

The Barbican Association General Council

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting on Thu, 26 January 2023 at 7.30pm by Zoom

Present (crossed out not present):

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

Papers:

<p>Agenda Papers: Agenda Item 2 - Final minutes 24 November 2022 Agenda Item 5 - BQA update Agenda Item 7 - RCC update Agenda item 8 - ASB update Agenda Item 8 - Planning update</p>	<p>Also Received: Nothing else here.</p>
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No.	Item
1.	<p>Apologies/not present: Bernard Hughes standing in for Fionnuala Hogan (Willoughby) David Graves (Seddon) Brenda Szlesinger (Thomas More)</p> <p>House Reps not present: Humfrey Brandes (Brandon) John Taysum (Bryer) Gail Beer (Lauderdale) David Graves (Seddon) Brenda Szlesinger (Thomas More)</p>

2.	<p>Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes:</p> <p>The minutes 24th November were APPROVED.</p>
3.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Jane – Alban Gate will insist on a walkway being open for residents.</p> <p>Adam – Barbican Centre update last night and we got the dates for next 2 meetings: 10 May, 20 September.</p> <p>Chair will pick up the idea of a Barbican Centre strategy group with Sandy. (TODO for CHAIR) Adam and Sandy will follow-up.</p> <p>Still looking for secretary and position being advertised in the January Barbican Newsletter.</p> <p>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. Sandy and Mark will share what they have thought about and put together and Jane will formulate a response from BA. (TODO for JANE)</p>
4.	<p>Topics for the AGM on 27th (to discuss):</p> <p>A report back on the BEO review would best be a separate meeting. An invitation to Claire Spencer, the new Barbican Centre CEO, was supported. (TODO for CHAIR)</p> <p>Mary – Suggested to increase the membership fee (for the second year). Randall – Keep the status quo not to risk losing members.</p>
5.	<p>Barbican Quarter Action (BQA) Report:</p> <p>RECEIVED.</p> <p>Randall – The new concept is to offer it to the market without knocking it down. Bernard – Very professional meeting at the church. Need a plan B and whatever happens there should be zero weekend working, after how Moorfields has made Willoughby suffer. Jane – City tend not to listen to requests that there be no working at the weekends, from experience, but worth a try.</p>
6.	<p>Arts Centre Renewal (update from Mark Bostock):</p> <p>10th January meeting summary: Emphasis on Beech Street and commercialisation along with exhibition halls. Huge amount of work to do looking at the impact, on Shakespeare, on parking etc. General sense that this is the right way to go. So far, no indication on thinking about Lakeside, but lots on infrastructure. 1st phase costs largely on infrastructure. Intention is continued opportunity of being consulted. Very positive. CEO on board with continued consultation with residents.</p> <p>At the recent Culture Heritage Libraries committee meeting, a paper on Destination City was presented and a new role introduced "Member City Envoy". We have a member in Farringdon</p>

	<p>Within with the right experience and he will be applying and will involve residents if he gets the position. Destination City is a high priority in the City.</p>
7.	<p>RCC Report (for information):</p> <p>RECEIVED.</p>
8.	<p>ASB Report (for information):</p> <p>RECEIVED.</p> <p>David – Pragmatic solution would be for the Barbican Centre security to also residential parts of the Estate. This should not be a cost to residents as patrols would be in the public areas. ASB occurs on the podium and with reference to Martyn’s Law and the obligation of big event locations being responsible for safety in the locale.</p>
9.	<p>Planning Report (for information):</p> <p>RECEIVED.</p> <p>Sue will continue to do these reports. Randall – Alban Gate want to eliminate the south side escalators (maintenance headache) and replace the other north side one with a lift. Jane + Mary – Concerns over the balconies more than the loss of the lift. Mary – Establish relations with building manager once the building is occupied – helps with neighbour meeting and night time lighting.</p>
10.	<p>Underfloor Heating (and Climate Action) (update from Ted Reilly):</p> <p>Meet next week to implement suggestions from webinar. Some indication that lack of EPC makes rental and sales more tricky. Dorset farm is now hooked up to the grid and will be impacting our electricity charges beneficially from the 1st January.</p>
11.	<p>Beech Street (update from Ted Reilly):</p> <p>Consultation now open. Houses should reply to the consultation separately as well. (TODO for EVERYONE)</p>
12.	<p>Summer Party (update from Ted Reilly):</p> <p>Not a lot of people offering to help. Unless we get more volunteers, it’s not going to happen. Please encourage your residents to volunteer. (TODO for EVERYONE)</p>
13.	<p>Assistance Line for Residents (update from Ted Reilly):</p> <p>Like we had during Covid. Send ideas to Ted. (TODO for EVERYONE)</p>
14.	<p>Membership Secretary (update from Ted Reilly):</p>

	<p>Jim is leaving the Barbican. Ted has spent some time learning the ropes. Bit of a mission and a big task. We need to ease Jim out and ease someone else in. We might have to spend some money on this. We'll probably go for a commercial system.</p> <p>Looking for volunteers. (TODO for EVERYONE)</p> <p>Take on board Mary's idea for a membership increase. (TODO for TED)</p> <p>Jim will, however, continue to operate the ASB Reporter for the B.E.S.C.</p>
15.	<p>Dates for next meetings:</p> <p>BA: 23 March, 27 April (AGM), 4 May (post AGM), 20 July, 21 September and 23 November RCC : 20 February (AGM), 6 March</p>
16.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>Ian – Re: Lake water features – Phone call this morning from one of the estate engineers asking for what times to have the water features on. Ian chose the previous times. Basic functionality has been restored. Ian is involved to fine tune the timings in due course in consultation with the immediately adjacent blocks.</p>
17.	<p>The meeting ended at 8:35pm.</p>