

BAGC Minutes

30 April 2015

Present:

Jane Smith, Robert Barker, Paul Clifford, David Bradshaw, Bruce Badger, elected members; Brian Parkes, Speed; Gordon Griffiths, Bunyan; Jenny Addison, Frobisher; John Whitehead, Breton; Helen Hudson, Defoe; Janet Wells, John Trundle; Thomas More; Gillian Laidlaw, Mountjoy; Natalie Robinson, Andrewes; Tony Croot

Sylvia Tufts, Andrewes, observer

Apologies

Tim Macer, Richard Collins, Sarah Hudson, Helen Kay, Pat Spicer, Averil Baldwin, Mary Bonar, Gianetta Corley, John Taysum, Randall Anderson, John Tomlinson

1. Welcomes

To two new elected members – Paul Clifford and Helen Kay.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Approved minutes of 12 March meeting

3. Notes of AGM and issues arising

Notes for information. Garth Leder was thanked for doing them.

Comments on the talk on education: disappointment that adult education was barely mentioned; parents of children were frustrated; their problem seems to be a lack of information forthcoming from the City.

The officer at the meeting had provided some numbers and had promised some more, which would go on the BA's website.

4. Election of officers

The following were elected unopposed:

Jane Smith – chair

Tim Macer – deputy chair

Robert Barker honorary secretary

The subcommittees list was updated and amended – see attachment

Subcommittee chairs were re-elected

Co-opted members were re-elected

5. Dates of future meetings

The following were agreed. The Lilac Room is booked – to start at 7.30 pm

BAGC dates

30 April 2015 – election meeting

25 June

24 September

26 November

21 January 2015

31 March

28 April (AGM)

5 May – election meeting

RCC dates

18 May

7 September

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(Easter 25-28 March)

6. Social events

Tony Croot reported that the wine tasting and quiz had been successful and he planned to repeat them next year.

A party on Thomas More lawn had been suggested – but he had some doubts about it – weather, people might not come. It was agreed he would try a lunch. Aim for end of June at a weekend.

7. Topics for future BAGC meetings

The first had been agreed – Averil Baldwin will talk about her block's good neighbour scheme – as an experiment.

To let people know it was suggested we ask for an indication of numbers interested on the email broadcast – or just turn people away. The chair will talk to Averil

Gillian Laidlaw wondered whether the idea of topics was sustainable. People didn't produce written reports and there was a lot of business to conduct at these meetings.

8. CCTV in Barbican

The chair reminded people to complete the survey – the results of which would go to RCC.

Jenny Addison said that Frobisher was keen to have cameras in the western lift lobby, where there had been a case of arson. David Bradshaw said he would take this up at the security committee on 13 May (where he wanted a Frobisher rep anyway). It wasn't covered by the City proposal, which was for outside camera.

9. Planning: LFS

The chair said she was proposing that the BA sought conditions – about noise protection and hours of opening to the public, deliveries etc. John Whitehead said that several Breton residents would object. He said that if necessary Breton might ask the BA to help fund some advice on the party wall act.

Bruce badger suggested environmental health should do some baseline sound measurements. The chair said she would put him in touch with Dawn Patel/Lee Sandford.

10. Planning: escalators at Moor Lane

The chair explained the problem. That the escalators Crossrail had promised to build would be useless because they would be the wrong height once 21 Moorfields was finished and in the interim would end on a building site. So the City was relieving Crossrail of its obligation and putting it instead on Land Securities. In the meantime Land Securities was looking at the possibility of temporary stairs on the east of the bridge, and the City had agreed to improve maintenance of the Speed House lift. Robert Barker suggested also asking the City to adopt the London Wall Place walkway promptly when it became available in 2017.

Natalie Robinson suggested a signage strategy. Land Securities had agreed to consult on their signage proposals; the chair would remind them.

11. Beckett performances on St Giles Terrace

Gillian Laidlaw said that performances ending 10.45 were very late for small children. She felt peace and quiet was being chipped away and resented the lack of consultation.

Robert Barker wondered who had given permission.

The BA was going to ask the arts centre to leaflet all the surrounding blocks with full details of timings and mitigation measures

14. Date of next meeting;

25 June

Meeting ended 9.10