

# The Barbican Association General Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting on Thursday, 24 November 2022 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Present (crossed out not present):

<p><b>Elected Members:</b>          Adam Hogg (Chair),          Deputy Chair: Ted Reilly          Vacant (HonSec),          Jane Smith (Planning Subcommittee Chair)  <del>Sandy Wilson</del>          Helen Hudson          David Bradshaw          Randall Anderson          Mark Bostock</p>	<p><b>House Groups Represented:</b>          Lionel Meyringer (Andrewes)  <del>Helen Hulson</del> (Ben Jonson)  <i>Stephen Chapman standing in for BJH</i>          Humfrey Brandes (Brandon)          Andy Hope (Breton)  <del>John Taysum</del> (Bryer)          Derek Penney (Bunyan)          Tim Cox (Cromwell)          Helen Hudson (Defoe + John Trundle)  <del>Jenny Addison</del> (Frobisher)          Ian Dixon (Gilbert)          Heather Thomas (Lambert Jones)  <del>Gail Beer</del> (Lauderdale)  <del>Martin Luff</del> (Mountjoy)          David Graves (Seddon)  <del>Sandy Wilson</del> (Shakespeare)          Christopher Makin (Speed)          Brenda Szlesinger (Thomas More)          Mary Bonar (Wallside)          Fionnuala Hogan (Willoughby)</p>
<p><b>Other Members:</b>  <del>Tony Swanson</del> (HonTreas)          Jim Davies (MembershipSec)          Sandra Jenner (RCC)</p>	

Papers:

<p><b>Agenda Papers:</b>          Agenda Item 2 - Final minutes 22 September 2022          Agenda Item 4 - BQA update &amp; funding request          Agenda item 6 - ASB update          Agenda Item 7 - Planning report          Agenda Item 9 - Beech Street</p>	<p><b>Also Received:</b>          Nothing else here.</p>
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No.	Item
1.	<p><b>Apologies/not present:</b>            Stephen Chapman standing in for Helen Hulson (Ben Jonson)            Sandy Wilson (Shakespeare)            Tony Swanson (HonTreas)</p> <p><b>House Reps not present:</b>            John Taysum (Bryer)            Jenny Addison (Frobisher)            Gail Beer (Lauderdale)            Martin Luff (Mountjoy)            Sandy Wilson (Shakespeare)</p>
2.	<p><b>Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:</b></p> <p>The minutes 22<sup>nd</sup> September were <b>APPROVED</b>.</p>

3.	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p><b>Volunteers for Honorary Secretary:</b> Jim Davies has stepped up starting at the next meeting!</p> <p><b>Residents Consultation Committee:</b> Chair will find out who will be paying for the cost of the exercise. City is paying because it says they have to in the lease.</p> <p><b>Discussion on Alban Gate:</b> Planning Subcommittee Chair Jane will talk to Sue to make representations to the planners because we can't lose 2 bridges simultaneously. (TODO for JANE) Jane will chase.</p> <p><b>Barbican Centre Update:</b> Barbican has finally agreed to get the meetings in the diary well ahead and will provide us with a list. That will help engagement with the House Group Reps. (TODO for CHAIR) Adam is chasing. Chair will pick up the idea of a strategy group with Sandy. (TODO for CHAIR) Adam and Sandy will follow-up.</p>
4.	<p><b>Barbican Quarter Action (BQA) - Update and request for future funding (for decision):</b></p> <p>Finances stand well. City knows there is strong stance among residents. We need to keep an eye on it, but we're happy to go down fighting to make the point even if we don't pull it off. This extra money should take us to the planning permission stage delayed as a result of the campaign until March/June 2023. Goals are for us to persuade the CoL that it shouldn't be knocking down 2 perfectly serviceable buildings and should not be overdeveloping the site. Any more significant action like a judicial review we'd seek to crowdfund.</p> <p>The additional expenditure of £13,442 was APPROVED.</p> <p>A request was made for the full estimated project cost including any next stage to be set out along with available BA funds so we can see the full extent of commitments. (TODO for CHAIR)</p>
5.	<p><b>Arts Centre Renewal (update from Mark Bostock):</b></p> <p>Very positive. 10-year masterplan for the Arts Centre. Good opportunity for us to say our say. Designers are talking about creative industry for the old exhibition space, and better opening up and signage of Beech St leading to the Centre. Please engage as stakeholders when you get the opportunities. Mobilise talent among residents to get involved.</p> <p>RECEIVED.</p> <p>Randall noted that a significant spend on the Centre's Mechanical and Electrical Facilities would be required.</p> <p>First general consultation meeting was not well attended. Need to raise enthusiasm and involvement amongst residents? Circulate 5<sup>th</sup> December (next meeting with the Centre) and let Adam know if we can get some residents going to that meeting. (TODO for EVERYONE)</p>

6.	<p><b>ASB Report (for information):</b></p> <p>David -&gt; Report has been circulated to BRC Chair, Interim Head of BOE, Chair CoL Police Auth, Chair Barbican Centre, Chair P&amp;R Chris Hayward.  Police feedback is to setup a task and finish group – David has been invited. Inaugural mtg 5<sup>th</sup> Dec and David will feedback. Parkguard are also invited and they are on call at Golden Lane when needed. Ultimate way to resolve is to increase remit of Barbican Centre personnel. Sandy is looking at the proposal for the podium revamp relating to security features.  <b>RECEIVED.</b></p> <p>Mark -&gt; Requests David’s WP team feedback to planning to make sure ideas for improvements are taken into consideration.</p>
7.	<p><b>Planning Report (for information):</b></p> <p><b>RECEIVED.</b></p> <p>Mark -&gt; Sue’s reports are excellent! Planning application has gone in for the podium. Opportunity for the local blocks to get together for some joint action to sort out some issues.</p> <p>Jane will email chairs of the houses to huddle. Sandy Wilson to represent BESC. <b>(TODO for JANE)</b></p> <p>Andy -&gt; 48 Chiswell also needs a concerted effort.</p>
8.	<p><b>Underfloor Heating Town Hall Meeting Dec 1 (update from Ted Reilly):</b></p> <p>Next Thurs 10am. This will be all about underfloor heating and not about how bad the electricity meters are.</p> <p><b>RECEIVED.</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Beech Street (amended position) Report (for decision):</b></p> <p><b>APPROVED.</b></p>
10.	<p><b>RCC Matters (update from Sandra Jenner):</b></p> <p>Sandra -&gt; Email has gone out to lay out the intentions of the new group including improving committee communications (who currently don’t meet but should).  House Group huddles to share information and efforts on similar building issues.  Newsletter on service charges just out.  Elect 2<sup>nd</sup> deputy chair at the RCC next week.  Any ideas to improve RCC welcome.  BEO review underway. Primary objective to achieve tangible efficiency savings with the same service we have now.  Resident survey results are in and there is a general decrease in satisfaction levels.</p> <p><b>RECEIVED.</b></p>

11.	<p><b>Conservation Area (for decision):</b></p> <p>Golden Lane and Barbican Conservation Area. To become a standing item on the GC agenda and to invite a GLERA representative to attend the meeting.</p> <p><b>REJECTED.</b></p> <p>Instead: <b>(TODO for CHAIR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up small group of people designated to liaise with GLERA.</li> <li>• If matters of common interest arise, invite them to a special meeting.</li> <li>• There may be areas in addition to planning where we have common ground.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><b>Dates for next meetings:</b></p> <p>BA: 26 January, 23 March, 27 April (AGM) and 04 May (post AGM).  <a href="#">RCC</a></p>
13.	<p><b>Any other business:</b></p> <p>Lionel – Scaffolding next to postern has been there for years and BEO won't remove it and it is a security concern for residents. He will try and re-escalate this. Lionel will also ask his RCC rep Graham Wallace to raise it at the next RCC meeting.</p> <p>Please support him by responding to the Altair consultation in regards to "BEO don't listen". This should be one of the core messages we get across.</p>
15.	<p><b>The meeting ended at 8:55pm.</b></p>