

BAGC meeting 5 May 2016 Minutes

Present:

Jane Smith, Robert Barker, Randall Anderson, David Bradshaw, Sarah Hudson, Tim Macer, elected members; David Graves, Seddon; Natalie Robinson, Andrewes; Graham Wallace, RCC; Mary Bona, Wallside; Kai Virtanen, Membership; Lew Jackson, Shakespeare

1. Apologies

Helen Kay, Helen Hudson, Paul Clifford, Gillian Laidlaw, Averil Baldwin, Richard Collins, Gordon Griffiths, Tony Swanson,

2. Welcomes

The chair welcomed Lew Jackson from Shakespeare, who was replacing Pat Spicer, and thanked Pat for her work on the committee.

The chair also welcomed Graham Wallace, current chair of the RCC and coopted onto this council

3. Minutes of meeting on 7 April 2016

Approved.

4. Notes of AGM on 28 April

The chair thanked Garth Leder for doing these

She thanked all the helpers on the day.

Issues arising from the meeting:

Low recycling rate for food waste. Sarah Hudson said she was trying to raise some interest by arranging a trip to the recycling centre.

Cost of the Garchey. This will come up again in due course at the RCC

5. Election of officers

The following were elected

Chair: Jane Smith

Deputy chair: Tim Macer

Hon sec: Robert Barker

All said they were looking for successors and Robert Barker said he would like an understudy.

He also reminded people that the chairman and deputy chairman of the BA could only come from among elected members of the BAGC who were not also common councilmen.

6. Appointment of Subcommittees and chairs -below.

In particular, please note:

*Angela Starling had stepped down as chair of the communications group.

It was Resolved that the BAGC gave its huge thanks to Angela Starling for her work on the BA General Council over many years, including as treasurer and elected member and in

particular for her most recent work in reorganising the BA's communications as chair of the communications subcommittee.

Gillian Laidlaw agreed to take on the chairmanship of the Communications Committee

*Lew Jackson volunteered to join the planning subcommittee

*Tim Macer said he and Kai Virtanen would discuss the future of the Internet Communications Group

*Graham Wallace volunteered to join the Cultural Hub working group. The chair said that she had several new volunteers and planned to hold a meeting soon to brainstorm the future strategy of the group

Chairs for 2016-17 are:

Access – Robert Barker

Arts Centre group – Jane Smith

Communications – Gillian Laidlaw

Crossrail – Jane Smith

Cultural Hub working party – Jane Smith

Estate Security and Crime Prevention – David Bradshaw

Girls' school group – Averil Baldwin/Gillian Laidlaw

Licensing – Robert Barker

London Underground working party – Richard Collins

Planning – Helen Kay

Access and walkways – Robert Barker

Sustainability – Sarah Hudson

London Wall Place Group – Tim Macer

Internet communications working group – Tim Macer/Kai Virtanen

Road safety adviser – Ted Reilly

Cultural hub working party – Jane Smith

Blake Tower liaison group – Gordon Griffith

21 Moorfields Liaison Group – Helen Kay

Bernard Morgan House Liaison group – Fred Rodgers

Access, Public Lifts and Walkways

"To monitor, discuss and to report to the BAGC on plans or proposals affecting Estate Walkways, Public Lifts in or adjoining the Estate and any other issues affecting access for those arriving at, traversing or leaving the Estate.

To participate as appropriate in other forums for the discussion of any of the above issues, making representations to officers as and when deemed appropriate arising from lift failure or malfunction or walkway damage or obstruction (to be copied to the Sub Committee and BA Chairman and Deputy Chairman) and reporting back to the BAGC on relevant issues."

Members:

Robert Barker (Chairman)

Communications

"Under the overall supervision of the BAGC, to take responsibility for supporting and managing as appropriate the communication of the BA's activities and other issues likely to be relevant to or of interest to Members of the BA."

Current communications:

Quarterly Newsletter

Magazine

Website

Members:

Gillian Laidlaw (chair)
Maggie Urry
Geoffrey Rivett
Lawrence Williams
Jennifer Addison
Kai Virtanen

Crossrail

“To monitor the activities of Crossrail as they affect the Barbican estate and its residents, to keep residents informed, to make representations to Crossrail on behalf of residents, to recommend actions to the BAGC and its subcommittees (notably planning and access).”

Members:

Jane Smith (chair)
Randall Anderson
Tim Macer
Robert Barker
Tim Holloway
Richard Collins
John Fitzpatrick

Estate Security and Crime Prevention

“To monitor, discuss and respond to actual or potential security risks and crime in and around the Barbican Estate, to participate fully in available City forums and resources dealing with security and crime in the City and to offer comments, suggestions and proposals concerning the better detection and reduction of crime and the enhancement of security for residents.”

Members:

David Bradshaw (Chairman)
John Bailey
Jonathan Dawid
Helen Jones
Catherine Davies
Barry Ashton – BEO
Michael Bennett BEO
Helen Davinson – BEO
Rebecca Marshall – BEO
Sarah Styles – BEO
Representatives of COLP

Licensing

“To monitor, assess and discuss applications under the Licensing Act 2003 affecting premises within the Barbican Estate and beyond likely to have a material effect upon the enjoyment by Barbican Residents of their homes and the environment of the Estate generally.

Reporting to the BAGC on pending applications and the recommended course of action and where objections are considered appropriate to draft the objections on behalf of the BA and to present the objections on behalf of the BA at any Licensing Hearing.”

Members:

Robert Barker (Chairman)
David Graves
David Coleman

Planning

“To monitor, assess and discuss proposals for development within the Barbican Estate and beyond likely to have a material effect upon the enjoyment by Barbican Residents of their homes and the setting and environment of the Estate generally.

To report to the BAGC on pending applications and on the discussion of applications in meetings of the City’s Planning and Transportation Committee, and to advise the BA and House Groups concerning the preparation of effective planning objections.”

Members:

Helen Kay (chairman)
Sue Cox
Lew Jackson
Gillie Bexson

London Wall Place group (St Alphage Group)

“To monitor proposals for redevelopment of the St Alphage site, keep residents informed, and recommend what the Barbican Association’s response should be”

Members:

Tim Macer (chair)
Stan Booth
Vivienne Littlechild
Brian Parkes
Richard Dykes
Gillian Laidlaw
Mary Bonar
John Bailey
Garth Leder
Jane Smith
Robert Barker
+ another Andrews rep

Sustainability

Established September 2009]

“ To investigate and to make recommendations on improving the environmental sustainability of the estate;

“ To provide ideas, encouragement and responses to the Barbican Estate Office, which is working on some interesting aspects of sustainability, as well as undertaking independent research;

“ To take account, in doing this, of the grade II listing of the estate.

Recommendations will be made to the BAGC, which would make all decisions.

Members:

Sarah Hudson (chair)
Garth Leder
Sarah Bee
Jane Smith
Richard Thomasson
Mark Henry
Elisa Galvin

Road safety adviser

To provide technical expertise on road safety aspects of any local issues [agreed 22 November 2012]

Ted Reilly

Internet Communications Working Group

1. To identify the needs for information distribution and communication between the BA, its members and other Barbican residents.
2. To liaise with BA Chair, the BA Communications Group (who will be represented on this Working Group), and with the chairs of other BA Subcommittees and Working Groups.
3. To identify suitable technologies that the BA can adopt to facilitate more comprehensive and more timely communication with members and residents.
4. To explore capabilities for the broadcast of news and other timely information, either to supplement or even replace some printed communications.
5. To explore capabilities that can be provided for consulting with residents and obtaining their feedback.
6. To create a members' and/or residents' only area, and to identify ways to establish the bone fides of Barbican residents through a simple registration and authentication process.
7. To explore the possibility of implementing some aspects of 'e-commerce' such as for the collection of subscriptions.
8. To consider the needs of those residents who do not have access to the Internet and to ensure there are alternative ways of them to access any information or service provided online.
9. To establish protocols and guidelines for website contributors who will be adding content directly to the BA website; for news distribution and for consultation activities.
10. To plan the implementation of any such technologies, including carrying out extensive user testing, to ensure that the technology will be simple and intuitive for all users, and to present these plans to BAGC, for approval.

Note that term 7 (e-commerce) will not be pursued as an initial objective, but may be explored once substantial progress has been made with terms 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Tim Macer (chair)
Angela Starling
Geoffrey Rivett
Garth Leder
Matt Collins
David Bradshaw
Bruce Badger
Stan Booth
Kai Virtanen

Cultural hub working party

To coordinate the BA's responses to Cultural Hub activity

Jane Smith (chair)
Brian Parkes
Pat Spicer,
Robert Barker
Neil Sanders
Sarah Hudson
Bruce Badger
Francis Pugh
David Murray
Chair planning
Graham Wallace
(+ another 8 volunteers)

Blake House working party

To consult with developers pre-planning application and throughout construction

Gordon Griffith (Chair)
John Foley
John Taysum
Janet Wells

Garth Leder
Robert Barker
Jane Smith
Paula Tomlinson

Bernard Morgan House

Fred Rodgers (Chair)
Helen Kay/Sue Cox
John Whitehead
Bruce Badger
+ others from other local residential flats

Girls' school group

Averil Baldwin
Gillian Laidlaw
Richard Dykes
Jane Smith

Arts Centre group

Jane Smith (chair)
Tim Macer
Randall Anderson
Karl Lowry
Pat Spicer
Bruce Badger,
Valerie Mills,
John Thirlwell
John Whitehead
Leigh Trowbridge
Ian Dixon
Jenny Addison
Helen Kay

London Underground group

Richard Collins (chair)
Tim Holloway
Jane Smith
Maddie Holmes

7. Proposed dates of future meetings

Agreed, see list at end.

8. Contact list

Revised list attached. Agreed to remove email addresses from the version on the website

9. Treasurer's report

The audited accounts will come to July meeting

11.Membership secretary

Kai Virtanen said it hadn't been decided yet what to do about the people who still had standing orders to the Santander account, but there was no hurry.

11.Communications

Kai Virtanen said he was keen to get the new website up and running and publicised as the real one. It need a) populating with live content from the old one and b) decisions on what did not need to come across.

He set a deadline of 5 June for people to look at the content and tell him what needed moving

He would ask Geoffrey about whether some old stuff that did not need moving could nevertheless be kept as an archive for internal use

He will send instructions and passwords to any subcommittee chair who wants an area of the website

He was on the communications working party and would discuss this at that meeting and bring any further proposals back to the BAGC.

Concrete working party. It was pointed out that this was missing from the list above.

Graham Wallace was unclear why it was not an RCC working party. It was explained that it had been set up by the BA once a dispute had arisen with the tower residents about the costs of the concrete. It would meet soon to consider the answers to the questions that had been asked of the City in February 2015. The BA had been given the answers in April 2016.

15 Next meeting

7 July

22 September

17 November

19 January 2017

23 March 2017

27 April (AGM)

3 May – election meeting NB Wednesday

Meeting ended 8.50 pm