**Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting**

**On Monday, 12 November, 2018, at Highgate School**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Alicia Pivaro (AP - Chair), Antony Grossman (AG), Louise Lewis (LL), Maggy Meade-King (MMK - minutes), Anousheh Barbezieu (AB), Sarah Butterworth, Martin Adeney (MA), Andrea Horth (AH), Peter Walton (PW), Katherine Ives (KI), Martin Narraway (MN), Simon Briscoe (SB), Richard Webber (RW), Ian Henghes, Maria Jennings (MJ), Neil Perkins

**Apologies:** Miriam David, Cllr Liz Morris

**Discussion:**

1. **Minutes of the meeting on 6 September, 2018** were approved, subject to addition of Louise Lewis as Present and Sarah Butterworth’s name spelt correctly. No matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda.
2. **CIL spending:** paper by MMK was tabled outlining the current position in Camden and Haringey Councils re CIL spending. AP and MMK gave an update on current CIL projects, including a meeting that morning with Haringey Parks re possible new “natural” playground at the Highgate end of Parkland Walk and a formalising of the BMX track next to Highgate Library. The Holly Lodge Community Centre project has now been funded by Camden and discussions re funding for the Signage project in both Boroughs is ongoing. **Action: MMK** to write blog for website on CIL spending. **AP and MMK** to begin engagement on playgrounds with local stakeholders, including the Library and the local Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team. **KI and MMK** to work on paper for Development and Heritage group on process for prioritising CIL projects.
3. **Planning:** Paper from the Planning Group (AP, MJ, AG, MA and MN) was tabled, outlining recommendations as to how the HNF should address planning applications in future. It was **agreed** that only major developments or projects that ignore policies within the NP should be brought to the HNF Committee. Approximately three or four applications per annum were expected to require HNF oversight. Planning applications are currently monitored by the Highgate Society (HS) Planning Group and the Highgate and Holly Lodge CAACs, all of which have HNF Committee members as partcipants. MA is to forward notifications onto other members of the Planning Group.
4. **Transport:** RW spoke to a Traffic and Transport Group (SB, RW, MJ and MMK) report, which included updates on:

* Postponement of the movement of the 271 bus turnaround
* Increased hours (8.30am to 6.30pm) in Camden CPZ-U
* Favourable response from Haringey to HNF weight limits report
* Rephasing of the lights at Archway Rd/Shepherds Hill junction
* Potential realignment of pedestrian crossing between Cote and Channing Junior School
* TfL bus consultation
* Single yellow lines in Highgate on Camden side (blog on website)
* Single yellow lines and residents’ parking in Shepherds Hill
* East-west communication and potential new bus routes (blog on website)
* New 20mph signs in Camden

1. **Trees:** LL spoke to her report from the Tree Group. Sadly, Haringey’s Tree Officer Dick Tomlinson died recently. Since the last meeting, the Group have completed a survey of the Miltons and Holmesdale Road area. MJ organised a very successful Tree Walk in Queens Wood on 20 October and another (on Notable Trees Of Highgate) is planned for 24 November. The Group has been monitoring and responding to tree applications in Camden and Haringey. **Action: LL** to write blog on activities of Tree Group and calling for volunteers to survey trees + tree planting.
2. **Economic/community ideas:** AP ran through her paper on the various initiatives in train:

* Small working group addressing empty shops in the Village
* Archway Road Action Group have completed report on shopfronts and now working on survey
* New HS infrastructure group looking at NP Infrastructure Table and CIL list
* Clean Up Campaign led by Helen Rapley
* Independent Tourism Group leading Visit Highgate initiative – launching in Spring
* PW has collated a number of ideas to revive Highgate Village and bring in more visitors. **Action: PW** to write blog on these and invite comments, more ideas and volunteers to take them forward.
* AB organising pop-up events attracting footfall to Village and Archway Road in evenings and weekends.

1. **Chair’s update:**

* CIL projects progress (see item 2 above)
* Fair in the Square/Highgate Festival dates agreed (15-23 June 2019) so Fair to start the Festival. AP to apply for funding from Camden and GLA.
* Supporting the Neighbourhood Forum movement: MMK speaking to UCL Planning students; AP/MMK met with Sarah Wigglesworth Architects re new forum for Caledonian Road area; AP attended NP/NLA event + London School of Architects re new think tank.
* Discussions re Neighbourhood Planning London conference in Jan/Feb 2019.
* Community Breakfast Meeting 1/10/18 at Kentish Town City Farm
* AP spoke to Waterlow Park TAG AGM on 9/10/18 on “The Power of Parks”. Signage project within Park + art installation project planned for 2019.
* Highgate Eco Network: HNF linking sustainable and eco initiatives in the area. Joint event with Transition Kentish Town/North London enabling group in March/April 2019.

1. **Communications:** MMK urged all groups and project leaders to submit blogs about their work – these can be sent to AH or MMK for editing and posting (preferably with an image to draw attention). Then these can be highlighted in our newsletter, which will go out at least every month. Attention can effectively be drawn to these and all events by messages on Twitter (send notes to MMK or AB to “tweet”, if this is not your bag!).
2. **AOB**: It was noted that MJ had stood down as Secretary.