

BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2011

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BARBICAN RESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE HELD AT GUILDHALL, EC2 ON THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2011 AT 11.45AM.

Present

Members:

Non-Resident

John Spanner (Chairman)
Gareth Moore (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Stanley Ginsburg
Michael Hudson
Jeremy Mayhew
Henrika Priest

Resident

Deputy John Barker
Peter Leck
Deputy Joyce Nash
Chris Punter
Angela Starling
John Tomlinson

Officers:

Sureka Perera
Mark Jarvis
Alan Bennetts
Eddie Stevens

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

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Barbara Newman.

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

RESOLVED – That,

- i) the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 28 March 2011 be approved as a correct record,
- ii) the public minutes and summary of the inquorate meeting held on 20 June 2011 be approved as a correct record,

- iii) the minutes of the Residents' Consultation Committee meeting held on 6 June 2011 be noted,
- iv) the public minutes and summary of the special meeting held on 14 July 2011 be approved as a correct record, and
- v) the public minutes and summary of the inquorate meeting held on 26 September 2011 be approved as a correct record, and the following be agreed in respect of:

Sustainability Working Group

- a) the Committee's nomination of Gareth Moore (Deputy Chairman) to chair the Sustainability Working Group,

Television/Broadband Proposals

- b) a special meeting of this Committee be arranged to consider the TV and Broadband proposals in adequate time, subject to the RCC reaching a consensus on the matter,

Lift Maintenance Contract Extension

- c) in accordance with Standing Order 53(3) and Standing Order 52(8), the requirements to seek competitive tenders be waived and the existing contract be varied by way of an extension of 11 months at an estimated value of £171,528.

Barbican YMCA – Housing Issues and Lease Expiry

- d) the cessation of the present peppercorn rent subsidy provided by the City in respect of the Barbican YMCA building once the existing YMCA England lease has been resolved;
- e) the costs of outstanding repairs, which are the responsibility of YMCA England and found to have accrued as at the end of its lease, be waived provided that YMCA England elects to serve a Section 27(2) Notice under the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 upon the City to terminate its tenancy by no later than 30th September 2012 allowing students at the hostel to leave in early summer and the YMCA to use the premises for students and visitors who wish to attend the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games;
- f) authority be delegated to the City Surveyor, in consultation with the Comptroller & City Solicitor, either to settle such other necessary waiver terms as the preferred course of action or, if YMCA England elects not to serve a Section 27(2) Notice, to proceed with an opposing Section 25 Notice under the Landlord & Tenant Act 1954 and otherwise protect the City's property interests in accordance with the terms of the lease, all as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- g) the provision of a budget sum of up to £20,000 from the Director of Community and Children's Services local risk budget for any

necessary market testing exercise to be undertaken in respect of the building.

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

There were no questions.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Quorum

Referring to the recent spate of inquorate meetings which had necessitated the calling of this special meeting, the Committee discussed the need to review the quorum and agreed that this was a pressing matter which should not be subject to further delay. It was agreed that a report on this matter would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk be instructed to submit a report on the matter of the quorum to the next meeting of the Committee.

6. 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>
7	3
8	3
9	3

Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda

7. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED – That,

- i) the non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 28 March 2011 be approved as a correct record,
- ii) the non-public minutes and summary of the inquorate meeting held on 20 June 2011 be approved as a correct record,
- iii) the non-public minutes and summary of the special meeting held on 14 July 2011 be approved as a correct record, and
- iv) the non - public minutes and summary of the inquorate meeting held on 26 September 2011 be approved as a correct record.

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

There were no questions.

9. 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 items.

The meeting closed at 12.04pm

CHAIRMAN

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