



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

Via Zoom
6.30 pm Tues 2 February, 2021

MINUTES

Present: Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Simon Briscoe (SBr), Sarah Butterworth (SB), Katherine Ives (KI after first 30 mins), Martin Adeney (MA), Louise Lewis (LL), Peter Walton (PW), Sarah Butterworth (SB), Antony Grossman (AG), Richard Webber (RW), Iain Brewester (IB), Ian Henghes (IH), Andrea Horth (AH), Cllr Anna Wright (AW for first 30 mins)

1. **Apologies:** Anne Jamieson, Martin Narraway,
2. **Minutes** of meeting of Tues 24 Nov 2020 approved **ACTION: MMK to send to AH for website**
3. **Chair's Report** (below)
4. **Planning:**
 - **Highgate School SPD Consultation** AP had submitted an HNF response and went with Catherine Budgett-Meakin and Sydney Charles to meet School re Climate Action (see 4 below in Chair's report). Pushing for an ongoing Community Working Group to continue good collaboration with School. SB reported that it was difficult for School to know who to work with as there are so many different community organisations in Highgate with different points of view.
 - **Haringey Local Plan Consultation:** MMK reported on meeting she and AP had had with Bryce Tudball and his team. This covered Highgate School SPD; our response to the first consultation on the Draft Local Plan (tabled) and how we might continue dialogue as the process moves on. Their main focus is on Affordable Housing and the Climate Emergency (Helen Evans, their lead on this, joined the meeting) and they would like our support on these as



papers emerge. **ACTION MMK to post our response to Consultation on website**

- **HNF working party on green issues:** MMK suggested a working party to map Highgate's green corridors and respond to the forthcoming Haringey draft strategies on Walking and Cycling + Open Spaces and Parks + similar docs to come from Camden. SB, LL, IB, AP and IH volunteered to join – others to let MMK know if they would like to join. **ACTION MMK to convene group and circulate Council docs as they come in**

5. **Cllr Anna Wright reported** on the CIL signage project – see below + a useful Investment in High Streets event + new Transport Strategy that would be coming out in April/May. **ACTION AW to alert us to these.**

6. **HEN (Highgate Eco Network):** AP reported that they had reinstated local informal eco network as email info sharing group. Have recently written to all informing them of grant for £450 from Transition Town Bounce Forward scheme for local projects in Highgate. HNF working with Transition Highgate, Highgate Soc Sustainable Living Group – now finding other possible partners including Highgate School, Camden Council and Haringey to complete project for the summer which includes;

- Local eco information exhibition/ pop-up in Highgate based in Camden Think&Do
- Working with groups or local community vote to identify top 5 or 10 eco projects from list generated at previous Highgate Festival eco events
- Teen Leaders – work with young people in local secondary schools to deliver the above or create new initiatives possibly around film and social media

Anyone who would like to be involved should contact AP.

7. **Haringey CIL (AP)**

Play spaces – BMX, Parkland Walk – meeting with Haringey Lead officer Glynis Warren-Kirkwood, and community leads Maria Kramer



(BMX) and Siri Zanelli (Parkland Walk) last Friday to progress schemes.

- Haringey has now prepared Site specification and construction reports for each site, and briefs for costing
- TO BE DONE Commission contamination survey, 3D topographical survey, Ecological survey, Tree surveys, where up to date documents don't already exist- To be completed by March/April
- Prepare project plan to include commissioning and engagement timelines. To be present to the steering group by Wednesday 3rd February
- To find out the constraints around engagement activities within the pre-election period (Monday 22nd March-Thursday 6th May)

8. **Tree replacement:** LL reported that this project was supposed to be undertaken during this year's planting season. But Haringey Parks don't have the staff to undertake all the planting they have grants for due to illness etc so this may not happen until the summer or autumn.

9. Camden CIL projects:

- Sign posts –MMK reported that thanks to interception of Cllr Anna Wright we have discovered that there was a communications breakdown between us and the Council last year but we have now received their proposals and the signs should be erected as soon as Covid restrictions allow. **ACTION MMK to chase and share proposals with AP and RW**
- Pond Square (AP) – lead officer Joe Lewis has some limited time to give to project. AP has spoken to various consultants and public realm experts for advice/proposals including;
- Angela Koch from ImaginePlaces – produced a proposal/pitch <https://www.imagineplaces.co.uk/>
- Hadrian Garrard from CreateLondon – awaiting proposal
- <https://createlondon.org/>
- Joshua Garfield from Commonplace (digital engagement platform beloved of Camden et al) – keen to help with project, offered free zoom meeting with HNF to discuss consultation, how best to use limited CIL and access other funds (this or next week)
- <https://www.commonplace.is/>
- Je Ahn from StudioWeave – putting proposal together



- <https://www.studioweave.com/>
- **ACTION AP to organize meeting with Pond Square Community Working Group to discuss next steps etc – mid Feb.** Stephen Taylor now representing Pond Square residents on Group.
ACTION: MMK to find out latest situation with CIL monies in both Councils + inform Committee and update web info

10. **Transport (SB):** nothing to report **ACTION: SB and RW to meet Ben Castell of Dartmouth Park N Forum to discuss proposed road changes in DP area – AP to set up**
11. **Code of Conduct:** meeting agreed the Code with the provision that last new para about permanent exclusion of committee members be considered from a legal point of view.
ACTION: AG to look at clause in conjunction with Constitution.

RW raised the issue of how we can represent all residents and their day-to-day concerns, particularly in their interactions with the Councils. **ACTION: AP to ask Council contacts how we can help people to communicate better with the Council and vice versa.**

12. **HNF Publicity Relaunch:** discussion on how we can raise the profile of the Forum and differentiate it from other Highgate organisations.

SB said the **website blogs** were underused – we need to be letting people know what we are doing. **ACTION MMK to post blog of our response to Haringey Plan Consultation + HNF green working party; AP write blog about HEN; MMK to update CIL info and send out newsletter linking to all above; EVERYONE to think about what activities they could publicise + send any newsletter items to MMK by Mon 8 Feb.**

PW suggested we needed to re-issue the 4 page leaflet about the HNF, explaining who we are and what we do + possibly include useful contact details for the Councils (see above under 11). This could be left in cafes and pubs + friendly shops like Avivson



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Gallery, the Stationers etc **ACTION: PW offered to work on this + IB offered to produce it**

ACTION: AP, MMK, RW and AH to pull together a strategy to be discussed further at next meeting.

13. **Date of next meeting and AGM: tbc by Doodle**

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Chair's update February 2021

Dear Committee

Here are short updates on activities;

1. Haringey - Attended Haringey Local Plan consultation online event on High Streets on Monday 14th December. Meeting with Bryce Tudball and Philip Crowther from Haringey Planning Dept to catch up and discuss new Local Plan process. Also meetings with leading officers regarding various CIL projects.
2. Camden – attended Camden Visioning Camden 2030 online event on Wednesday 13th January to discuss climate crisis initiatives across the borough. Also meetings with leading officers regarding various CIL projects.
3. Meeting with Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum – Maya de Souza (Chair) and Valerie Doulton (Dept) to discuss various issues including their own local consultation events including on transport and possible joint projects including green corridors.
4. Meeting with Colin Henderson and Sarah Butterworth from Highgate School to discuss School Climate Action Plan and community engagement.
5. Attended Civic Voice online event on High Streets, Friday 11th December
6. Other activities to be reported on later;
Highgate SPD
CIL projects
BuildBackBetter project

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