



FOR HIGHGATE
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Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Via Zoom
6.30 pm Tues 24 Nov 2020

DRAFT MINUTES

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

1. **Apologies:** Anne Jamieson, Iain Brewester, Andrea Horth
2. **Minutes** of meeting of Wed 23 Sept approved **ACTION: MMK to send to AH for website; AP to prime Build Back Better group; SBr to draft note for Dartmouth Park for AP.**
3. **Chair's Report** (below) **ACTION: MMK to post our response to Planning for the Future doc + link to London Neighbourhood Planners response; LL to represent HNF at Stanhope Road bridge meeting**
4. **Christmas celebrations:** LL and AP reported on plans so far – Highgate Society brass band etc on Dec 9, Helen Rapley organising traders. SB added Highgate School plan + KI talked about Lauderdale House ideas. Discussion on what HNF can add. **ACTION: AP, KI, LL and IB to work with Elspeth Clements and Helen Rapley on further ideas; MMK to publicise everything in newsletter**
5. **Planning:**
 - **Highgate School SPD Consultation** (link circulated): RW reported on work of group comprising local councillors and reps from local organisations. Concerns centred on further extension of the SPD from current 10 years; whether Highgate Village can cope with a larger school; and whether the importance of the School's extensive green spaces (as



green corridors etc) had been addressed. There was further discussion on transport issues and whether the same scrutiny had been applied to Channing developments. Concerns on whether HNF should put its name to a joint document **ACTION RW, MA, LL, AP and AG to work on HNF strategic response, linked to Plan and proactive in nature.**

- **Queens Wood:** LL reported on plan for a new service block in the Wood (one of 5 ancient woodlands within the North Circular). This plan has been put on ice while a consultation on how to balance the interests of various users is held.
6. **Build Back Better:** AP said they wanted to make the most out of the Highgate School Eco-group. The Hampstead Forum are focusing on air quality, which we have done a lot of work on already. A new campaign is being worked up, which the Committee will be able to discuss at the next meeting. Group applying for a £500 grant from ??
 7. **CIL projects:** slowed down by Pandemic – AP chasing relevant Council officials. Disappointing response on Street Tree Replacement project as Haringey have a huge backlog of trees to plant during the planting season and we are quite far down their list, but we are promised it will happen. **ACTION AP to ask Haringey if we could commission a contractor directly to plant the trees, if the Council dept is unable to deliver.**
 8. **Transport:** SBr raised concerns about Haringey plan to close streets next to Highgate Primary and Highgate Lower School at beginning and end of school day. MMK and AP said evidence from earlier schemes should allay those concerns (see <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/school-streets-air-quality-project-launched>). **ACTION SBr to draft an email for AP to send to Camden re Dartmouth Park and Swains Lane changes.**
 9. Communications: newsletter: MMK tabled items for newsletter. **ACTION all to send MMK any further items a.s.a.p.** Website needs a refresh and clearer mission statement in light of HS rethink (see below). HNF publicity push in New Year.



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Post COVID Highgate as new campaign in new year on which to base publicity linked with BuildBackBetter and manifesto for London (possibly also start of process of reviewing Plan?)

ACTION: all to consider the focus and form of this - AP will circulate initial thoughts

10. AOB:

- IH reported that the Highgate Society was working to define itself in relation to other organisations – they suggest 2 or 3 people from HNF and HS get together to discuss. **ACTION: MMK, AH and AP to discuss how the HNF website could be updated to make its role clearer (+ how it was different from a civic society like the HS).**
- MA reported that Highgate Cemetery would be announcing a competition for architects to develop a landscape plan for the Cemetery. There would be a public consultation and selection next Spring or Summer.

11. **Date of next meeting tbc**

Chair's update November 2020

1. Organised a meeting with Ian Cruise and Keith Trotter from Haringey High Streets and Town Centre Management team with reps from various Highgate groups including HNF, Highgate Society, ARAG, Village Business Group and councillors to hear about Haringey's plans to help High Streets. Information exchanged and plan for another meeting soon.
2. Attended Camden Council Festival Events meeting with other community organisers about planning COVID safe and digital events next year with funding available.
3. Talks at Yale University and RCA/Madrid Citizen Participation conference about neighbourhood planning in London and Highgate. Using the response to the White Paper by Neighbourhood Planners London advocating for more support for community planning. Paper to share if committee interested.
4. Other activities to be reported on later;
Highgate SPD
CIL projects

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