

BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Monday, 20 June 2011

Minutes of the inquorate meeting of the BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE held at Guildhall, EC2 on MONDAY, 20 JUNE 2011 at 11.30am.

Present

Members:

Non-Resident

Martin Farr (in the Chair)
Gareth Moore
Jeremy Mayhew
Henrika Priest

Resident

Deputy John Barker
David Bradshaw
Peter Leck
Deputy Joyce Nash
Angela Starling
John Tomlinson

In attendance:

Randall Anderson (RCC
Chairman)

Officers:

Natasha Cendrowicz
Jacky Compton
Pam Raphael
Alan Bennetts
Eddie Stevens
Michael Bennett
Mike Kettle
Mike Saunders
Andrew Wild

- Town Clerk's Department
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- Chamberlain's Department
- Comptroller & City Solicitor's Department
- Community & Children's Services Department
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- City Surveyor's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Alderman Michael Bear, the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Deputy Stanley Ginsburg, Michael Hudson, John Spanner, Barbara Newman, Chris Punter, the Reverend Dr Martin Dudley, Stephen Quilter and the Director of Community & Children's Services.

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that due to the high level of apologies and vacancies, the meeting was not quorate. The meeting could go ahead but no decisions could be taken. Given that the current Chairman had resigned and the Deputy Chairman had come to the end of his term, she suggested that a special meeting be convened ahead of the recess to elect a Chairman and Deputy Chairman. All the reports requiring a decision before the recess (items 9,10 and 19) could be considered at this meeting.

A discussion then took place regarding when would be appropriate to hold this special meeting. Members favoured holding the meeting on the morning of the next Court of Common Council meeting on 14 July.

One Member suggested that this Committee was the victim of flawed thinking that had arisen from the recent Governance Review and requested that his concerns be conveyed to the review of the new Governance arrangements in 2012.

1A. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Jeremy Mayhew to his first meeting. He also congratulated Eddie Stevens on being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

The Chairman went on to thank Ian Burleigh on behalf of the Committee, who had recently resigned from the Court due to work commitments.

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). Deputy Joyce Nash declared a personal interest in respect of Item 9 as a tenant benefiting from a baggage store.

3. ORDERS OF COMMON COUNCIL

The Orders of Common Council, 7 April 2011, appointing the Committee and approving the Committee's Terms of Reference, were noted.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

This item was deferred.

5. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

This item was deferred.

6a. MINUTES

Ratification of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2011 were deferred.

MATTERS ARISING

Update Report - Car Park Strategy (item 6) – The Housing Services Director explained that a report on a strategy for the car park would be submitted to the September meeting of the Committee.

6b. RESIDENTS' CONSULTATION COMMITTEE – MINUTES

The public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 6 June 2011 were noted.

MATTERS ARISING

Residents' Survey (item 12) In response to a question, the Housing Services Director explained that the complaint referred to a BT engineer rather than the resident engineer, who had not been on site.

Representation on the RCC (item 16) It was noted that this item would need to be ratified at the next meeting.

7. UPDATE REPORT

A report of the Director of Community & Children's Services providing an update on various issues on the Barbican Estate was considered.

Filming – The Acting Chairman advised Members that a report setting out a draft protocol for filming would be submitted to the September meeting.

Sustainability Policy In response to a question, the Estate Services Manager undertook to provide the Member with a copy of the Barbican Estate's sustainability policy.

Reducing Commercial Rent Arrears In response to a question, the Commercial Manager provided an update on what was happening to the premises formerly occupied by Crispins. In response to comments, he undertook to ensure that the external appearance was tidied up.

Organisation chart The Housing Services Director reported that Jacky Campbell had been appointed to the vacant Head of Barbican & Estates position.

YMCA The City Surveyor explained that the report that was due to be submitted to today's Committee had been deferred due to the requirement to conduct an Equalities Impact Assessment. He apologised for the delay and stated that the report would now be submitted to the September meeting.

8. SLA REVIEW

A report of the Director of Community & Children's Services updating Members on the review of the estate wide implementation of Service Level Agreements for the quarter January to March 2011 was considered.

9. BAGGAGE STORE CHARGING POLICY

This item was deferred.

10. ROOF APPORTIONMENTS – SEDDON HOUSE

This item was deferred.

11. SUSTAINABILITY GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

This item was deferred.

12. RESIDENTS' SURVEY

A report of the Director of Community & Children's Services informing the Committee of the results of the Residents' Satisfaction Survey which was undertaken in March 2011, was considered.

In response to a question, the Estate Services Manager explained that the reward incentive, introduced four years ago, had increased participation levels in surveys.

13. PROGRESS OF SALES AND LETTINGS

A report of the Director of Community & Children's Services advising Members of the sales and lettings that have been approved by officers since the last meeting was considered.

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

In response to a question regarding the future of the Barbican Arts Class, the Housing Services Director explained that different options were being considered at a meeting on 28 June to discuss the matter.

CCTV In response to a question regarding a recent burglary, the Housing Services Director explained that the introduction of CCTV was regularly considered by the Barbican Association Security Group. To date the Security Group felt that the costs to the Service Charge outweighed any potential benefit. A Member, who chaired the Security Group confirmed that this was reviewed regularly, but residents had been reluctant to pay for this additional service. More could be done to educate residents on the perils of tailgating in the meantime.

Thomas More Lift incident In response to a question regarding a diabetic resident who was trapped in a lift, the Housing Services Director explained that this lift incident was being investigated and a full apology would be issued to the resident.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There were no urgent items.

16. 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.

<u>Item Nos.</u>	<u>Exempt Paragraphs</u>
17	1, 3 & 4
18	1
19	3

SUMMARY OF MATTERS CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED

17. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

Consideration of the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 28 March was deferred.

18. YMCA UPDATE

The late report for this item had not been issued.

19. 99 ALDERSGATE STREET, BARBICAN – LEASE RENEWAL

This item was deferred.

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

There were no questions.

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

Committee Quorum A discussion took place regarding whether more could be done to prevent the Committee from being inquorate.

The meeting closed at 12.20pm

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