



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

At Highgate School, North Road, N6
6.30 pm, Mon 28 March 2022

Present: Sarah Butterworth (SB), Cllr Sian Berry (via Zoom) (SBe), Louise Lewis (LL), Maggy Meade-King (minutes) (MMK), Alicia Pivaro (Chair) (AP), Helen Rapley (HR), Richard Webber (RW), Peter Walton (PW), Peter Jacobs (PJ)

MINUTES

1. Apologies: Katherine Ives; Anne Jamieson ; Iain Brewester ; Antony Grossman ; Ana Kinsella ; Andrea Horth (AH); Ian Henghes (IH)
2. **Minutes of meeting of 26 January 2022** (tabled) – approved.
ACTION MMK to send to AH for the website.
3. **Matters arising:** LL reported that trees were felled in the proposed multi use active zone because of disease – **AP to ensure replanting is part of the project.** LL also asked again for a large print map - **SB to try at School, if unsuccessful, AP to do**
4. **Chair's Report:** meetings covered in items below. AP thanked SB for all her work on our behalf and presented her with gifts.
5. **Local elections hustings** LL proposed we (jointly with the Highgate Society) organize election hustings for our two wards (Camden and Haringey). RW commented that this should focus on Highgate topics. Meeting agreed that **AP should approach William at Highgate Society.**
6. **AGM (11 May) preparations:** meeting agreed that **RW should approach Jacksons Lane to use one of their new rooms.** Ask Nicky Gavron to speak about how JL came about + the architect of the current building project + Monique?



MMK to prepare papers for website and then make AGM lead item in newsletter. All present prepared to stand again. Everyone to think about new Committee nominations. **SB to introduce Channing contact to AP.** SB successor will also stand for Committee.

7. **Result of bus consultation:** RW tabled a paper explaining what TfL's revised proposals mean for Highgate residents. **MMK to update website blog + include in newsletter + tweet.** RW said TfL had listened and meeting agreed that we would support a letter suggesting 143 was swapped with 234 so Village would have a link with Muswell Hill.
8. **Pond Square/271 terminus space (AP):** the removal of the TfL will mean that the space where it turns around will be vacated. AP and HR have worked with William Britain (Highgate Society Chair) and Cllr Anna Wright + Spacehive to produce a proposal to fund independent consultants to undertake community engagement and then a scheme to blend Pond Square, the 271 space and the High Street to create a community space and boost our High Street. This will go live on Crowdfunder (to raise £15,000) in April and funds raised will be matched by Camden. They are involving Pond Square residents and the High Street traders + **Haringey High Streets lead Maurice Richardson.**
9. **Updating the Plan: meetings with Haringey** (Haringey paper on Climate Change policies tabled – **MMK to raise with Helen PJ's query re solar panels**) MMK reported on positive and promising meetings with Haringey Head of Planning Policy Bryce Tudball and Helen Evans, who is charge of Climate Change policies in the Emerging Local Plan and also for the West of the Borough. Helen met us in Highgate and looked around at the various sites with issues. In particular, we went to Hillcrest and explained the history and the need for improvements (play areas etc) in any potential development there. Upshot is that they will engage with us as they go through the Local Plan process (inc on basements) and eventually we will use the subsequent new policies to update our own Plan. **SBe suggested contacting Brian O'Donnell to do the equivalent work with Camden.**



10. **Wellington Housing proposal** (RW, MMK) – no response from TfL about removing gyratory so far, despite prompting from SBe and Dep Mayor Joanne McCartney, but Haringey have postponed the next engagement meeting until the end of May (for a “full transportation and access report” so this may be a sign of some movement in this direction.
11. **Trees report** (tabled) LL reported being despondent about lack of response on threatened trees (both street and in gardens) from both councils. Haringey now have 2 new Tree Officers, one of which is embedded in Planning.
12. **Ecological corridors**: AP working with Lux and IH to organize a Festival of Green Thinking in September, which will bring together all the big landowners i.e. Waterlow Park, Cemetery, Highgate School, Omved, Channing, the Golf Club + perhaps some of the large private house owners, with the intention of finding ways to link these green spaces with eco corridors.
13. **Waterlow Park proposed Nature Study area** HR reported that she had sent a statement to the local papers protesting about the proposed Upper Nature Area and also how the consultation had been run – **she undertook to email this to the committee**. IH sent a short message to say that the consultation report would be released shortly, following input from Camden, and the WP Trust Advisory Group would review this if material changes were still proposed.
14. **Business** HR reported that the Dukes Head were applying for license to 1am every night of the week.
15. **AOB** RW suggested that a **discussion on the future of the oligarch’s ex mansions to be included in next meeting**
16. **Date of next meeting**: after AGM

Action items in bold