

BARBICAN ESTATE RESIDENTS CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 20 February 2023

Minutes of the meeting held at Guildhall at 6.30 pm

Present

Sandra Jenner - Chair	Mark Bostock - Frobisher Crescent
Jim Durcan - Deputy Chair	Dave Taylor - Gilbert House
Christopher Makin – Deputy Chair	Miranda Quinney - John Trundle Court
Adam Hogg - Chair, Barbican Association	Tim Hollaway - Lambert Jones Mews
Graham Wallace- Andrewes House	David Lawrence - Lauderdale Tower
Fiona Lean - Ben Jonson House	Monique Long - Mountjoy House
Andrew Tong - Brandon Mews	David Graves - Seddon House
Andy Hope – Breton House	Sandy Wilson - Shakespeare Tower
John Taysum – Bryer Court	Guy Nisbett – Speed House
Derek Penney - Bunyan Court	Rodney Jagelman - Thomas More House
Alan Budgen - Cromwell Tower	Mary Bonar - Wallside
Helen Hudson - Defoe House	Petre Reid - Willoughby House

In attendance:

Alderswoman Sue Pearson
Deputy Randall Anderson CC

For item 3 only:

Julie Mayer – Town Clerks

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from James Ball (Brandon Mews) and Gordon Griffiths (Bunyan Court) who sent representatives. John Taysum (Bryer Court) sent apologies but was not represented.

2. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the prior AGM were approved.

2.1 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

3. **TO APPOINT A DEPUTY CHAIR**

Being the only Member willing to serve, Jim Durcan was elected to as a Deputy Chair for the ensuing year and the Chair expressed her appreciation of his ongoing commitment to the work of the committee.

4. **REPORT BY THE CHAIR**

The Chair highlighted her report that was circulated with the papers for the meeting and asked for questions. These included:

- What is the status of the review of the Barbican Estate Office (BEO)? The Chair advised that the final report and implementation plan is due in March and proposed a special meeting of the RCC to review and comment on same.
- A member asked about electricity charges for the year 21/22. The Chair confirmed that the reconciliation is still awaited. This year's reconciliation is nearly complete. Members expressed disappointment that this work was still outstanding.
- Will the Benchmarking exercise undertaken as part of the BEO review be made public? The Chair advised that the content of final report is TBC as the Benchmarking exercise refers to individual's roles and salaries. It was agreed that as much information as possible – excluding personally identifiable information– should be included in the final report.
- A member congratulated the Chair on her hard work on the BEO review project and this was endorsed by the committee.
- The need for improvement in the management of the Estate that is highlighted in the report was emphasised by Members. An implementation plan is scheduled to be available next month.

5. **ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE RCC'S TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- The Terms of Reference were endorsed by the Committee.
- The Chair highlighted a further paper that documented, for the first time, the process regarding the election of Officers and asked for comment.
- Members noted the longstanding position whereby a House Group with an elected Officer had two votes – one from their House Group representative and one from the Officer.
- It was similarly noted that the current system also contained other anomalies, such as smaller Houses having one vote equal to that of the largest Houses.
- It was noted that the committee largely works by consensus with votes being rare and that they cover matters of Estate-wide interest rather than single Houses.
- It was agreed that, in the event of a vote, elected members must declare their interest in relevant issues so their House does not have two votes.
- The paper regarding the elections of Officers was endorsed by the Committee.

6. RCC CULTURE AND PROCEDURE

- A member raised concerns regarding what they characterised as an adversarial approach by the committee towards the City of London Corporation and its Officers.
- Members expressed concerns over the performance of the City of London Corporation and the need for an engaged and active RCC.
- The need for an assertive and tenacious RCC was endorsed by the Committee.

7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF WORKING PARTIES

- The paper was agreed.
- It was noted that the Service Level Agreement (SLA) working party was the only WP not to be Chaired by a resident.
- Deputy Chair Jim Durcan agreed to stand as Chair of the SLA working party at its next meeting.

8. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

- Future meeting dates were clarified:
 - 6 March – pre-meeting next Tuesday
 - 5 June
 - 4 September
 - 27 November

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

- The Chair thanked all members and working party members for their hard work and dedication to the work of the committee.

The meeting ended at 7.10pm

Chairman