

# Belsize Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th January 2019  
at 14C Belsize Square, NW3 4HT

**Present:** PV (Chair), JF, NH, MJ, CP, SP, AS, SC

**Apologies for absence:** TP, BT

**Minutes of last meeting:**

Minutes of December meeting: agreed

**BRA business**

1. BRA status:
  - I. Admin changes: The proposals covering changeover were agreed:  
Governance: a few suggestions as noted on the paper submitted. (attached)  
Policies: as original submission.  
Marketing: decision for new name style as header and within text agreed.  
Website: discussion on changes deferred until after AGM.  
TYCT: changes in accordance with style agreed as above.  
Finance: the name of the bank current account can be changed (rather than changing the account itself). The savings account will be changed in due course.
  - II. MJ to upload all Charity Commission correspondence to dropbox  
NH to upload HMRC gift aid information to dropbox
  - III. BelSoc papers for AGM: (SC to submit)  
Trustee nomination forms ?to be sent out with February Newsletter  
List of nominees - founding trustees  
Form for non-trustee committee members and helpers  
Data protection and non-political status declarations to be printed.  
Form for members to sign if no wish to join BelSoc
2. Community Pollution Monitoring: Committee expressed compliments and thanks to TP for successfully organising and commencing the scheme

**Planning**

1. Report on planning applications  
Comments/objections: 1  
2018/6013/P 18 Lancaster Grove: SP to contact councillors TS, LP for Belsize & OC on planning committee  
No comments: 2
2. 100 Avenue Road:
  - I. Camden Parks: use of Swiss Cottage open space by EL HGVs during demolition/ construction. Consultation ended 21.12.18., awaiting decision.
  - II. Judicial revue of Camden Council's decision to agree CMP will be based on the fact that incorrect slides were shown at the meeting.
  - III. Construction Working Group: CP will represent BRA at second EL contractor meeting on 17.01.19. AS to attend future meetings when possible. PV to inform EL.
3. Queen Mary's House proposed sale by RFH Trust.: SP reported on RFH meeting with local groups and councillors. Building is currently under-used but groups and residents want to save it. Current plans will raze entire site and develop about 160 luxury housing units. RFH parking area on corner of Lawn and Fleet Roads being offered for affordable housing. Chair of meeting expressed surprise at outcry but will re-consider and notify parties of decision. Possibility of involving Mayor to be investigated. February newsletter will include article.
4. Camden Planning Guidance Consultation: SP to comment to council by closing date 11.01.19.

## **Trees**

1. Report on applications  
Comments/objections: 0  
No comments: 9

## **Publications**

1. Newsletter: contributions required by 28.01.19. Articles will include Queen Mary's House (JF), pollution monitoring (TP), The Hive Charity (NH), carol singing report and TYCT note (SC). PV to circulate copy and distribution dates for 2019.
2. Noticeboards: AGM poster approved, to be displayed from 15.02.19.
3. TYCT: suggestion form to be distributed with February newsletter.
4. Website: analytics for year ending 31.12.18. PV to include comments at AGM

## **Events**

1. Carol Singing: about 100 people attended and donated £250 for Marie Curie Hospice.
2. Combined new members and helpers event in Feb. DB or AS to provide venue. Date TBC.

## **Finance**

1. Accounts for December 2018: agreed
2. Donation to Friends of St Mary's Charity: awaiting acknowledgement of cheque

## **Membership**

1. Changes in December  
New members: 2  
2-3 resignations

## **Any other business**

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday, 13th February at 7.30pm

**Location:** 94 Belsize Lane, NW3 5BE