm St Giles' Cripplegate Thursday 29 th April 6:30 pm 2027 (Elections) Lilac Room Thursday 8 th July 6:30 pm 2027 Lilac Room Thursday 21 st October 6:30 pm 2027 Lilac Room
8.	Honorary member
	It was proposed, seconded and agreed that, for his many years of service as the BA auditor, Tony Cross will be given a lifetime Barbican Association Honorary membership.
9.	Co-opted member
	It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Adam Hogg will be a Co-opted member of the Barbican Associated General Council for the year ending at the AGM on 22 nd April 2027.
10.	Digital Barbican Association membership card
	Over the last 12-18 months the BA has received numerous requests from members for a digital membership card. There are many benefits to the digital card including the obvious environmental and financial ones. A smart phone is needed to use the digital card which means it is likely some members will be unable to make use of this new version of the card. Following several months of iterative development the card will be ready to send out to members in the next few weeks. An email will be sent out to all members containing instructions on how to download the digital card onto their phone.

11.	House Groups
	<p>The BA has recently received messages requesting House Group focussed information, especially the dates of meetings, to be made available on the BA website. It was mentioned that the dates are already available on the weekly BEO Bulletin but as it seems that only 40% of residents are signed up for this, the BA is offering optionally to publish any House Group dates should they feel that this would be beneficial to them.</p>
12.	Communications Group
	<p>Several of the new Elected Members have backgrounds in communications and the intention is that the Communications Group will meet soon to identify how to move forward to improve the quality of BA communications.</p>
13.	AOB
	<p>Continuing a question raised at the AGM from a Speed House resident regarding a conflict of interest in having a member sit on both the BAGC and the Barbican Residential Committee (BRC). The issue is that the BRC, a landlord committee, conflicts with the BAGC which exists for residents. It was pointed out that such a person cannot vote at the BRC and secondly the BA constitution does not bar elected members from BRC membership although they cannot hold chair, deputy chair or secretary BAGC roles.</p> <p>The member raising the conflict of interest stated that Section 29 of the Recognised Tenants Association (RTA) regulations references independence from the landlord. They added that they wish to ask the BAGC to consider statutory requirements for an RTA before making RTA related decisions. In reply to the Deputy Chair replied that they will consult with the relevant lawyers after the forthcoming Governance Review.</p> <p>There was some confusion over the timing of the AGM 2026 as it was advertised as starting at 7pm and it started before that time. This was noted so that in 2027 the AGM will not start before the time advertised.</p> <p>The idea was raised about having an agenda item at each BAGC to review the major House Group issues, but nothing was concluded.</p>
14.	Dates of the next meetings
	<p style="text-align: center;">BA Steering Group (Elected Members and RCC Chair ONLY) Monday 18th May 2026 5.30 pm Lilac Room</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BA General Council Thursday 18th June 6.30 pm 2026 Lilac Room</p>