

BAGC meeting 15 November 2018

Minutes

Present: Jane Smith, Christopher Makin, Tony Croot, David Bradshaw, Derek Penney, Janet Wells, Hilary Sunman, Robert Barker, Bruce Badger, Jim Davies, Jenny Addison, Tony Swanson, Ian Dixon, Randall Anderson, John Tomlinson, Lionel Meyringer, Helen Kay, Sarah Bee, Mike Bristow, Helen Hudson.

1 Apologies: Averil Baldwin, Richard Collins, Sarah Hudson, Andy Hawkins, Saz Vora

2 Minutes were approved.

3 Matters arising

- Police access to highwalk CCTV. David Bradshaw provided an update. CCTV Police continue to work to obtain access from private CCTV systems. More CCTV will be considered once Crossrail is live.
- Noted that the BA gave feedback to Arts Centre on the timings for the fountains/aerators in the lake.

4 Localism Act and disenfranchisement of residents

- Standards Committee met in public on 15 November 2018 to show its updated policy on dispensations.
- This is a matter of concern for the BA as the Committee's strict policy of not allowing dispensations for Ward members who are perceived to have pecuniary interests to speak on behalf of their electorate.
- There were many comments and questions from Common Councilors which the committee will consider.
- The topic will next be reviewed by the Standards Committee in January

5 Planning matters

5a: Ultra low emission zone, junction of Moor Lane and Fore Street.

- It was noted that there are two options, one for 24/7 compliance one for 7am-11pm with the existing gate being closed to ensure no traffic at all at night.
- The BA will respond that it supports the pilot project and option 2 to keep the barrier closed at night.

5b: 1-12 Long Lane. 18/01020/FULMAJ

- Note from Sue Cox: *"Given the proposed increase in height of the redevelopment (c18metres), it is likely that it could have an adverse impact on certain residents in the blocks closest to the site. The extract from the Daylight & Sunlight report "considers the loss of Daylight/Sunlight to the Barbican buildings" and the blocks that have been included in the report are John Trundle Court, Lauderdale Tower and Seddon House. Almost inevitably, the work that has been carried out concludes that any loss of light is well within the permissible BRE guidelines (i.e. less than 20% degradation) but individual residents affected may well think otherwise. Nevertheless, given the scale of other developments around the estate (21 Moorfields, London Wall Place, Tenter House,*

Bernard Morgan House to name but four), it is hard to see a positive outcome in the event of objections at this early stage."

- 1-12 Long Lane Terraces: BA will ask for a planning restriction to block use of the terraces beyond 10pm.
- 1-12 Long Lane Loss of Light: BA will ask for an independent assessment on the impact on sunlight daylight – not just daylight.
- 1-12 Long Lane St Paul's: BA will highlight that the building breaks the view to St Paul's.

5c: Local Plan: A working party (Jane Smith, Helen, Sue Cox, and Mike Bristow) will create the BA's response to the City's Local Plan. Deadline 23 February 2019. The response will focus on issues local to the Barbican Estate. We will consider holding a public meeting

6 Saturday morning working

- Report to the Planning and Port Health committees will recommend no change.
- Residents are encouraged to phone the environmental health 24 hour helpline and log a call whenever they are disturbed by noise as this forms a record for future action.
- The committee agreed that the BA should put up notices around the estate advising people to call the Noise team number

7 City transport strategy consultation

- This consultation opens on 12 November and closes on 13 January
- Tony Swanson will join a BA working party to prepare a response to it.

8 London Underground update

- No significant updates but it was noted that David Graves has secured an undertaking that there will be a report to the Port Health committee on the noise problems for residents that are caused by underground trains, which will include as an appendix the measurements actually made in Barbican flats

9 RCC matters

- No news on the future of the BRC. Neither Children and Community Services nor the property investment board appear keen to take on governance of the Barbican estate.
- The new chair BRC has asked the BEO to include external decoration of the car park grills etc in their 2019 budget.

10 Barbican Life

- Helen Hudson has agreed to take over from Lawrence and will become editor full-time next year.

11 City of London School for Girls

- After four letters requesting an informal early meeting with residents, a date has finally been proposed (4 December).

12 Barbican anniversary events – update

- Met with Chief Commoner to put forward some celebratory ideas that will be reviewed by the Hospitality Committee.

- The weekend of 15 June has been suggested.

13 Licensing update

- London Wall Place 2 (closest to 125 London Wall) group met. Still looking for a tenant for the ground level café.
- Tenant for first floor restaurant still to be identified. Noted that a planter needs to be installed between the restaurant patio and the highwalk.

14 Accounts/membership

- Awaiting reimbursable expenses from the City (hiring rooms for meetings, stationery, printing etc), which seem to take a long time to get paid This is available to all house groups. Randall Anderson to follow-up on the delay.
- Accounts continue to be healthy.
- Membership income has dipped following the closure of the Santander Account (150 members/£750 in subscriptions). Jim Davies will write to these members asking them to take out new standing orders to the current bank account.

15 AoB

- We have had to change the date of the AGM to Wednesday 24 April 2019 and the subsequent officer election meeting to 1 May 2019
- Opt in – Opt out membership of house groups was discussed.
- Installing new electricity meters – this is a supplier obligation
- Dropped ceilings – residents should consider adhesive as these ceilings are noisy to install. HK agreed to suggest it to Rachel Pye of environmental health
- Removal of the ‘Four B’ symbol near Shakespeare Tower. Helen Hudson is keen to meet with others who have objected to this.

16 Next meetings

BA	RCC
	3 December
17 January	28 January (AGM)
28 March	4 March
Wednesday 24 April BA AGM CHANGE OF DATE	
1 May (also changed)	10 June

Meeting ended at 9.10 pm