



**Minutes of the  
Barbican Association General Council meeting  
Wednesday 11 November 2020  
at 7.30pm via Zoom**

**Present:**

Adam Hogg, Jane Smith, Christopher Makin, Richard Collins, Ted Reilly, Helen Hudson, Helen Hulson, Sue Cox, Tony Swanson, David Bradshaw, Tim Cox, Sandy Wilson, Randall Anderson, Lionel Meyringer, Lionel Green, David Kirkby, Mike Bristow, Hilary Sunman, David Graves, Mary Bonar, Humfrey Brandes, Jane Samsworth, Derek Penney.

**Apologies:**

Fred Rodgers, Tony Croot.

**Election of officers**

Being the only elected (at the BA AGM) members willing to serve, the following were elected:

- **Chair:** Adam Hogg
- **Deputy chair:** Jane Smith
- **Hon sec:** Christopher Makin

Christopher Makin stated that he would like another elected member to serve as Hon sec next year.

David Bradshaw reminded members that common councillors could not be chair or deputy chair of the BA.

**Presentation by the Chair**

Adam Hogg thanked Jane Smith, the outgoing BA Chair for her 12 years of service, and made a short presentation that he wished to be discussed at the next BAGC meeting. This presentation recommended 10 priorities:

1. Building on the work done to ensure that the BA continues to be the 'Go To' organisation for consultation on Barbican matters by the City and other bodies.
2. Continuing to support the Planning and Licensing Chair in her excellent work engaging positively with developers and City planners when faced with new developments, but reserving objections for real threats to the Estate.
3. Championing the Estate as a one of the best places to live in London.
4. Protecting and enhancing the Barbican way of life – gardens, tranquility, security and services to residents.
5. Adopting a more proactive agenda, in particular seeking to future proof the Barbican Estate by supporting the development of a master plan for the next 50 years.
6. Developing a closer relationship between the BA and our Common Councillors with a view to getting them as a group to prosecute our interests.
7. As part of the "Barbican Monument" in conjunction with our other stakeholders, engaging with the City of London to ensure the estate remains a vibrant place within which to live with its integrated mix of culture, schools etc.
8. Encouraging residents, to take a greater interest in the affairs of the estate, to become involved and be motivated to contribute their expertise to teams taking responsibility for different aspects of the BA's work.
9. Making greater use of digital technology to widen and enhance dialogue between the Association and its membership
10. Leading on climate change.

## **Minutes of prior meeting**

The minutes from the 2 September meeting were approved

## **Matters arising from the minutes**

### **• Beech Street Zero Emissions Scheme:**

1. Ted Reilly showed a slide highlighting the decline in Nitrogen Oxide following the introduction of the Beech Street Zero Emissions scheme
2. BAGC members were encouraged to ask their residents to write to the City asking for an exemption for local residents, including the Barbican, to the Beech Street Scheme
3. Ted Reilly to circulate a letter prepared by the Chair of Lauderdale Tower House Group requesting an exemption for residents.

### **• Funding for a meeting room in the Barbican Library**

1. A request for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to create a meeting room in the Barbican Library has not yet been submitted.
2. The BA may submit such request alongside the Barbican Library.
3. Although an outline plan has been developed for this room, there may be additional design fees to fund.
4. The main outstanding design issue is whether a door can be inserted to enable the room to be accessed when the Library is closed. This is important if the room is to be used for evening meetings.
5. Jane Smith will continue to lead on this matter

### **• 20th Century Society Membership**

1. It was confirmed that the BA is now a member of the 20th Century Society

## **Appointment of chairs of sub-committees, groups etc and their terms of reference**

- The Chair advised that he would like to speak to all the chairs of sub-committees in the next month and it was agreed to hold this item over until the next meeting.
- It was noted that a new group would be needed to respond to the proposed development of Bastion House (140 London Wall) with representatives from Houses closest to the site.

## **Follow up from AGM**

### **Bastion House (140 London Wall)**

- Adam Hogg, Jane Smith and Sue Cox had met with City Officers re this building which is adjacent to the Museum of London and is not Listed.
- The tenant's lease on Bastion House expires in December 2021
- The City will consult on redeveloping the site in Spring 2021 and aims to submit a Planning Application in 2022.
- The City aims to conclude the Bastion House plan prior to the Museum's scheduled relocation to Smithfield in 2024 and may demolish Bastion House prior to the Museum's relocation.
- The initial plan is for a building that is significantly larger than Bastion House.
- The City aims for an office development on the site rather than residential for financial reasons.
- If the plans for the Centre for Music are cancelled, that site will also be used for a large office building.

### **Governance of the Barbican Estate**

- Further to Lord Lisvane's review of City governance that made several recommendations relating to the Barbican, including the abolition of the Barbican Residential Committee among many others.
- Jane Smith and Christopher Makin met with Sheriff Chris Haywood, who is reaching out to stakeholders, to discuss this.
- Key points raised were a desire for more control over how service charges are spent, and the need for an overarching management approach to the Barbican rather than the current piecemeal approach.
- A sub-group of BAGC members is preparing a recommendation to the City focussed on the above points that will be proposed to the BAGC.
- There will be a series of meetings for Common Councillors before any of Lord Lisvane's recommendations are approved.

**Climate Change**

- Meeting with Kate Smith from the Corporation will be held on 27th November
- The results from the Survey of Barbican-residents will be posted on: the BA website shortly
- Initial input from environmental engineers has been obtained.

**Date of next Meeting**

Thursday 10th December

**The meeting ended at 8.30pm**