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## Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 11 March, 2020, Lauderdale House

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Sarah Butterworth, Martin Narraway, Katherine Ives (KI), Simon Briscoe (SB), Richard Webber (RW), Ian Henghes, Antony Grossman (AG), Martin Adeney (MA).

1. **Apologies:** Louise Lewis, Peter Walton, Iain Brewester (IB), Nicola Caisley, Anne Jamieson, Andrea Horth
2. **Minutes** of the meeting of 13 February were approved. No matters arising.
3. **Chair's Report** (posted below)
4. **AGM** date of Tuesday, 5 May agreed. Lauderdale House to host. **Action: MMK to prepare papers for website + add a note to the forthcoming newsletter. Also add a call for nominations.** There was a short discussion about possible speakers and **AP volunteered to approach speakers on the theme of 'What we can do locally about Climate Change'.**
5. **CIL:** MMK and AP reported on a useful meeting with Rob Kryszowksi (RK), Head of Planning Policy, Haringey Council and his team (+ Cllr Liz Morris) to discuss and prioritise Highgate CIL spending projects. RK said they would be recommending the BMX/Active Play project + the Parkland Walk Play Trail + the Street Tree Replacement projects to go forward into the Council's Budget for the coming financial year. Two further projects – the Interpretation Boards and the Shepherd's Hill Library Lift would be subject to further discussion with the relevant Council delivery departments. KI reported that she was working with FoWP to pull together all the Waterlow Park projects for a Camden application. **Action KI to produce blogs re Lauderdale House and Holly Lodge Youth Safety projects + AP to write to RK re Hillcrest play project.**
6. **Vounteering project update:** RW tabled a matrix showing which organisations had requested what volunteers and gave an update on progress. Members of the Committee were asked to contact RW direct with any queries.
7. **Transport:** RW reported that Camden Transport had responded to queries about the proposed extended hours CPZ by saying they had a shortage of staff. The scheme looks likely to have been kicked into the long grass for the present. SB had written to the Crouch End Liveable Neighbourhoods Team to enquire about its affect on Highgate High Street – he has yet to receive a reply. **Action: SB and RW to produce a blog on the sustainability of the two Boroughs' transport policies. + SB to prepare short news piece on North London Aircraft Noise**



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**Group. MMK to contact TFL re a promised meeting re east-west connectivity by bus + ask for contact for RW to ask about noticeboard at 271 terminus.**

8. **Business Group report:** IB tabled a report in his absence. High Street in better shape than for sometime. Currently only one vacancy. There will be a focus during the Highgate Festival on shopping locally – the Business Group was talking to all the shops about being involved.
9. **AOB:**
  - a) **Blue and Highgate Heritage plaques:** RW and Catharine Wells had looked into approaching English Heritage re Blue Plaques but the process takes too long – can be 30 years! Going to explore Highgate Heritage plaques with Camden and Haringey + there will be a further call for nominations for Pink Plaques as part of Festival. **Related action: AG to write blog about his Sheldon Ave Trees project.**
  - b) **Planning:** MA reported that he had written on behalf of HNF re the latest plans for **Omved Gardens** (including a Community Hall, Seed Bank and workshops), broadly in favour but asking for certain assurances re protection of use. He had also put in an objection to **Channing School's proposed permanent gate** in the historic wall along Highgate Hill.

### Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Chair's update March 2020

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 – 3 broad themes; Highgate's Past, present and future. Over 40 events already including Open House, Open Gardens, George Michael Sing-a-long – thinking about a community picnic with music on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> in Waterlow Park???.  
Highgate Eco Day on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> June
  - mini-eco festival in Pond Sq with stalls and activities + Harington, Think and Do Camden pop-up, Plastic free Camden. Power up North London etc
  - Rubbish Furniture Design Challenge - school challenge to create street furniture from waste - displayed in Pond Square
  - Shop Local Challenge - buy everything locally /with no packaging / recipes from shop owners (Business Group)
  - Guerrilla gardening and Herbs on the High Street (poss with Heath Hands)
  - Tours and Walks - Omved tours of landscape, Waterlow/LUX with Richard Layzell, tours of woods and heath, ponds + possibly put Open Allotments on this day?

Sunday 28th - bike event and community park run/walk eg. health and wellbeing + Open Gardens 5k walk idea (from garden to garden?) which I think works really well together. Pond to Pond - event from Pond Square to swimming ponds for a dip.

Had meeting with Dorothy Boswell and Nancy Stevenson who are organising the Whitehall Park Eco Street Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> June to share ideas and resources.
2. Meeting with Rob Kryszowski, Head of Planning Policy, Haringey Council to discuss and prioritise CIL applications. Please see MMK note.



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3. Had initial meeting with Pond Square community stakeholders group – reps from HNF, HS, Pond Sq Residents, Highgate Business Group, Visit Highgate, HLSI, Pond Sq Chapel. Working with Camden Council initial process agreed to set brief, get initial costings and invite a small number of designers for interview.
4. Had meeting with Nicky Ezer, Events, Camden Council to discuss Highgate Festival and other events in Pond Square etc.

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