

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the Committee meeting of Monday 15th May

Committee Members present:

Martin Adeney, Simon Briscoe, Chris Galley, Andrea Horth, Katherine Ives, Maria Jennings, Maria Kramer, Louise Lewis, Alicia Pivaro, Peter Walton, Richard Webber

Others in attendance:

None

Apologies received

Sarah Butterworth, Ian Henghes, Martin Narraway, Neil Perkins, Allan Rapley

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome:

Louise welcomed members to the first committee meeting following the AGM of 15th May at which six new and twelve 2016 committee members were elected. Committee members introduced themselves briefly.

2. Election of officers:

Chair: Alicia Pivaro was nominated by Martin Adeney and seconded by Richard Webber. There were no other nominations. The meeting AGREED and approved the election of Chair.

Vice chairs: Simon Briscoe and Martin Narraway were nominated by Katherine Ives and seconded by Richard Webber. There were no other nominations. The meeting AGREED and approved the election of the two Vice-Chairs.

Secretary: Maria Jennings was nominated by Louise Lewis and seconded by Martin Adeney. There were no other nominations. The meeting AGREED and approved the election of Secretary.

Treasurer: As Neil Perkins, the previous Treasurer was not present the meeting AGREED that he should continue.

3. Minutes of the Committee meeting of 4th April 2017:

It was AGREED that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda:

None.

5. Workplan of the Committee:

Redesignation: It was NOTED that the HNF Committee will come to a natural end in December. It was AGREED that Redesignation should be on the agenda at the next Committee meeting. The key issue will be getting Camden and Haringey councils to work together.

Action: Secretary

Newsletter: It was AGREED that the Chair would be responsible for the newsletter and other committee members would help as necessary.

Website: It was NOTED that following the Referendum a new website might be developed. It was AGREED that the website 'info@' email address would direct emails to the Chair and Vice-Chairs. Ian Henghes to be asked if he will continue the work on the website.

Action: Chair

Forward Plan: A brief discussion took place. It was NOTED that previously the HNF had been used primarily for consultation on the Plan. A transition to 'listening' is needed it was suggested. "How do we feel? That might be different for them and us." Public meetings could be used for feedback. The comments section on the website is presently little used. It was NOTED that this could be improved through a link from the newsletter direct to the comments section.

Working groups: It was NOTED that in accordance with the HNF constitution the Committee is the only decision making body for the HNF Committee. Details of a number of groups and working parties that committee members have been participating in were circulated with the notice of the meeting. The details of the work of a number of the groups were discussed. In accordance with the constitution it was AGREED that the groups have an advisory role and that any recommendations need to be considered by the Committee for a decision. New committee members were invited to join these and other groups. It was AGREED that Dan Stranescu, a 2016 Committee Member, should be invited to join the Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee(HCAAC).

Action:Secretary

Action Plan: It was NOTED that the previous Committee had a 'list of actions'. It was also NOTED that the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan had action plans under the various headings of Sustainability, Trees, Community, Heritage and Transport. Simon Briscoe, who had been involved in Traffic and Transport offered to share his transport document and to cross reference to the Neighbourhood Plan document.

Action: Simon Briscoe

It was suggested that a document be developed to identify progress of items for action and to identify recommendations made to both local authorities.

Action: Chair

Referendum Campaigning Group: The Referendum will take place on 6th July and it will be operated by both local authorities. Martin Adeney explained that there is no role for the Committee to be involved in any decisions around the Referendum as both local authorities had formally agreed the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan and all decisions relating to the Referendum were matters for them. Meetings have been taking place to lead the campaign for a 'yes' vote in the Referendum. This has involved preparing campaign materials and campaign events. Sancha has offered use of her shop. An event has been planned for affiliates on Sunday 18th June – a 'Big Tea' at 6A Church Road, N6. This event is a day after the Community Day in Pond Square. It was AGREED that the publicity materials from the campaign group would be circulated to committee members. It was AGREED that Committee members would be invited to attend the Referendum Campaign Group.

Action: Martin Adeney

Action: Chair

6. Contribution of Committee Members:

Committee members were invited to share their thoughts on their contributions to the Committee. A discussion took place and it was proposed that the discussion continue at the next meeting, when other Committee members would be present.

7. Any other business

Louise Lewis was thanked for the work she had done to arrange the first meeting. Katherine Ives was thanked for providing the venue and refreshments. The Secretary, who is new to the Committee, said that would like to write to our local councillors for information on the Committee's legal obligations if any. The Secretary was asked to write to both Camden and Haringey councillors.

Date of next meeting:

The Secretary was asked to arrange a meeting for as soon as possible after 8th June. Meetings take place at Lauderdale House, Upstairs at The Bull, North Hill and the Boogaloo, Archway Road.

Action: Secretary