

BAGC Meeting Notes 3 May 2012

Present: Jane Smith, chair; Robert Barker, Hon Sec; Tim Macer, deputy chair; Garth Leder, David Bradshaw, Angela Starling, elected members; Gordon Griffiths, Bunyan; Jim Malpas, Lauderdale; Anne Naphine, Speed; Phil Sharples, Thomas More, Janet Wells, John Trundle; Nigel Walmsley, Gilbert; Sarah Hudson, sustainability subcommittee; John Taysum, Bryer; Richard Collins, Lambert Jones Mews; Gillian Laidlaw, Mountjoy; Dianne Vander Cruyssen, Frobisher; Stan Booth, Andrewes;

Apologies: Cliff Paice, treasurer; Alberto Garciga, Pat Spicer, Brian Parkes, John Tomlinson, Randall Anderson, Matt Collins, Simon Ebbins, Bruce Badger, David Graves, Steve Quilter Mary Bonar.

Election of officers

Robert Barker took the chair for the election of the chairman. The following were elected:

Chair: Jane Smith

Honorary secretary: Robert Barker

Deputy chair: Tim Macer

GSMD Heron

The chair reported that she had been told by members that the Guildhall School of Music and Drama had withdrawn their application to open the new Heron building after 11pm.

Zebra Crossings

The chair reported that she had been told by members that members of the streets and walkways committee had voted for the plan that included zebra crossings. [Confirmed after the meeting – there will be one in Moor Lane and one in Silk Street.]

Telephone Exchange development

Tim Macer reported that the developers of the telephone exchange had withdrawn their application to move the service entrance closer to Willoughby House.

Cinema acoustic monitoring

Robert Barker reported that BAGC members had overwhelmingly agreed by email to seek expert acoustic advice to support the cinema group's attempts to get proper sound monitoring of the new cinemas.

BA appointments

Gaby Robertshaw was reappointed as Membership Secretary. The subcommittee terms of reference were received. The following chairs of subcommittees were all re-elected for 2012-2013:

Planning – Randall Anderson

Licensing – David Graves

Estate security – David Bradshaw

Communications – Angela Starling

Environmental sustainability – Sarah Hudson

Noise and pollution – Steve Quilter

Access – Robert Barker

Roofs – Robert Barker

St Alphage Group – Tim Macer

Crossrail group – Jane Smith

Cinemas group – Bruce Badger

Matters arising from the AGM

Garth Leder's notes of the AGM were received. David Bradshaw reminded that they needed to include the fact that the audited accounts were received.

Robert Barker commented that a few people had said to him afterwards that they didn't support a 20 mph limit, but the AGM show of hands showed that a majority did support that. The meeting agreed Sarah Hudson's suggestion that the BA should campaign for non-polluting buses to be used in Beech Street tunnel: Sarah will draft letters for the chair to send to the City Together Board and the Port Health Committee.

On free swimming for the over 60s, the chair suggested that as she needed to respond to Joy Hollister, director of community services, she would include a comment about supporting physical activity among older residents.

On the TV system, David Bradshaw reported that the BRC had delegated authority to the chair and deputy chair to make the decision once the legal contract work had been done. He said that work on break clauses and KPIs was currently going on.

Dates of BAGC meetings

The list, with 12 July changed to 19 July, is:

19 July 2012

6 September 2012

22 November 2012

17 January 2012

21 March 2013

25 April 2013 **AGM**

2 May 2013 Officer elections

Concrete inspections on the towers

David Bradshaw said that a motion had gone to the Court of Common Council from the Cripplegate wardmote arguing that the City should pay for the works. The chair said she proposed to ask the chairs of the tower house groups for a representative from each to join a working party, to seek expert advice on whose responsibility these repairs were. She invited Robert Barker to be on the working party given his experience with the roofs, and suggested Randall Anderson should be on it as chair of the RCC, and David Bradshaw volunteered, too. The meeting agreed in principle to spend money on professional advice; the chair would email round the specific amount to be authorised.

Frobisher heating

Dianne vander Cruyssen said Frobisher's heating and hot water failed when it got cold, such as last weekend. The City has appointed a heating engineer to examine the system. Frobisher residents have been withholding the relevant part of their service charge.

Wine glasses

The meeting approved Tim Macer's request to spend up to £150 on BA wine glasses, as the ones hired for the AGM had not been cleaned.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.