

BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE

13 December 2010

Minutes of the meeting of the BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE held at Guildhall, EC2 on MONDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2010 at 12 noon.

Present

Non-Resident

Ian Burleigh (Chairman)
 Martin Farr (Deputy Chairman)
 Dennis Cotgrove
 Deputy Stanley Ginsburg
 Michael Hudson
 Wendy Mead
 John Spanner

Resident

Deputy John Barker
 David Bradshaw
 Peter Leck
 Deputy Joyce Nash
 Barbara Newman
 Chris Punter
 Angela Starling
 John Tomlinson

In attendance:

Randall Anderson (Chairman,
 RCC)

Officers:

Natasha Cendrowicz	- Town Clerk's Department
Pam Raphael	- Chamberlain's Department
Alan Bennetts	- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
Joy Hollister	- Director of Community & Children's Services
Eddie Stevens	- Department of Community & Children's Services
Michael Bennett	- Department of Community & Children's Services
Anne Mason	- Department of Community & Children's Services
Sharon McLaughlin	- Department of Community & Children's Services

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Farrow, Gareth Moore and Billy Dove.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING

All Resident Members declared their general interest as residents of the Barbican Estate (this was a standing item).

3. MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 27 September 2010 were approved.

MATTERS ARISING

Annual Review of Recognised Tenants' Association (item 4) The Town Clerk reported that Andrewes House Group had submitted their RTA returns for 2010.

RESOLVED: That formal recognition of Andrewes House Group as an RTA be granted.

4. 2011 MEETING DATES

The following meeting dates for 2011 were noted:

28 March
20 June
26 September
12 December

RESIDENTS' CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

5a. MINUTES

The Committee received the minutes of the Residents' Consultation Committee meeting held on 29 November 2010.

MATTERS ARISING

Turret (item 5) In response to a question, the Chairman advised that an update on The Turret would be given during the non-public session as it referred to exempt information.

5b. DECLARATIONS AT MEETINGS

A report of the Town Clerk concerning a standing declarations item at RCC meetings was considered.

RESOLVED: That the decision by the Residents' Consultation Committee to adopt a formal declarations item be endorsed.

5c. BARBICAN OCCUPIERS' GROUP – RCC REPRESENTATION

A report of the City Surveyor providing an update on the recently formed Barbican Occupiers' Group, was considered.

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6. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2010/11 AND 2011/12

A joint report of the Chamberlain and the Director of Community and Children's Services setting out the revenue and capital budgets for 2010/11 and 2011/12, was considered.

The Town Clerk referred to an error that had occurred in the printing of the papers which meant that page 2 of the report setting out the recommendations had been omitted. The missing page had been emailed out to Members and

was laid round the table. She apologised for any confusion caused by this omission.

The Chamberlain referred to the implications of the provisional Local Government Grant settlement which officers would be considering in the days to come. Chief Officers were already working up further 10% reductions to their budgets. This would normally need to be considered by this Committee prior to being submitted to the Court of Common Council in March. However, this Committee was not due to meet until the end of March. The overall savings required by this Committee were minimal, and therefore she suggested that a savings line be included in the final budget for submission to the Finance Committee. The Director of Community & Children's Services would agree the details for these savings and report back to this Committee in March. Members supported this proposal.

In response to a question, the Service Charge Manager explained the £27,000 printing and stationery heading in the local risk budget. The Chairman added that £22,000 (after recharges) amounted to £14 per flat for printing and stationery.

RESOLVED: That:-

- i) the latest approved revenue budget for 2010/11 be noted;
- ii) the proposed 2011/12 revenue budget be approved, for submission to the Finance Committee;
- iii) it be noted that (in common with other Chief Officers), the Director of Community and Children's Services assess how a further 10% would be achieved in 2011/12 and that the timing and extent of further reductions be considered by Members in the context of the City Corporation's overall financial position, early in the new calendar year; and
- iv) the draft capital budget be reviewed and approved; and
- v) the suggestion by the Chamberlain to include a savings line in the budget submitted to Finance Committee, setting out the required 10% budget reductions (the details of which to be determined by the Director of Community & Children's Services), be supported.

7. UPDATE REPORT

A report of the Director of Community & Children's Services outlining progress on various issues impacting upon the Barbican Estate was considered.

Car Parking Price Increase In response to comments regarding movements in RPI during recent years, Members noted that after a period without increase, this figure was now increasing.

Pintxos Shakespeare Tower A Member thanked officers for the successful conclusion of the Pintxos negotiations which after a long wait had now been fitted out in an appealing manner by a firm of architects.

Baggage Stores In response to a question regarding the status of unlettable baggage stores, the Service Charge Manager explained that problems with

leaks were being resolved and once they were made water tight, these baggage stores would be re-let.

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8. SLA REVIEW

A report of the Director of Community and Children's Services updating Members on the review of the estate wide implementation of Service Level Agreements for the quarter July to September 2010, was considered.

RESOLVED: That the Committee notes the work undertaken by the Barbican Estate Office and the Resident Working Parties to monitor and review the implementation of Service Level Agreements estate-wide and to identify and implement actions where appropriate, to improve services.

9. PROGRESS OF SALES AND LETTINGS

A report of the Director of Community and Children's Services providing an update of the sales and lettings that had been approved by officers since the last meeting, was considered.

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

There were no questions.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Committee Dinner in 2011 The Chairman informed the Committee that next year's Committee Dinner would be taking place at the Fishmongers' Hall on 16 March.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item No.

Exempt Paragraphs

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1 and 3

**SUMMARY OF MATTERS CONSIDERED
WHILST THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED**

13. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

The non-public minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2010 were received.

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

There were no questions.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT
AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED
WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no urgent actions.

The meeting closed at 12:31pm.

CHAIRMAN

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