

The Barbican Association General Council
Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 5th March 2026

At 630 pm in The Lilac Room

Present (crossed out not present):

<p>Elected Members: Jan Marc Petroschka (Chair) Randall Anderson (Deputy Chair) David Bradshaw Adam Hogg Sandra Jenner Nathan Morse Deborah Oliver David Preston (Secretary) Richard Setchim Sarah Stobbs</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: Tony Swanson (Hon Treasurer) Jo Boait (RCC) Hannah Logan Co-Opted Member (Parent Rep) Helen Hudson (Barbican Life) Nigel Dixon (Assistant Treasurer)</p>	
<p>Deputies and Guests: Keith Goddard (Bunyan) Caroline Rae (Bunyan) Fred Rodgers (Breton) Liz Simpson (Seddon)</p>	

1.	Apologies for Absence
	Brendan Barnes, David Bradshaw, Humfrey Brandes, Nigel Dixon, Andy Hope, Helen Hudson, Hannah Logan, Paul Moriarty, Deborah Oliver, Julia Robinson, Jane Smith, Tony Swanson, and Sandy Wilson had all sent apologies for absence.
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd of October 2025
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3.	Treasurer and Elected Members post AGM of April 2026
	A discussion took place regarding finding a replacement for Tony Swanson as Honorary Treasurer. It was agreed that details of the position should continue to be announced on the various BA channels (e.g. Newsletter, website).

	<p>The Chair also announced Sue Cox (Planning Update) was standing down in April and whilst explaining both the importance and details of the role, Fred Rodgers agreed to take on the role.</p> <p>It is envisaged that one or more of the existing Elected Members will stand down in April and it is hoped that new members will come forward to replace them. It was agreed that details of the Elected Member role should continue to be announced on the various BA channels (e.g. Newsletter, website). In addition, it was proposed that the Secretary send out to all House Group representatives an email detailing the role of Elected Member which each might wish to edit to tailor to their respective members before sending on. Should there be more than nine Elected Member candidates an election would be needed and the process of doing so was discussed. The Co-Chairs agreed to consider the discussion that took place and devise a definitive plan for any would-be election.</p> <p>An AGM pack will go out over the next week to be delivered to each Barbican estate residence as well as being available on the BA website. The pack will include the Agenda, as well as the Elected Member and Proxy voting forms. The pack needs to be delivered to all 28 days before the AGM i.e. 12th March.</p> <p>There was some concern that the number of BAGC meetings per year was a factor on the reluctance of some members to stand for roles in the BA. There was a suggestion that the number of yearly BAGC meetings is excessive and should be reduced from six to four as currently it was felt they were occurring too often. In a discussion about the frequency of House Group meetings, it was revealed that there were houses that had only one meeting a year while others have many more.</p>
4.	Technology News
	<p>As of the 6th of March, all Minutes of BAGC meetings on the BA website are password protected.</p> <p>The City of London is currently trialling an app to give improved communication between residents and the BEO and other services. It is to be launched in April.</p> <p>The Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) reporter on the BA website is currently being redesigned and should be operating from April. The intention is to make it much easier and faster for residents to raise an ASB incident as well as provide more user-control of what they would like to know about ASB on the estate over time. It is hoped that the new ASB reporter will link with the City of London app mentioned above.</p>
5.	London Wall West and 1 Silk Street
	<p>There is a Judicial Review taking place regarding London Wall West on the 10th and 11th March and the outcome is expected some 6 weeks after.</p> <p>Following over 1000 objections to the plans for 1 Silk Street being raised, the developers made some alterations to their original plans, removing three floors but adding to other parts of the building. A Townhall meeting is to be held on the 11th of March in St Giles Cripplegate to encourage and educate how to raise objections to the revised proposal. Those objections must be submitted by the 2nd of April 2026.</p> <p>There are plans to retrofit 140 Aldersgate Street. There is likely to be a noise impact, but the general feeling is that this is a decent and modest scheme.</p>
6.	BA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026
	<p>It was proposed that the AGM in April should feature: an introduction to the new City of London app; the progress of the four working parties; the achievements of the BA over the past year; as well as an opportunity for members to raise questions.</p>
7.	Dates of next Barbican Association meetings
	<p>Barbican Association Steering Group Monday 16th March 2026 (Elected Members plus Chair of RCC ONLY)</p> <p>Barbican Association Annual General Meeting Thursday 9th of April 2026</p>