

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the Committee meeting of Monday 10th July 2017

Committee Members present:

Martin Adeney, Simon Briscoe, Maria Jennings, Maria Kramer, Martin Narraway, Alicia Pivaro, Alan Rapley, Richard Webber

Others in attendance:

Councillor Bob Hare, Highgate Ward, LB Haringey

Apologies received

Sarah Butterworth, Cllr. Clive Carter, Anthony Grossman, Michael Hammerson, Ian Henghes, Andrea Horth, Katherine Ives, Louise Lewis, Neil Perkins, Peter Walton

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome:** Alicia Pivaro, Chair of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum(HNF) Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of the meeting of 12th June 2017:**
 - Accuracy
Misspelling of Karen Pagarani's name. Highgate CAAC not Haringey CAAC. Holly Lodge CAAC not Camden CAAC. Delete 'for site assembly' after 'withdrawn from sale'.
 - Approval – the minutes were approved with the above amendments
3. **Matters arising not on the agenda:**
 - High Street Action Group – proposed Archway Road and High Street survey - Martin A will contact the Local Data Company to see what data is freely available to underpin work.
Action: Martin A
 - Communications – website – Ian has provided Alicia with administrator access to the website. An administrator is needed for the emails that arrive via website e-form. Alicia to approach possible volunteers.
Action: Chair
 - Major Planning Applications – Martin A is receiving and reviewing all Highgate planning notifications from Camden and Haringey and will bring any large or important applications to the committee for discussion. It was hoped that Louise would be happy to continue reviewing tree applications in Highgate similarly.
4. **Treasurer's report:**
 - The report was presented in the Treasurer's absence. It was noted that benches in front of Gonnermann have not been installed as there was a query as to who owns the land.

- All were asked to identify sources of funding for the HNF for next year.

Action: All

5. Referendum result and campaign outcomes:

- Result - An 88% yes vote was achieved on a turnout of 18%. This is a great achievement for a neighbourhood forum and special thanks are due to Maggy Meade-King who led the vote yes campaign. Committee members acknowledged the huge amount of good work done by Alicia, Chair of the HNF. Alicia in turn thanked everyone for their contributions including individuals in the community.

AP reported that the campaign had been very useful in awareness building and local understanding of the HNF, had highlighted key issues of concern and made the HNF committee aware that communication, involvement and openness/accountability are key to future success and moving forward. Members of committee reiterated this point. Suggestions were made about connecting to residents via street associations.

AP brought up some points from Michael Hammerson regarding the HNF future;

- ✓ Support other orgs as much as possible and not replicate work
- ✓ To be involved in proactive community projects
- ✓ Monitor implementation of the plan by councils and make an inventory of revisions needed for the future

AP brought some points from Louise Lewis

- ✓ A meeting with both councils to discuss CIL monies processes
- ✓ Working groups on various issues and campaigns should include community members with a committee member reporting back to the committee

- Result follow-up – A newsletter has been prepared. Photos will be sent to Camden New Journal and Ham & High. Posters will be put up in shops to publicise the result. Affiliates will be contacted after the Summer via ‘mailchimp’ to re-engage with the HNF and re-fresh their contact details. In the meantime Richard will identify the location of residents associations by street on a map and bring this to the next meeting.

Action: Richard

- Redesignation Options – For the agenda in September.

Action: Chair and Secretary

- Community Infrastructure Levy(CIL) – There was a discussion about CIL and further information is needed. Alicia and Louise to discuss and seek information from the Kentish Town Neighbourhood Forum. The latest report to councillors on CIL from Haringey Council will be obtained and circulated to members of the committee.

6. Committee updates on key issues:

- Highgate library –On 20th June Haringey Council Cabinet agreed the sale of the Library in principal. At that meeting both Friends of Highgate Library, who have over 2,000 signatures in support of their petition, and Highgate Library Action Group had deputations to the Cabinet. Both groups, representing library users, asked that there be a Public Consultation before a decision on the sale is taken. Haringey Lib Dem Councillors are formally ‘calling-in’ that decision to the scrutiny committee. JLAC and Haringey Council are holding an engagement session on Wednesday 19th July at Highgate Wood School at 7pm for their plans to sell Highgate Library and move a service into JLAC.
- Other updates - none

7. Updates on community actions from the Plan:

- Approach to actions– Simon and Richard reported on a meeting with Gail Waldman of Highgate Society (HS) to discuss activity and collaborations around transport issues. The meeting was fruitful. SB also proposed using the HNF website as a whole community noticeboard for information about campaigns and work being done by various organisations in the area to provide openness and accountability. Gail had some reservations about this suggestion. The suggestion and its implications were discussed by the committee.
- T&T – Simon – none/deferred to Sept
- Community – Andrea – none/deferred to Sept
- Economic – Alan – none/deferred to Sept
- Open Space – Alicia – none/deferred to Sept
- Development sites – Martin A -none

AOB: None

Date of next meeting:

It was agreed the next meeting would take place in the second week in September and that a Doodlepoll should be sent as soon as possible.

Action: Secretary