

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Minutes: 18 October, 2012, 8pm

Attendees: Cllr Maya de Souza, Elspeth Clements, Louise Lewis, Maggy Meade-King (Chair), Ian Henghes, Michael Hammerson, Marie Helene English, Liz Morris (minutes).

Apologies: Cllr Rachel Allison, Judith Hermer, Jill Greenfield, Susan Rose, Martin Adeney, Neil Perkins, Cllr Valerie Leach, Deborah Houssein, Christine Farrell, Harley Atkinson

1) Minutes of previous meeting were approved

2) Matters arising

Michael Hammerson said the HNF stall at Highgate Woods Heritage Day went well. We have not managed to discuss how disability groups are going to be involved

Discussion about the Highgate Business Groups: There are two – the Highgate Business Circle, which is moribund – It was run by John Plews and John is a supporter of the HNF but can rarely make meetings. There is also the new Highgate Village Business Association but Avril Castellazzo (who started it) has stepped down and at the moment there is no Chair but Jane Wiles (Not so Big) is the contact at the moment. **Maggy undertook to speak to Jane.**

3) Committee admin

HNF needs a Secretary to keep a register of interests. **Maggy to ask** Harley Atkinson if he can do that. Maya de Souza will send guidance on what constitutes interests, from Camden.

Liz Morris resigned from the committee due to new work commitments.

The Committee would like to find a representative for the Archway Rd Businesses – please put forward any recommendations

4) Designation Application

Application is in. The public consultation for the application closes Nov2. Liz Morris to send HS newsletter about the consultation.

So far nothing negative but a concern that some flats have not been properly notified of the consultation as they are so hard to leaflet.

5) Progress on Survey & Place check

Simon Briscoe is compiling a report from the survey

Place checks completed and went well. Photos and reports will be up on the HNF website soon.

6) Prince's Foundation (PF) & CABE

PF: There will be 3 public engagement events w/b 14 Jan. First a public meeting where the survey & Placecheck results will be presented. Then a workshop with stakeholders (TfL, Councils, HNF activists) then a further public meeting reporting back on the workshop.

CABE: have met with Elspeth Clements to discuss how to work together with the HNF. They have recommended that we must reduce the number of groups in the HNF to 5 and embed sustainability into each group. 13 Nov there will be a meeting of the HNF Planning group facilitated by CABE built environment expert.

7) Forum border issues

Maggy and Elspeth met with the Dartmouth Pk Neighbourhood Forum (DPNF) steering group. They would like to be involved in matters to do with Highgate Cemetery & Waterlow Park which borders their area. DPNF steering group will convene a Highgate Cemetery and Waterlow Pk working group to include HNF, DPNF and the Better Archway forum.

The Heath (City of London) are happy to be kept informed about the Forum but do not want to be actively involved.

CASCH are likely to object to Stanhope Gardens and Claremont Road being included in the HNF Area. On the other hand, people in the Islington part of N6 would like to be included.

The boundaries of the HNF cannot be changed for the time being, now we have applied for designation.

8) New affiliates

Summersby Rd Resident Assoc , St Michael's Church, the United Reformed Church, Lauderdale House, Highgate Primary School and Highgate School have all affiliated to the Forum.

Jacksons Lane - Maggy and Elspeth have been invited to their board meeting

We need to contact Highgate Group Practice

9) Communication

We will be issuing a press release to the local papers re the survey results and our - hopefully - successful designation application. Later we may approach Guardian Society and Evening Standard re a wider piece on setting up a Forum.

10) Membership

Approx 300

11) Bank Account

Received a £150 donation. We need to fundraise to pay for materials, hire of venues

12) Data Protection

How do we protect members' data - **Ian Henghes to investigate. Liz to pass on details of how her husband's company manage online data protection**

13)Community Calendar

The HS were originally going to set up a community calendar but are happy to move this to the HNF and Ian Henghes will manage the group doing this.

14)Schools

St Michaels may do some place checks with the children and possibly Highgate Primary.

Have not heard from Channing yet (they have since joined).

15) Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 9 January, 8pm upstairs at The Bull