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## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

**Monday 4 November 2019, Highgate School**

**Present:** Simon Briscoe (SB Chair), Peter Walton (PW), Katherine Ives (KI), Antony Grossman (AG), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Anne Jamieson (AJ), Andrea Horth (AH), Louise Lewis (LL), Elliot Prescott (Highgate School, deputising for Sarah Butterworth), Richard Webber (RW), Ian Henghes (IH)

**Apologies:** Martin Narraway, Sarah Butterworth, Martin Adeney, Amy Brown, Cllr Bob Hare, Cllr Liz Morris, Iain Brewster (IB), Alicia Pivaro (AP), Nicola Caisley (NC)

### MINUTES

- 1. Reena Raj (RR) of Haringey Reach and Connect** introduced the new service (funded by Homes for Haringey) offering information, support and friendship to people over 50 across the Borough. This could take the form of merely signposting to suitable activities or practical help and befriending (more info [www.reachandconnect.net](http://www.reachandconnect.net)). RR is the Community Connector for Muswell Hill and Highgate. **ACTION: HNF to publicise via newsletter, website and twitter etc. AJ to be link and help find premises for drop in sessions.**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 18 Sept 2019** were approved. Matters arising: RW asked what was happening re the rest of signing project in Camden – AP chasing.
- 3. Chair's Report** tabled (see Appendix 1 below) and noted
- 4. CIL Steering Group update** KI's Guidelines and forms tabled and noted. She will amend details as agreed by discussion. **ACTION KI to send docs to AH to load onto website + to be publicised via newsletter, affiliates, Twitter etc (see KI doc about promotion)**
- 5. TFL Meeting 20 Sept:** MMK introduce a tabled report on this meeting of the North London Forums Bus Group and TfL. The actions agreed by TfL were as follows:
  - An aim to have improved communications(including regular meetings) between TfL and communities/neighbourhood forums
  - To consider the extension of the WoodGreen/MuswellHillreview to Crouch End and possibly Highgate
  - To send key weblinks that might: help outsiders understand the planning and modelling process, and show examples of changes that might be relevant and any new thinking (demand responsive consultations). Also send any data that sheds



light on the bus planning system.

- TfL to consider working with the Group and the local authorities to get better data on hospital visits and school catchment areas (two important knowledge gaps).
- TfL to give practical consideration to NLBG's suggestions
- Date for meeting to discuss this to be organised within 12 weeks.

MMK also gave a verbal report on the short informal meeting with Jacqueline Saunders (Camden Principal Transport Planner) and Neil Goldberg (Haringey Transport Planning) that followed. It was clear that we could be most effective where we came up with initiatives that fitted with council targets (funding constraints prevent doing much else). The two Councils were happy to work on cross-Borough initiatives and urged us to come up with some visionary projects that we could then work with them to find funding for e.g. CIL, London Mayor etc.

RW warned the meeting of the hostility in Highgate to any change. He also pointed out the difficulty of getting the Council to fix smaller matters.. IH responded that the best way of getting repairs done was to use the Fix my Street app. **ACTION IH to send link and a para about app for newsletter.**

6. **Joint HNF/HS Business Group:** NC emailed a report just before the meeting outlining Group's plans – leaflet, website, cotton bags, banner, branded signage for traders, 'herbs on the High Street' pots. They are planning to apply for CIL funding.
7. **Non digital call for volunteers:** at request of previous Committee meeting, RW tabled a paper on producing a leaflet giving contact details for all the organisations in Highgate requiring volunteers. Meeting agreed that it was a good idea to have info available on volunteering opportunities but there was some discussion on whether this needed to be in printed form. **ACTION RW to meet with KI with a view to coming back to next meeting with a revised paper**
8. **Eco-initiatives:** Chair's discussion paper on how to encourage more Eco activity in Highgate was tabled, but discussion postponed until next meeting when Chair able to lead it.
9. **Communications:** AH reported that she hadn't received promised blogs after last meeting. Some people didn't receive October newsletter. LL suggested we make more use of Next Door **ACTION LL to bring paper on Next Door to next meeting. All to check they are on mailing list and Junk folders.**
10. **AOB:**
  - I. LL asked for guidance on the direction of the Tree Group and finding volunteers to help. **ACTION: LL to write blog for website, to be publicised in newsletter**
  - II. IH reported that the WTAG would like to hear our views on the management of BBQs in the Waterlow Park this year. **ACTION: IH to write blog for**



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- website asking for comments (to go in newsletter) and next meeting to agree a response based on comments on blog.**
- III. PW asked the Committee to support call for Blue Plaque for Solomon Schonfeld, a “hero of the holocaust”. The Committee agreed. **ACTION PW to send wording for letter to AP to send out on behalf of HNF + blog for website**
  - IV. RW asked that the Committee send a supportive note to the Boundary Commission re the proposed change to a smaller Highgate Ward in Camden (within Forum boundaries and 1 councillor). Committee agreed. **ACTION RW to send note to AP.**

**Date of next meeting: Monday, 16 January, 2020, 7pm at Highgate School**

## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Chair’s update November 2019

Dear Committee

Here are short updates on activities;

1. Highgate Festival 2020 dates 20 – 28<sup>th</sup> June – with Fair in Sq on 20<sup>th</sup> June – Festival Team working on early call for ideas and links with community organisations, funding and organisational structure.
2. Meeting with Highgate Society reps Elspeth Clements (Chair) and Andrew Sulston (Chair of HS Infrastructure Group). Discussed CPZ and Traffic, CIL process - they are applying for Camden CIL for 10A and I encouraged them to consider other CIL bids. I explained process for Haringey. They expressed concern about HNF ‘control’ and suggested a HS representative on CIL group? I explained that we are not judging ideas but see our role as enabling projects - ensuring they are robust and developed so they will succeed quickly once sent to the council.
3. CIL activity
  - Highgate Library – meeting with Judith Walker, Head of Library Services, Haringey to discuss overview of refurbishment with view to a CIL bid.
  - Pond Square, meetings with various community members to discuss developing CIL bid and brief for Pond Square upgrade design competition.



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- Playgrounds projects – Maria Kramer, BMX project champion and Siri Zanelli, Parkland Walk project champion meeting with local stakeholders and Haringey council to prepare CIL bid.
- Camden CIL – still pushing for a meeting with Jeremy Howell/Camden, Dartmouth Park NF, Camden ward councillors to discuss CIL – but meeting with Anna Wright, councillor. We will ask to be kept informed of any Highgate CIL projects they receive just so we can share information, make links and ensure things are linking up across the councils.
- Signage project on Haringey side under way. Meeting with Steve Hands, Camden to discuss location and text for Camden side of project which should then progress quickly.

Alicia Pivaro  
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