

**The Barbican Association General Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**At 630 pm in The Lilac Room**  
**Present (crossed out not present):**

<p><b>Elected Members:</b>  Jan Marc Petroschka (Chair)  <del>Randall Anderson (Deputy Chair)</del>  David Bradshaw  Adam Hogg  Sandra Jenner  Nathan Morse  Deborah Oliver  David Preston (Secretary)  Richard Setchim  Sarah Stobbs</p>	<p><b>House Groups Represented:</b>  Graham Wallace (Andrewes)  Helen Hulson (Ben Jonson)  <del>Humfrey Brandes (Brandon)</del>  <del>Andy Hope (Breton)</del>  <del>John Taysum (Bryer)</del>  Julia Robinson (Bunyan)  Paul Moriarty (Cromwell)  <del>Martin Farebrother (Defoe)</del>  <del>Linda Partridge (Frobisher)</del>  <del>Annette Rudkin (Gilbert)</del>  Miranda Quinney (John Trundle)  Richard Collins (Lambert Jones)  <del>Alberto Garciga (Lauderdale)</del>  <del>Martin Luff (Mountjoy)</del>  <del>John Holme (Postern)</del>  Jane Smith (Seddon)  <del>Sandy Wilson (Shakespeare)</del>  Graham Spickett-Jones (Speed)  Brendan Barnes (Thomas More)  <del>Nicola Baker (Wallside)</del>  <del>Fionnuala Hogan (Willoughby)</del></p>
<p><b>Other Members:</b>  <del>Tony Swanson (Hon Treasurer)</del>  Jo Boait (RCC)  <del>Hannah Logan Co-Opted Member (Parent Rep)</del>  <del>Helen Hudson (Barbican Life)</del>  <del>Nigel Dixon (Assistant Treasurer)</del></p>	
<p><b>Deputies and Guests:</b>  Alison Hope (Breton)  Tanja Goudarzi Pour (Defoe)  Kathleen Bailey (Mountjoy)  Monique Long (Mountjoy)  Petre Reid (Willoughby)  Henrietta Wells (Willoughby)   Nadia Bouzidi (Speed)</p>	

<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
	Randall Anderson, Nigel Dixon, Martin Farebrother, Alberto Garciga, Fionnuala Hogan, Adam Hogg, Andy Hope, Helen Hudson, Hannah Logan, Martin Luff, Tony Swanson, and Sandy Wilson had sent apologies for absence.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd of October 2025</b>
	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of October 2025 were, in error not considered. These Minutes will be considered at the next BAGC on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of March 2026.

<b>3.</b>	<b>Treasurer and Elected Members post AGM of April 2026</b>
	<p>It was announced that Tony Swanson, after many years of valuable service as Treasurer would not be putting his name forward to the role from April 2026. However, Nigel Dixon has stated that he would be willing to continue in the role of Assistant Treasurer but would not be standing for the Treasurer role. Tony and others felt the new Treasurer should be proficient in relevant accounting software and the BAGC agreed that the position should be announced in these terms on the various BA channels (e.g. Newsletter, website).</p> <p>The Chair also announced that it is hoped that there will be more than nine candidates for the Elected Member positions, with specialist knowledge in Accounting, Communications, Technology and these would also be placed in tandem with the Treasurer postings mentioned above.</p> <p>Through discussion it was revealed that the Constitution requires Elected Member applications be submitted at least 48 hours before the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Some members proposed extending the application period to allow pre-AGM candidate publicity. It was also suggested that before the AGM, a snapshot of each candidate with a short statement could be posted via one or more of the BA communication channels such as the website. A further suggestion was that each candidate give a 5-minute presentation at the AGM.</p> <p>There was also a discussion around limiting common councillors among the nine elected members. Officers (chair/deputies) cannot be councillors and excessive councillor representation narrows the officer candidate pool. It was also suggested that the BA consider each councillor's committee memberships (e.g., Planning &amp; Transportation) to avoid conflicts of interest or compromising committee roles.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Technology News</b>
	<p>The Lilac Room has been fitted with a media system, including a large screen that has Microsoft Teams embedded within which makes possible for the first time BAGC meetings to have remote participants and viewers. At the time of this meeting none of the BAGC members had signed up with the Barbican Estate Office (BEO) to use the system but it is understood that it is now active. The Communications Working Party (Comms WP) are considering, who if anyone should have such remote access and if whether this should be universal or restricted to a set group, as well as partial or full to those relevant. The Comms WP are also considering whether all or parts thereof of the BA website should be password protected, and who should have access to which parts. Of course, the Comms WP can only make recommendations, and both considerations will need to come to a future BAGC before being actioned. The various possibilities were outlined by the Web administrator.</p> <p>It was announce that the BA no longer has a presence on X (formerly Twitter) or Facebook.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Christmas Cards</b>
	<p>The 2025 Christmas card campaign produced 28 new members and more generally a very positive response. The BA intends to have another Christmas card campaign in 2026.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>BA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026</b>
	<p>This year's AGM will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026 from 630pm at the City of London School for Girls. The BA has received formal confirmation of this from the School, with the arrangements in terms of equipment etc provided being as last year, with a total quoted cost for the 2026 event of £1,379.70.</p> <p>Paul Moriarty, Miranda Quinney and Julia Robinson have kindly agreed to run the bar. Other required personnel will be discussed at the BAGC on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2026.</p>

7.	<p><b>1 Silk St and London Wall West</b></p>
	<p>A full Judicial Review (JR) of London Wall West (LWW), a proposed development that involves the demolition of the former Museum of London and Bastion House is to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Royal Court of Justice. The BA has raised about £20,000 towards the JR, representing just over 50% of the target.</p> <p>The proposed revised plans from the developer of 1 Silk Street have not yet been returned to the Board. Consultation on the amendments is expected in the second half of February 2026. Major changes would require an updated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and all supporting documentation. The public will have 37 days to submit objections where reiteration of prior objections is advised with the primary concern remaining as the impact on heritage.</p>
8.	<p><b>Working parties</b></p>
	<p><b>Climate and Zero Carbon Working Party (CWP)</b></p> <p>In the previous report, it was explained how the Future Proofing Group had been re-formed as a joint Committee of The Barbican Association and RCC, to continue the work on heating and energy usage previously led by Ted Reilly, focusing on Cost, Control, Comfort and Carbon.</p> <p>The CWP's first couple of months in existence has moved us from ground zero to a working knowledge of net zero in what feels like a rapid transition. The CWP are very keen not to be simply a 'talking shop' about climate change, but to make a difference and the AMBUE study referred to last time seemed to be the correct focus of the CWP's initial efforts.</p> <p>The AMBUE study of the thermal efficiency of the Estate will be key to the CWP's understanding of the factors determining the four C's. The cost of the study for long leaseholders will be £134,900 (total cost of £234,900 less £100,000 provided by Climate Action Strategy Fund) and solutions based on their Building Information Model are potentially far-reaching. Accordingly, CWP's priority has been getting ready to provide informed response and challenge to the AMBUE project team.</p> <p>At the initial meeting on 4 November 2025, a large amount of relevant historic material was shared (some back to 2011), and thanks are due to Jo Boait, Sandra Jenner and Fred Rodgers for unearthing it. The material has subsequently been uploaded by the BA Secretary to a library on Google Drive for easy access.</p> <p>It was apparent in that meeting that we are lagging in our understanding of how the City of London (CoL) is managing Climate Action, so Anne Corbett arranged for us to meet with Kate Neale, the City's Climate Action Programme Director. She took us through the CoL report entitled 'Taking Climate Action Our Progress 2025'.</p> <p>At the second meeting, held on 15 December 2025, the CWP reflected on the meeting with Kate Neale, and other CoL meetings attended by CWP Members including the City Scope Summit and a Green Network meeting. Starting with the positives, the Green Network Hub may provide a useful platform to provide information to residents, and the CWP will keep it under review. However, we were otherwise underwhelmed by the attention given to the housing sector by the various City-wide initiatives. Nevertheless, as regards the Barbican Estate, we are fortunate that Dan Sanders has ownership of four projects on his Climate Action Tracker: LED lighting; Lift modernisation (energy consumption); Building monitoring systems &amp; water pumps; and the AMBUE Heating Study.</p> <p>We are ready to engage with AMBUE and we have indicated to Dan that would like that to be sooner rather than later. In the meantime, and to be able to plan forward effectively, we intend to review our Terms of Reference and associated purpose/mission, objectives, communication plan etc.</p> <p>The <b>Communications group</b> has not met since the last BAGC in October 2025. Jan-Marc is working on a design direction for the Barbican Life magazine which is wallpaper-like and more stylish with the castle graphic becoming more playful. The logo/typeface work aims to revert to the original typeface that is owned by Network Rail which limits exact reuse. Layout</p>

	<p>changes will reduce the amount of text and increase colour/images. Advertisements will be retained for revenue. The format will be positioned as a lifestyle magazine to attract younger readers and widen contributors. A unified style will apply across the BA newsletter, website, and different houses with the target being the June edition for the new format.</p> <p>The <b>Planning group</b> has not met since the last BAGC in October 2025.</p> <p>The <b>Anti-social behaviour and Estate Management group</b> has not met since the last BAGC in October 2025.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Membership report</b>
	<p>The Membership secretary thanked the many BAGC members who had worked in multifarious ways to reduce what was over 700 BA members in a category that was meaningless to zero in number, over a matter of six months. The quality of the BA data is now greatly improved though not fully accurate as around 5% of members have no email and are difficult to contact so it may be that some of these have left the Barbican with their standing orders continuing to pay the annual fee.</p> <p>The BA analytics as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) A total of 2016 leasehold flats on the Estate</li> <li>(ii) 1295 BA members living in leasehold Barbican flats</li> <li>(iii) 1024 leasehold flats on the Estate with at least one BA member in them</li> </ul> <p>As a percentage, 1024 of 2026 is just over 50%, an important measure for the BA. However, it was agreed that being so close to that fifty percent mark, the BA should continue with an active membership recruitment campaign, which includes appeals on the various BA communication channels.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Treasurer's report</b>
	<p>The balances on the three BA bank accounts on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2026 totalled £139,112, an increase on the year end £103,053. This included £34,720 received from the City of London on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January to cover the BA's Section 20 legal expenses. Eligible RTA expenses of £9,973 and £13,287 have been claimed but are yet to be reimbursed by the City. A refund of £691.50 for Membership Mojo subscription costs is also expected.</p> <p>The audited 2025 accounts and full Treasurer's comments will be available before the BA AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. An explanation of further legal expenses incurred by then will be provided at that time.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Dates of next Barbican Association meetings</b>
	<p>Barbican Association Steering Group Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 (Elected Members ONLY)</p> <p>Barbican Association General Council Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2026</p>