

## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

### Minutes of Committee Meeting – 8.00pm 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at The Bull Pub

#### Present:

Maggy Meade-King (MMK - Chair)  
Elspeth Clements (EC)  
Michael Hammerson (MH)  
Susan Rose (SR)  
Jill Greenfield (JG)  
Harley Atkinson (HA)  
Martin Adeney (MA)  
Neil Perkins (NP - Minutes)  
Cllr Valerie Leach (VL)  
Judith Hermer (JH)  
Christine Farrell (CF)  
Louise Lewis (LL)

1. Apologies received from Cllr Rachel Allison, Cllr Maya de Souza, Liz Morris, John Browning, Avril Castellazzo and Ian Henghes
2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 18 June, 2012 were accepted.
3. MMK said there had been a positive meeting with the planning officers from Camden and Haringey regarding our Application for Designation. They were impressed by our state of readiness and said that once our application is up on their websites it will be a useful template for other Forums. The council's public consultation process is due to start mid-September. MA volunteered to act as our PR – this was agreed and MA/MMK will discuss an initial approach to the Ham & High and other local papers.
4. MMK reminded the committee that we could co-opt up to three other committee members. She recommended Deborah Hussain from the Highgate Estate, Marie Helene English from the Holly Lodge Estate and somebody from an Archway Road business. The meeting agreed to the nominated individuals and to re-visit the third space at a later date.
5. MMK and MH summarized the HNF border changes.
6. MMK reported on our efforts to engage with the community and said that leaflets/questionnaires were being delivered across the neighbourhood and that the website was being kept up to date. She also noted that a new member called Dion Watts had been extremely helpful in setting the HNF up on both Facebook and Twitter.
7. MMK outlined the 'Placecheck' initiative and said that meetings would be arranged in due course (*now confirmed for Sept 13 and 27*) to arrange 'walkabouts' within our area. All Committee members should do their utmost to take part in these as it will be a great way to learn about our Area.
8. MMK reported that the Prince's Foundation are keen to support the HNF and we are waiting to hear in whether they have been successful in obtaining funding from DCLoG to do so.
9. MMK noted that Avril Castellazzo (supported by Liz Morris) has set up the Highgate Village Business Association which will work with the HNF to stimulate trade in Highgate.
10. LL reported we currently have around 140 members.
11. NP reported that the HNF bank account was in the process of being set up at Lloyds Bank in Highgate High Street. We will have five signatories with any two being required to authorize payments.
12. EC reported on the make-up of the Neighbourhood Plan Group which had its first meeting on

19<sup>th</sup> July 2012. She said the Group has applied for support from CABE. She also summarized the discussions that took place regarding an initiative by Stuart Bull for possible development of the 'Highgate Bowl' (see attached notes from that meeting). It was agreed that the HNF would gather more information on the feasibility of this initiative.

13. MMK asked the committee if the HNF felt it was right to support a proposal to extend 'Boris Bikes' to Swains Lane. The majority of members present said it was too early for the HNF to be supporting any specific campaigns.

14. AOB.

- MMK will respond to Richard Webber to say we will consult our members on the proposal to move the 271 bus terminus.
- MH said that 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 was Highgate Wood Heritage Day and suggested that HNF have a stand – all agreed.
- MMK will discuss with JG how disability groups could be represented in the HNF.
- MH and SR said that the NPPF could allow many more planning applications of concern and that a comprehensive review was needed of its potential impact.
- MMK will circulate telephone numbers (where she has them) to all committee members.