

## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

**Thursday 11 July, Highgate School**

**Present:** Nicola Caisley (NC), Amy Brown (AB), Iain Brewester (IB), Sarah Butterworth (Sarah B), Peter Walton (PW), Katherine Ives (KI), Richard Webber (RW), Antony Grossman, Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Louise Lewis (LL).

**Apologies:** Anne Jamieson (AJ), Andrea Horth (AH), Martin Adeney, Simon Briscoe (SB), Cllr Liz Morris

### **FINAL MINUTES**

- 1. Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019** were approved subject to the correction of gendered language.
- 2. AGM Minutes of Thursday 6 June, 2019** were noted for accuracy (to be approved at the 2020 AGM)
- 3. Chair's Report:**

- a) Fair in the Square – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June – great day with lots of interest in our work including Festival, GrowHighgate including Great Trees.
- b) Highgate Festival 14 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June – success this year with over 70 events in over 40 various venues including studios, homes, allotments, cafes and Pond Square. A big thank you to all the organisations and venues involved. The breadth and creativity of activities was noted.
- c) HNF AGM Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June with over 40 attendees at Lauderdale House and successful election of committee.
- d) AP attended Highgate Society AGM on Wed 22 May.
- e) Highgate Library – setting up a meeting with Haringey, councillors, library staff and 2 x friends groups to discuss recent internal layout consultation
- f) Camden CIL – pushing for a meeting with Jeremy Howell/Camden, Dartmouth Park NF, Camden ward councillors to discuss CIL
- g) Signage project paid for on Haringey side with works imminent. With many thanks to Highgate Cemetery for funding the shortfall of funds due to price increases.
- h) Neighbourhood Planning and forums activity:
  - AP spoke at Proactive Planning event at Urban Design London Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June to over 30 LA planners about role of Neighbourhood Forums and Plans.
  - AP co-organised and attended launch of Neighbourhood Planning in London research by Publica, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June, on current state and potential of neighbourhood planning. Used to inform London Assembly Planning Committee.
  - AP attended NLA Neighbourhood Planning in London Round Table Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June – ongoing research/campaign by NLA to lobby GLA in September.

4. **New Committee:** AP welcomed the new Committee Members. The following officers were elected:

Chair: Alicia Pivaro  
Vice Chair: Simon Briscoe  
Secretary: Maggy Meade-King  
Treasurer: Antony Grossman

The following co-options were agreed:

Martin Narraway  
Ian Henghes

It was agreed that we should find someone to co-opt onto the Committee from eastern side of the Forum Area.

5. **Code of Conduct:** AP thanked RW and LL for their work in preparing alternative versions. A discussion ensued on the merits of each and of SB's recently tabled amalgamation of both. A majority vote decided to adopt SB's version, to be reviewed and amended if necessary in a year's time.
  6. **Highgate Festival:** AH's inspiring short paper on the reasons why HNF support the Festival (see appendix below) was adopted. Members of both the HNF and Festival Committees posed the question of whether it was time to set up the Festival as its own organisation e.g. a charity or a Community Interest Company. The meeting thought this would be appropriate, provided that there was always some sort of strapline linking it to the HNF e.g. A Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Initiative. The Festival Committee were asked to decide how they wanted HNF to contribute in future and bring this to a Committee Meeting for discussion.
  7. **Re-imagining the High Street event** (paper tabled and available in the News section of the website) produced an exciting list of ideas. IB and NC agreed to assist in the setting up of a new business group, part of whose remit would be to organise a follow-up event and set up a new traders' group. **ACTION IB/NC**
  8. **Planet A Eco Event at Festival:** another successful event with lots of ideas – blog to go up on website. Highgate School organising a conference for school children. SarahB volunteered to lead a new Eco initiatives group – AP and MMK volunteered to join. **ACTION SarahB.** AB volunteered to join Transport Group to progress related hoppa bus idea.
  9. **CIL:** useful consultation event during the Festival on the BMX and playgrounds project. Maria Kramer and Siri Zanelli – who are leading on these projects to write up the consultation – paper to be published on website. **ACTION AP**
- CIL paper re-tabled and agreed (thanks to KI). CIL Steering Group to take forward application process appointed: AP, MMK, KI, LL. **ACTION KI** to produce blog for

website from CIL paper + application form, **MMK** to put on website and publicise, **AP** to convene first meeting.

#### 10. AOB

- RW raised communication between HNF, HS and other groups and out to wider community – it was agreed NC, RW, PW and KI would meet to discuss **ACTION RW**
- IB agreed to take over producing the HNF e-newsletter **ACTION MMK** to hand over
- AJ sent note about expansion of Coffee and Computers initiative. This was agreed and AJ to be asked to head up a new Community group, with a particular emphasis on inter-generational projects. **ACTION MMK** to brief AJ

#### 11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18 September: 7pm at Highgate School

## Appendix A: Highgate Festival

### Vision

#### *Why HNF holds the Festival*

Our purpose in holding the annual Highgate Festival is two-fold – to celebrate Highgate's special qualities and point the way towards the Highgate we want to create.

### Mission

#### *What we do to deliver the purpose*

We will inform and entertain Highgate residents and people all over north London about Highgate's present (qualities and challenges) and what we want it to become (our aspirations).

### Values

- **Inclusive:** for people of all ages, and reflecting our diversity and culture
- **Community:** Bring people together and build community
- **Informative:** Gain a deeper appreciation of Highgate
- **Celebratory:** Show the best of Highgate
- **Generative:** Drive economic development

### Key themes in the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan

Events in the Festival should relate to the key themes of the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan:

1. Development and Heritage
2. Sustainability
3. Economic activity
4. Open spaces
5. Traffic and Transport
6. Social and Community



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