



FOR HIGHGATE  
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

### AGM 2017 Minutes

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

Katherine Ives welcomed guests to Lauderdale House.

Maggy Meade-King, Chair, opened the meeting at 19.30

Apologies: Rachel Allison, Jill Boswell, Elspeth Clements, Heloise Kareem, Michael Hammerson, Richard Webber

#### 1. Chair's Report

Maggy Meade-King delivered the Chair's report.

- The Chair's welcomed the attendees and thanks Katherine Ives and Lauderdale House for their kind hospitality.
- The Chair thanked Haringey Council officers Clodagh McGuirk and Erik Nilsen for their assistance with the Plan (and also their Camden colleagues Brian O'Donnell and Andrew Twigg – not present).
- Simon Briscoe was thanked for his work on Transport issues and data collection and analysis for the Plan.
- Rachel Allison's dedication was acknowledged, without her hard work the Plan would not be here.
- Hannah Liptrot, Christopher Riley and Dan Stranescu, who were standing down from the committee, were thanked for their contributions.
- It was recognised that joint working with the Highgate Society had proved beneficial and the Chair of the Society, Jan Morgan was thanked.

The Forum now:

- Five years old!
- 820 on the mailing list
- 1,132 followers on Twitter



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- 53 affiliated organisations
- We've completed the Plan!

#### The Neighbourhood Plan:

- Submitted to Camden and Haringey Councils in July 2016
- Councils consulted on it September - November 2016
- Examiner past it in March 2017
- Councils agreed it in April 2017
- Officially published today
- Referendum on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### What else have we been doing?

- Air quality campaign: more testing, work with schools, lobbying re buses
- Highgate High Street and Archway Road joint Action Groups: Haringey Ward Grant awarded
- "Cross border" work with Councils/ local forums re parking, hopper buses and signage: Ward Grant
- Coffee and computers – volunteers are welcome
- Christmas Trail
- Pub Club

#### A post-Plan Neighbourhood Forum

- Work with Councils on spending CIL monies
- Initiate and run new projects
- Monitor planning applications to check they conform with the Neighbourhood Plan
- Work with developers to encourage projects the community would like
- Revise and amend the Plan as legislation and circumstances change
- Apply for re-designation when the remit of this Forum comes to an end in December

#### The Highgate Neighbourhood Plan

- Lays down planning rules for Highgate as a neighbourhood
- It came from the community, for the community
- Says how Community Infrastructure Levy should be spent
- Protects our woods, parks, gardens and allotments



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- Supports our high streets and protects our historic buildings
- Promotes walking, cycling and public transport
- Identifies sites for “affordable” housing, as well as community projects in the Bowl and the old Highgate overground station
- It tackles basements!

Everyone’s help needed to get the vote out for the Referendum on July 6

### VOTE YES ON JULY 6

- For Power
  - For Money
  - For Voice
  - For Highgate
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- Vote Yes for the Highgate Plan on July 6

## 2. Treasurer’s Report

Neil Perkins delivered the Treasurer’s report.

The bank balance brought forward at the last AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 was **£442.97** (balance as at 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016).

Costs during the year have been as follows:

- 2016 AGM expenses of **£460.11**
- Purchase of a portable PA system for **£349**
- Website hosting and registration costs of **£41.07**
- HNF stall at the Fair in the Square at a cost of **£45**
- Purchase of additional Clean Air diffusers for **£485.25**

The bank balance carried forward (as at 3rd May 2017) is **£6,233.71**.

**We are awaiting receipt of two further grant amounts as follows:**

- **£2,500** from Haringey Council to cover the costs of installing some directional signs to places of interest within Highgate.



- **£1,000** from Haringey Council to cover the print costs of surveys/leaflets for the High Street and Archway Road Action Groups.

The Treasurer thanked the Chair for all her hard work on the Plan.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of the 2016 AGM

- The minutes were formally approved.

### 4. Election of the Forum Committee

- Sarah Butterworth, Chris Galley, Andrea Horth, Katherine Ives, Maria Jennings, Maria Kramer and Peter Walton were welcomed as new committee members.
- The Chair proposed that all 18 members be elected (15 committee + 3 co-options). It was approved that all 18 be elected to the Committee for the year ahead. A list of the names is on the Forum website.

### 5. Results of the second air quality survey

Simon Briscoe reported on the findings of the second air quality survey and that it is an issue important to the Forum.

- There is a genuine sense of engagement from the community with over a £1,000 raised in crowd funding.
- The first survey identified large chunks of Highgate has clean air. With Highgate High Street and Archway Road being the poorest quality.
- The air quality survey was repeated in 2017 (with repeated measurements in some of the same places as the previous survey) and the results can be found on the Forum website.
- The following was noted:
  - High pollution areas remain
  - Not much had changed since last year
  - In shop pollution – with readings inside shops half of that outside
  - Impact on homes – gradient readings with the air quality improving the further it was tested inside
  - The highest readings being bus stops on main roads.
- What is next:
  - Lobbying, investigating new bus routes and commuter car travel



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The AGM was delighted to welcome guest speakers:

Catherine West MP, Councillor Sally Gimson and Councillor Liz Morris

Catherine West MP, congratulated Maggy Meade King and the committee members on their work and Katherine Ives on the success of the Lauderdale House project over the last two years.

Catherine was pleased to see an emphasis on green, environment, air quality issues and affordable housing in the locality and looked forward to contributing to these in the future.

Catherine notified the meeting of a project to return Roman Kilns to Highgate Wood as a cultural offer. If you are interested in this project please email Catherine at: [catherine.west.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:catherine.west.mp@parliament.uk)

The MP kindly offered to tweet the news of the Plan referendum to assist with the campaign to raise awareness.

Councillor Sally Gimson congratulated the Forum on the Plan and for all the hard work involved and noted how wonderful it was to be in Lauderdale House.

Councillor Gimson welcomed:

- The joint vision for Highgate High Street, with the two boroughs working together and the proposed removal of the 271 bus turnaround.
- The Holly Lodge estate designated green spaces
- The achievement of the Forum of working across boroughs on issues such as parking

Sally wished the Forum 'good luck' with the referendum and would also assist in raising awareness of the vote.

Councillor Liz Morris said how heartening it was to see the engagement of many community groups in the early days of the Forum. Liz congratulated the Forum in their success of bringing together Camden and Haringey Councils and the achievement of the ground-breaking policy on basements.



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Councillor Morris stated that the first cross borough Neighbourhood Plan was a huge achievement and thanked Maggy Meade-King for her grit and determination and local groups for their significant contributions to the Plan. Liz also thanked Rachel Allison, the Forum and Camden and Haringey Councils for their hard work. Liz acknowledged that both local authorities were working together on parking issues and that the three Highgate councilors would champion the air quality initiative.

## 6. AOB

- There was no other business.