

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

AGM 2016 Minutes

Wednesday, 1st June 2016

Highgate United Reformed Church, South Grove, London N6 6PH

The Reverend Julian Templeton welcomed guests to the United Reformed Church.

Rachel Allison, Chair, opened the meeting at 19.30

Apologies: Michael Fadil, Antony Grossman, Ian Henghes, Katherine Ives, Elizabeth Manchester, Joy Manchester, Catherine West MP,

1. Chair's Report

Rachel Allison delivered the Chair's report.

- The Chair thanked the Reverend Julian Templeton for the generous use of the Church.
- It was noted that it had been a busy year for the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum working on:
 - Major planning applications
 - Lobbying DCLG
 - Negotiating Community Infrastructure Levy (CiL) funding
 - Working with Haringey Council's Scrutiny Panel on CiL monies with the Magistrates Court site being the first tranche of monies.
 - ➤ Lobbying Camden Council to ensure 25% of their CiL funding is spent locally.
 - Working with Transport for London (TfL) on the removal of the 271 bus turnaround from Pond Square.
 - ➤ Lobbying with Hampstead traders for an around the Heath bus route.
 - Working with Haringey Council to establish a 'hopper route' to link Crouch End, Highgate and Hampstead.
 - As a result of ongoing projects a successful joint working relationship between Haringey and Camden Councils had proved successful.



- It was noted that the 2nd draft of the Plan is finished following public consultation. It will have a 'health check' on 17 June 2016, followed by Section 16 consultation wit the two local councils and finally go to a referendum in November 2016.
- The Forum will be working on how the CiL monies will be spent as a result of the public vote, a list is available on the Forum website.
- The audience was notified of a revamped highgatecalnedar.org site where everyone can add their community events.
- Following the Plan, work will be actioned on the various community initiatives.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Rachel Allison delivered the Treasurer's report.
- It was noted that a successful application had been made for £1,000 of ward funding to provide AV equipment. This can be hired by other N6 organisations free of charge or for a small fee for outside organisations. Local councilors were thanked for this opportunity.
- A copy of the report is available on the website.

3. Approval of Minutes of the 2016 AGM

The minutes were formally approved.

4. Election of the Forum Committee

- Delcia Keate and Christoph Schedl had stood down and were thanked by the Chair for all their hard work.
- Dan Stranescu was welcomed as a new committee member.
- The Chair proposed that all 15 nominees be elected. It was approved that all 15 be elected to the Committee for the year ahead. A list of the names is on the Forum website.
- It was noted that Rachel Allison would be standing down as Chair of the Forum and Rachel was thanked for all her hard work and a of a bouquet of flowers was presented as an appreciation of gratitude.
- 5. Discussion on how the community can improve the air quality of Highgate
 - The meeting was informed that the Forum undertook a successful local crowd funding campaign, to assess the air quality in Highgate. The



installation and analysis of air quality monitors was led by Marjolaine Briscoe and students at Highgate School.

Marjolaine gave an overview of the findings. Further information on the results and a copy of the presentation is available on the Forum website.

The AGM was delighted to welcome guest speakers:

Camden's Green Party Councillor and London Assembly member Sian Berry

Deputy Mayor of London Joanne McCartney.

Sian Berry informed the meeting that air quality is at illegal levels throughout most of London. Sian spoke of the new Government Plan and the role the new Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, would play in taking this issue forward.

Joanne McCartney gave a presentation on Improving London's Air Quality. Joanne informed the meeting that the new Mayor, Sadiq Khan has a clear mandate to improve London's air quality and that a formal policy consultation will happen in a matter of weeks. A full copy of Joanne's presentation is available on the Forum website.

6. AOB

There was no other business.