



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Via Zoom, 6.30 pm Wed 23 Sept, 2020

MINUTES

Present: Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (minutes), Martin Adeney, Louise Lewis (LL), Peter Walton, Iain Brewster, Anne Jamieson, Andrea Horth (AH), Sarah Butterworth (SB), Antony Grossman (AG), Katherine Ives (KI), Richard Webber (RW), Martin Narraway, Ian Henghes (IH), Simon Briscoe (SBr)

1. **Apologies:** Nicola Caisley
2. **Minutes of meeting of Wed 11 March** approved **AP to circulate notes from Re-imagine online event.**
3. **Chair's Report** posted below
4. **Build Back Better (AP)**
 - Collaboration with other Camden forums on Climate Change: following on from conversations with various eco groups in Highgate about how we can do things differently during and post-Covid, Stephen Taylor (Chair of Hampstead Forum) has reached out to see we can work with Camden as their partners on the ground. **Volunteers wanted for a working group.**
 - Improving Highgate for pedestrians and cyclists/a transport vision for the Village: Discussion of LL paper led to agreement that what was needed was a holistic vision for the Village to include improvements for pedestrians and cyclists, moving the 271 and making more use of Pond Square. This should be part of the 'Highgate after Covid' initiative. **AP to circulate ideas for comment.**
5. **CIL projects: Haringey (AP, MMK)**



- BMX/Active Play project
- Parkland Walk Play Trail – both live projects to be led by Haringey officer Glynis Kirkwood-Warren
- Street Tree Replacement project – also happening this Autumn, led by Alex Fraser
- Interpretation Boards **RW to circulate updated ideas**
- Shepherds Hill Library Lift – discussions ongoing with Haringey Libraries
- Hillcrest play project – Homes for Haringey being un-cooperative – need chasing
- **Round 1 funds now allocated - there will hopefully be sufficient funds in the pot for a Round 2 in 2021**

6. CIL projects: Camden

- Pond Square (AP): Camden have ringfenced CIL monies for this and it will be facilitated by Camden officer Joe Lewis
- Waterlow Park projects (KI): delayed by Covid but getting together with FoWP to re-activate. A Love Waterlow exhibition is planned for Lauderdale House
- Lauderdale House and Holly Lodge Youth Safety projects (KI): have been active online and actually during summer **KI to write blog for website about projects**

7. **Trees report** (LL tabled): been unable to have walks and talks during Covid. Saving the Queens Woods Oaks campaign has led to more interest in trees within Haringey Council and they now have a planning officer with responsibility for trees. IH said trees should be part of Haringey's Carbon Reduction Strategy. **LL to write blog for website on the campaign and influence on Haringey**

SB said Highgate School's Environmental Committee would be keen to be involved with initiatives + AP added that Camden Schools were also involved with Build Back Better. **AP to get in touch with new Channing School Head to see if they can be involved.**

8. Transport:

- Proposed changes to Camden CPZ (RW): kicked into long grass, nothing happening



- SB reported new parking restrictions coming in on Bishops Avenue and Barnet end of Hampstead Lane. SBr commented that there were pressures to tighten up on parking on Haringey, Camden and Islington because of NHS permits during Covid.
- Proposed traffic changes in Dartmouth Park: SBr pointed out this was a divisive issue because cars being diverted onto major roads which are also residential. Also that it needed to be pointed out to DPNF that the majority of Swains Lane in Highgate NA. **AP to write to DPNF new Chair to discuss.**

9. Planning:

- Planning for the Future white paper (tabled) – working group (AP, MMK, SBr, AG) to work up a response to white paper on basis of how we will work with Councils in future.
- Larger planning applications: Townsend Yard development + Highgate School plan

10. **Business Group report (IB):** NC compiled a list of all Highgate businesses pre lockdown and Group now setting up a Whats Ap group. Will also be looking at a 'plastic-free Highgate campaign with own bags and a 'Shop Local for Christmas' campaign. In the meantime, High Street shops seemed to have thrived with more people working at home. Latest plans include an Italian Market next to Don Ciccio, the Angel opening for takeaway, Dukes Head becoming a cocktail bar and Rose and Crown/ Pain Quotidian going back to being a pub.

11. **AGM:** meeting decided to wait until something specific to launch/communicate

12. Communications:

- MMK to send out deadline for contributions to the **newsletter**
- AH to think about how Festival highlights can be added to **HNF website**



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13. AOB: Idea of some sort of Christmas celebration was raised – **KI thinking what could be done at Lauderdale House; IB considering from a local business point of view; AP to drop a line?**
14. **Date of next meeting: MMK to do Doodle Poll for a month's time**

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Chair's update September 2020

1. Highgate Festival 2020 20 – 28th June went digital! Huge thanks to the Festival team, in particular Andrea Horth and Toby Hollis, for delivering an amazing number of events, exhibitions, films and projects on line. We also organised a small number of socially-distanced real events including music and dancing in Pond Sq and a plant sale for the Harington.
2. Shared community COVID responses including mutual aid groups on HNF website.
3. Stephen Taylor, chair of Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum suggesting a collaboration of Camden's Neighbourhood Forums around the issue of climate action to build stronger working relationships with the council around joint initiatives.
4. Neighbourhood Planners London – Virtual Gathering 24th June with over 80 participants. Also Neighbourhood Planners London – response to White Paper event on 30th September zoom event. Dave Chetwyn (author of the Roadmap) and Steve Quartermain (recently retired Government Chief Planner) lined up to speak for c7 mins each - Dave will introduce the reforms and key issues and Steve will point to the things that matter and how we can best make an impact.
5. Reimagine Highgate zoom event 20th May, organised by community group of Highgate Society in association with Kinsugi Thinking. Many familiar faces attended, discussion of need for 'town hall'/ shared community space and virtual 'space' that maps Highgate orgs etc. Challenges of getting new faces, wider community involved and co-ordination and communication issues.

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