

**MINUTES OF THE WELSH HARP JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2011 at 7.00 pm**

- * Councillor John Hart (LB Barnet) (Chairman)
- * Councillor Javaid Ashraf (Vice-Chairman) (Brent)

Councillors:

- * Councillor Julie Johnson (Barnet)
- Councillor Hugh Rayner (Barnet)
- Councillor Brian Schama (Barnet)
- * Councillor Krupesh Hirani (Brent)
- * Councillor Roxanne Mashari (Brent)
- Councillor Dhiraj Kataria (Brent)

Organisation	Representative
British Waterways	
Brent Sport Council	
Barnet Council Sports and Recreation	
Birchen Grove Resident Association	
Environment Agency	
Hendon Rifle Club	* Stanley Ellis
London Wildlife Trust	* Clive Cohen
Local Agenda 21	
Old St Andrew's Residents' Association	
Natural England	
Strategy Directorate of GLA	
Princes Park Youth Football Club	
Training Ship Broadsword	* Brian Turner
Welsh Harp Conservation Group	
Welsh Harp Sailing Association	* Julia Touloumbadjian
Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre	* Harry Mackie
West Hendon Community Forum	* Judy Shepherd
Woolmead Residents' Association	* Geoff Johnson

*denotes Member present

\$ Denotes Member absent on Council Business

Also in attendance were:

Jenny Warren – Barnet Greenspaces Service
Paul Frost – Barnet Democratic Services
Leslie Williams – Brent Parks Service

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the decisions of the meeting of the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 18 January 2011 be approved as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hugh Rayner, Roy Beddard (Welsh Harp Conservation Group), Molly Savage (Local Agenda 21) and an apology for lateness from Lesley Williams (London Borough of Brent).

3. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

4. MATTERS ARISING (IF ANY)

Clive Cohen, representing the London Wildlife Trust, Barnet Group informed the committee that some insecticides carry a bee risk warning while neonicotinoids had been banned in France and Germany were still permitted in the United Kingdom for unknown reasons. Mr Cohen suggested that it should be the Borough's responsibility to communicate the effects, to land owners, of the use of insecticides. Jenny Warren, London Borough of Barnet, Green Spaces Manager informed the Committee that it was not the Council's priority to perform this function. Jenny Warren noted that there was no guidance from DEFRA and stated that the Council action plan outlined the stem injection process which provides treatment for insecticides.

RESOLVED –

- That Clive Cohen be provided with the London Boroughs of Barnet's Property Services and Greenspaces contact details.

5. WELSH HARP MANAGEMENT PLAN (BRENT)

The London Borough of Barnet's Green Spaces Manager introduced this report in the absence of Lesley Williams (London Borough of Brent). The committee were informed that the Parks Warden Service across Brent had received a reduction in the number of full time posts including the deletion of static Wardens. However it was noted that the number of mobile Wardens had increased which will provide a more flexible approach.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Councillor Julie Johnson informed the Committee of the successful clean-up day. The Councillor noted that all of Barnet's Committee Members attended the clean-up day and were well supported by the Green Spaces Team, McDonald's and some local residents. Councillor Julie Johnson thanked everyone who had been involved in the day which involved the removal of seventy bags of waste. It was suggested that local allotment owners be engaged in order to help in any future clean-up days.

Councillor Roxanne Mashari thanked Councillor Julie Johnson for organising the clean-up day and requested that the next one might take place on a weekend.

- Harry Mackie from the Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre informed the Committee that the centre was no longer closing as it had secured funding for the next 2 years. Mr Mackie also noted that the centre is booked up by Schools for the next 2 years.
- Chairman Councillor John Hart noted that the Bird Hide looked good and offered his thanks to those who carried out this work in its restoration.

- Councillor Julie Johnson noted the poor condition of the bank at the former youth sailing base site. She reminded Members of the removal of the jetty which provided a shelter for birds. Councillor Johnson believed that there had been no consultation for the removal and said the area was now in a poor condition. The Committee suggested that Barratt Homes to attend the next meeting to inform the committee of the work being conducted youth sailing base site.
- The Committee were also informed of the Dollis Valley Green Walk (DVGW) Project. The London Borough of Barnet won the Mayor's priority parks project and was awarded £400,000. Treatment to invasive species and maintenance work to the brook will be carried out. The committee suggested that an environmental impact survey be conducted.
- The Chairman Councillor John Hart welcomed Mr Derek Chung to the meeting. Mr Chung prior to the meeting made a written declaration to become a Committee Member on the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee representing the West Hendon Residents Association and Friends of York Park. The Committee Members unanimously agreed to appoint Mr Chung as a Committee representative.
- Paul Frost, Democratic Services Officer, reminded Committee Members of the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee membership review which was conducted earlier in the year. The Committee agreed to remove the following organisations from the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee:
 - Barnet Council for Sports and Recreation
 - Old St Andrew's Residents' Association
 - Strategy Directorate of Greater London Assembly
- The Chairman, Councillor Hart, thanked everyone for he's and her active involvement in the work of the Committee during the year.

RESOLVED –

- That the following organisations membership be removed from the Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee
 - Barnet Council for Sports and Recreation
 - Old St Andrew's Residents' Association
 - Strategy Directorate of Greater London Assembly
- That the following Membership be agreed
 - Welsh Harp Joint Consultative Committee
 - Friends of York Park

7. ANY ITEM(S) THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be announced following the Annual Council meeting on 17 May 2011 and will take place in the London Borough of Brent.

COUNCILLOR JOHN HART

Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm