

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

Minutes of the Committee meeting of Monday 26th February 2018, Lauderdale House

Committee members present: Simon Briscoe, Anthony Grossman, Michael Hammerson, Ian Henghes, Katherine Ives, Louise Lewis, Alicia Pivaro, Alan Rapely, Peter Walton, Richard Webber

Others in attendance: None

Apologies received: Sarah Butterworth, Martin Adeney, Chris Galley, Andrea Horth, Maria Jennings, Martin Narrayay, Neil Perkins and All Councillors

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 27th November:**
 - Accuracy
 - Approval – the minutes were approved without amendment.
3. **Matters arising not on the agenda:**
 - Redesignation – (see Chair’s report) Consultation closes today. Ian had updated the website.
 - Twitter feed – It was AGREED the new Twitter email is to be twitter@forhighgate.org The password is to be changed and Simon, Ian and Chris are to be provided with the new password.
 - **Action: Alicia**
 - Community actions for the Plan – deferred – a brief discussion of the options for involving both committee members and those living or working in the HNF area.
4. **Meeting with Highgate Society about parking – Simon – (report previously circulated with papers)**
 - Simon reported on proposed CPZ charges in Haringey. Some thought it may make it more difficult for residents to park and easier for visitors, thus working against a reduction in commuter traffic. Consultation was short and with little notice. There is also a consultation about Southwood Lane electric charging points currently likely to be at the bottom on the lane. More double yellow lines are proposed for Jacksons Lane resulting in a loss of resident parking, the reasoning for which remains unclear.

- It was AGREED that both local authorities should be reminded of any guidance on working with Neighbourhood Forums
 - **Action** Simon to write a blog.
 - **Action** Alicia to write suggesting a meeting.
- At Simon's suggestion it was AGREED that HNF committee should write its own response to the London Plan consultation, which has a deadline of 5pm on the 2nd March.
 - **Action** Simon to draft a response.

5. Tourism paper – Richard – (report previously circulated with papers)

- Richard W said a tourism group has been set up by John Plews, of Gatehouse Theatre. Highgate enjoys a rich cultural heritage and vibrancy, not just a built environment heritage. There is no single 'main' attraction, so coming to Highgate should be a circuit, with each point of interest passing you on to the next. Ian said it is best to build on what we have such as the highgatecalendar.org website which already integrates with both the Forum and the Highgate Society sites, and create a package that supports 'passing the baton' between venues. Louise said to include pubs. Richard said venues should be brought together in a meeting. Katherine said Highgate School should be involved. A differentiator of Highgate is that is a 'village' close to London.
- Alicia said Westminster University students are reporting back in a month and this can feed in to the process. (Via Nancy Stephenson who runs their BA in tourism). Peter said he is happy to help with short videos for website & Publicity. Katherine said that an audit of what Highgate offers including Lux and Omved and building on the leafy aspect is the starting point. Katherine suggested a Lauderdale Breakfast Group presentation. Richard said keep thinking about use of bus turnaround space. Alicia reported that 'Hi Spy' book / activity was mentioned in connection with tourism.

6. Committee updates on key issues:

- Community Roadwatch Haringey – Maria J – report circulated with papers
- Tree Group – Louise report on tree group met with Alicia and the CAAC. There is a meeting with Haringey and Camden tree officer on 13th March' which will be exploratory in the first instance to see how collaboration might work. Alicia has signed HNF up to London Park initiative which will involve a week of initiatives.
- Highgate Festival – Sarah/Alicia - Highgate festival planning is going well with Highgate School (6th to 11th July).
- Fair in the Square - Alicia/ALL – It was AGREED that HNF would have a stall at Fair in the Square.

7. Chair's Report: (report previously circulated with papers)

- Alicia reported that a playground sites meeting site was positive. Camden Council is doing new consultation on CIL money. Holly Lodge / Waterlow / Pond Square are candidates. Holly lodge and Channing development applications need to be monitored.

- The Website project is moving forward with a new site in preparation on the forhighgate.org domain. Alicia said this will be on the next agenda and work on this will be presented at the next meeting for feedback.
- A new 'Eco & Sustainability' group has had a meeting and includes Lux / Catherine Budgett-Meakin from Highgate Literary and Scientific Institute. Ian asked to keep Sydney Charles, who runs Transition Highgate.org site, in the loop.

8. AOB:

- Antony suggested we ask ward Councillors for their views on Highgate and how will they support the HNF area and the HNF committee could host a hustings for candidates.
 - **Action** Alicia to review the options for a hustings.
- Simon mentioned Grange Road basements issues. Scale 2 damage exceeds scale 1 maximum set in the Neighbourhood Plan.
 - **Action** Simon to draft a letter for Alicia

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th March @ 6.30pm.