

The Barbican Association General Council
Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday 17th April 2025
At 7 pm in The Lilac Room

Present (crossed out not present):

Elected Members: Randall Anderson David Bradshaw Adam Hogg Sandra Jenner Nathan Morse Deborah Oliver Jan Marc Petroschka Richard Setchim Sarah Stobbs	House Groups Represented: Graham Wallace (Andrewes) Helen Hulson (Ben Jonson) Humfrey Brandes (Brandon) Andy Hope (Breton) John Taysum (Bryer) Derek Penney (Bunyan) Paul Moriarty (Cromwell) Martin Farebrother (Defoe) Linda Partridge (Frobisher) Miranda Quinney (John Trundle) Richard Collins (Lambert Jones) Gail Beer (Lauderdale) Martin Luff (Mountjoy) John Holme (Postern) Ania Korszun (Seddon) Sandy Wilson (Shakespeare) Graham Spickett Jones (Speed) Brenda Szlesinger (Thomas More) Mary Bonar (Wallside) Fionnuala Hogan (Willoughby)
Other Members: Tony Swanson (Hon Treasurer) Jo Boait (RCC) Hannah Logan Co-Opted Member (Parent Rep) Helen Hudson (Barbican Life) David Preston (Administrator & Membership Sec) Nigel Dixon (Assistant Treasurer) Jane Smith	
Deputies and Guests: Fred Rodgers (Breton) Douglas Bevans (Defoe) Frank Davidson (Speed)	

1.	Introductions
	The acting Chair introduced the 9 Elected Members to the General Council, making special mention of the 3 new members – Nathan Morse, Richard Setchim and Sarah Stobbs.
2	Apologies for Absence
	Mary Bonar, Richard Collins, Martin Farebrother, Andy Hope, Sandra Jenner, Ania Korszun, Nathan Morse, Linda Partridge, Derek Penney, Miranda Quinney, Richard Setchim, Graham Spickett-Jones, Tony Swanson had sent apologies for absence.

3.	Elections						
	<p>Following a brief discussion about the election process the elections produced the following outcomes:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Chair</td><td>Jan Marc Petroschka</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deputy Chair</td><td>Randall Anderson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Honorary Secretary</td><td>David Preston</td></tr> </table>	Chair	Jan Marc Petroschka	Deputy Chair	Randall Anderson	Honorary Secretary	David Preston
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4.	Initial address by the new Chair						
	<p>The Chair proposed a new more interactive style of BAGC meetings, beginning with the next meeting (19th June) which will take the form of a workshop to highlight and analyse both the negatives and positives of past meetings.</p>						
5.	Funding application for 1 Silk Street						
	<p>The Chair presented his views on the challenge that faces the BA in terms of the threat to the Grade II listed Barbican Estate posed by the proposed development of 1 Silk Street. Images were made available at the meeting which made clear how the proximity and scale of the development will impact on our built heritage and residential amenity and diminish the day and sunlight of adjacent homes. The Chair presented a case for 50k + VAT GBP for legal fees and expert advice to challenge the imminent planning application. This was proposed, seconded and approved unanimously.</p>						
6	AOB						
	<p>A discussion took place regarding Item 5 above, involving multifarious issues, many of which will need to be considered in the challenge that lies ahead.</p> <p>A request was made that future BAGC meetings be held at 6:30pm rather than 7pm and this was unanimously approved.</p>						
7	Future Dates of the BA General Council						
	<p>The remaining BAGC meeting in 2025 are as follows:</p> <p>Thursday, 19th June</p> <p>Thursday, 21st August</p> <p>Thursday, 23rd October</p> <p>All three meetings will take place in the Lilac Room, commencing at 630pm</p>						

8	Future Dates of the BA General Council
	<p>The remaining BA Steering Group meetings in 2025 are as follows:</p> <p>Monday, 19th May</p> <p>Monday, 21st July</p> <p>Monday, 29th September</p> <p>All three meetings will take place in the Lilac Room, commencing at 530pm</p>