



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Via Zoom
6.30 pm Tues 5 May 2021

MINUTES

Present: Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Simon Briscoe (SBr), Sarah Butterworth (SB), Katherine Ives (KI), Martin Adeney (MA), Peter Walton (PW), Antony Grossman (AG from 7.30), Richard Webber (RW), Ian Henghes (IH), Andrea Horth, Anne Jamieson, Martin Narraway

1. **Apologies:** Iain Brewster (IB), Anne Jamieson
2. **Minutes** of meeting of 29 March 2021 approved **ACTION: MMK to send to AH for website**
3. **Chair's Report** See below.

MMK submitted a comment on the proposal to update the Neighbourhood Plan – basically that it is a huge undertaking and best left to at least after Haringey's Local Plan is completed. Meeting agreed to keep track of matters that might be revised and look at the issue again once Haringey Plan completed. **ACTION: IH to develop a spreadsheet to monitor potential issues – all to fill in as appropriate.**

Pond Square renovation rumbling on – meeting next week to decide on process.

Highgate Festival Committee working effectively – update at next meeting.

4. **AGM planning:** meeting agreed it had to be on Zoom. **ACTION: RW to present the volunteer listing project; AP to ask Claire Norton of N6 Mutual Aid and Naomi/Jo from North London Food Bank to give a short update on Covid relief programmes. MMK to send last year's nomination paras to Committee for updating – ALL to let her know whether standing this year. MMK to prepare papers for AH to put on website and then send out invite, link to papers and call for nominations for Committee to Mailchimp list. MN to organise voting software if necessary..**
5. **Building HNF profile:** discussion of what the HNF is and how we can differentiate it from other local organisations. How can we help? Ask people to let us know what they think we should be doing. How do we communicate



this? **ACTION: MMK to work on PW's draft leaflet – to be ready in time for Festival. To include:**

- We are the champions of the NP
- We are a statutory organisation so a conduit to the Councils
- We can lend authority to local projects and commentary on Council policies
- We can bring groups together both within Highgate and more widely eg bus campaign and bio diversity network

Everyone to send further ideas to MMK and AP

6. Green Working Party: MMK reported on a useful meeting with neighbouring groups – Hampstead, (DP sent apologies but in touch), Crouch End, Heath Hands, Parkland Walk, Archway – shared current projects and agreed to work on a North London bio diversity corridors/walking/cycling routes map. AP is contacting UCL students to help + SB talking to H School geographers.

7. Business group: IB sent report:

“I have found out that the company, Le Pain was bought by Brunch co ltd. last October. Interestingly they have also taken on an ex director of Gail's Bakery, Steve Whibley. It seems that Highgate is to be closed though permanently but I cannot find it on any letting site yet. I hear that it will go back to being a pub. I hope a food pub.

1 Hampstead Lane - I spoke to AG&G Surveyors, the agents that I finally found. They told me that it had been let to a Restaurant Company and that it would therefore become a restaurant soon but she was not allowed to say what. I have heard from gossip that it will be a sushi restaurant but nothing confirmed.

The Angel - I called Mitchel and Butler and they said that it will open again as a pub on 17th May.

3 Highgate - This is replacing what was Greens as an art gallery.

Duke's Head - This will open again as a pub but apparently not until June at the earliest.

Cote - Re opening on 17th and taking bookings now...”

8. Transport group: Nothing to report **ACTION SBr to talk to DP transport lead Ben Castell**



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9. **Trees and woods:** LL tabled a report. Issues include flooding in Wood Vale leading to proposed controversial works in Queens Wood. Good news is that Haringey is appointing two tree officers and someone in the Planning Dept will have responsibility for trees.
10. **Highgate Cemetery competition:** LL commented that there was some tension between the Cemetery's economic future and the bio diversity created by the self-seeded trees. MA (Chair of Cemetery Trustees) responded that the consultants who have bid to undertake the Masterplan have been asked to consider these matters. Decision was currently being made as to which consultants to do go with. Once that has been decided, the Cemetery will be consulting the community, including the HNF.
11. **AOB:** RW asked whether we had heard further from Camden re signage. MMK said she had chased but heard nothing. **ACTION: MMK to chase again.**
12. **Date of next meeting:** after AGM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Chair's update May 2021

1. Held update meeting with Elspeth Clements, Chair of Highgate Society to run through various issues. Discussed Highgate Festival, Pond Square, Highgate School SPD. Also updating of Neighbourhood Plan – suggested group from HNF and Highgate Soc work on this.
2. Neighbourhood Planners London Virtual Get-together 16th March – over 80 participants. Talk by Nicolas Boys Smith in support of neighbourhood planning within process for development of new Design Codes but said we had to push for this with our councils.
3. Comment given to Ham and High regarding closure and evictions at Mary Fielding Guild and attended press event this afternoon where Lady Jean Scott spoke on behalf of remaining residents.
4. CIL projects moving forward slowly. Update on history information boards from Richard Webber.
5. Highgate Festival 19th – 27th in planning for online and some live events.

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