



FOR HIGHGATE
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Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

AGM 2015 Minutes

Tuesday, 12th May 2015

Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, London N6 5HG

Rachel Allison, Chair, opened the meeting at 19.00

Apologies: Stuart Bull, Michael Hammerson, Ian Henghes, Herminio Martinez, Martin Narraway, Allan Rapley, Susan Vinson and Richard Webber

1. Chair's Report

Rachel Allison delivered the Chair's report.

- It was acknowledge that the production of the plan was a major achievement.
- Elspeth Clements and Maggy Meade-King were thanked for all their hard work.
- There had been approximately 200 responses to the consultation, which now needs to be analysed and pulled together with the help of Locality over the next 6 months.
- Further consultation will need to take place with the local authorities.
- It was noted that relationships with the two local authorities had been cemented, resulting in Highgate being more joined up, with Camden and Haringey working together.
- The Plan will go to referendum in 2016.
- The Chair thanked Katherine Ives, Director, Lauderdale House for the use of the venue. Katherine gave an update on the refurbishment project at Lauderdale House and whilst fundraising had been incredibly successful further funding was still needed.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Neil Perkins delivered the Treasurer's report.



- In broad terms monies from Locality and other grants had been spent leaving £170 in the bank. Further funds will need to be raised for the next stage of the Plan.
- A copy of the report is available on the website.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2014 AGM

- The minutes were formally approved.

4. Election of the Forum Committee

- Elspeth Clements, Gail Waldman, Harley Atkinson and Susan Rose had all stood down and were thanked by the Chair for all their hard work.
- The Chair proposed that all 17 nominees be elected or co-opted with a remaining space for a co-optee. It was approved that all 17 be elected to the Committee for the year ahead. A list of the names is on the Forum website.

5. Community Action Plan

- Maggy Meade-King introduced the proposed 9 working groups to make a start on implementing the Community Action Plan as follows:
 - Community Participation/Volunteering
 - Local Business Support/Encouraging SMEs
 - Initiatives for Cyclists and Pedestrians
 - Buses
 - Highgate Overground Station Project
 - Small Local Open Spaces and Community Gardening
 - Heritage and Public Realm Issues
 - Wellington Gyrotory Project
 - Bio Diversity and Renewable Energy Project
- Attendees were encouraged to sign up to the projects on the evening and further promotion for involvement from the community would be circulated in the next Highgate Neighbourhood Forum newsletter.
- Martin Adeney gave an update on the Highgate Bowl Project. The meeting was informed that charity status had been established for



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Friends of Highgate Bowl (www.highgatebowl.org). The vision for the charity is to keep the space as open land and a benefit to the community. The charity is looking at other projects across London for ideas with an aim to purchase the land for community use.

6. AOB

- There was no other business.

The AGM was honoured to welcome guest speaker:
Hornsey and Wood Green MP Catherine West

Catherine West addressed the meeting and paid tribute to the women involved in the Forum. Catherine reminisced of her fond memories of Highgate over the years. Residents were congratulated on the success of the wonderful new pedestrian crossing on North Hill. The MP noted that a sensible approach was needed to planning and green spaces need to be preserved. Catherine offered her assistance to support local businesses and to help with any issues related to Archway Road and the Parkland Walk. The MP will be working on housing for young people and mental health issues over the summer and health inequalities during the autumn.