

# **Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting**

## At Channing School Sixth Form Centre, Highgate Hill, N6 6.30 pm, Wed, 6 July, 2022

**Present:** Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Siri Zanelli (SZ), Rachell Fox (RF), Peter Walton (PW), Richard Webber (RW), Andrea Horth (AH), Ian Henghes (IH), Francis Wilkinson (FW), Katherine Ives (KI), Cllr Anna Wright (AW *for second half of meeting*), Martin Adeney (MA *for second half of meeting*)

## MINUTES

- 1. **Apologies:** Louise Lewis, Peter Jacobs, Stephen Kennard, Cllr Camron Aref-Adib, Anne Jamieson
- 2. Minutes of meeting of 28 March 2022 (tabled) agreed but RW pointed out that the discussion on the fate of the oligarchs' ex mansions had not been added to this agenda as agreed. MMK to make sure it is on next agenda. MMK to send 28 March minutes to AH for website
- 3. **Election of officers**: the following were duly proposed, seconded and elected:

Chair – Alicia Pivaro Secretary – Maggy Meade-King Treasurer – Richard Webber *(subject to RW receiving full briefing and handover from previous Treasurer – yet to take place)* 

- 4. Co-options: it was agreed to co-opt Chanel Noel, Community Partnerships Director at Highgate School. MMK to send new Committee list to AH for website
- 5. Areas of interest/leads:

Transport: Richard Webber (cycling to be delegated to ?? from London Cycling Campaign + MMK will continue to lead on buses)



Social and community: Anne Jamieson Planning: Siri Zanelli, Stephen Kennard, Martin Adenty

### Business: ? AP to see if lain Brewester is willing to be coopted again

Bio diversity: Alicia Pivaro, Maggy Meade-King, Ian Henghes

Trees: Louise Lewis

- Policing Highgate (paper tabled FW): meeting agreed to FW proposal to ask for our two Neighbourhood Policing Panels (in Camden and Haringey) to amalgamate into one Highgate-wide panel. FW to send note for AP to approach the two policing authorities
- 7. Chair's Report: AP reported on yet another successful Highgate Festival + the Public Consultation on the soon to be vacated 271 terminus space – HS/HNF/Camden now chasing TfL to find out who owns what and what monies might be available.

Our two CIL-funded play projects are now making progress at last and a new v experienced Haringey officer – Jake Jones – is now leading on these. There was much enthusiasm from those who attended the consultation during the Festival

Camden-side signposts were now up, albeit with pikes missing from the tops!

#### AP to write to Haringey Councillors to encourage them to send at least one of their number to our meetings and to ask for a meeting in the meantime.

8. Interpretation Boards CIL project (email tabled RW) Visit Highgate leaflet now published by Highgate Society. Problem with Interpretation Boards (planned for outside Flask and in Pond Square) is that Camden Planning are treating us like a business and demanding extra fees and applications. RW to send AW a note explaining what's going on and which officials he has been dealing with.



- 9. Pond Square/271 terminus space (AP) AP met William Britain (Chair Highgate Soc) about results of consultation during Fair in the Square. James Wilkinson (HS business lead) will talk to local businesses to get their views. Chasing TfL for details of ownership of land and what funds will be available for reuse of land – then see what CIL can be used + funds from both Councils. Eventually, there will be a design competition looking at 271 space, Pond Square and the adjoining High Street.
- 10. **Bio diversity plans** (AP, MMK) Waterlow Park TAG have announced an ambition to be a Zero Carbon Park + Friends are undertaking a bio diversity survey, as are the Cemetery. Ben at Lux is planning a Mini Bio Diversity Festival next Spring. So, in the meantime, HNF will convene a meeting of all Highgate's major landowners (+ both Councils) in Sept/Oct to share best practice and discuss how there can be bio diversity corridors between the various sites. **MMK to send Doodle Poll to all potential participants + everyone to send her useful contacts and let us know about any interesting projects.**
- 11. Meeting with Hampstead NF: AP and MMK met with counterparts in Hampstead and discussed issues above + how the Levelling Up White Paper supports NFs. It may be that going for the newly established Neighbourhood Priorities would be a more useful way to go, rather than looking to update our Neighbourhood Plans. AP and MMK to discuss with Camden and Haringey Planning Policy teams
- 12. **Trees** (papers tabled MMK, LL) MMK gave brief account of meeting with Haringey Tree Officers our CIL replacement street trees project should finally happen in Autumn this year trees ordered and officer in place. **AP to write in support of Camden's letter to Sec of State re private trees + Haringey to ask them also to support.**
- 13. **Report from Cllr Anna Wright:** the newly elected Councillors have reviewed and reset priorities for Camden ClL ie. Community Resilience, Helath and Well being, Green Spaces.



Currently no money left in pot but no doubt more will come in. Interpretation Boards (see above) already funded. AW now cabinet member for health, well-being and adult care.

- 14. **Transport** (note tabled RW, MMK) MMK and RW reported on meeting with Hampstead NF transport lead + Green School Run group, which concluded we should revive our efforts to get better east west bus connection – using the current Bus Review Consultation as a lever. **MMK to use Green School Run data to get another meeting with TFL and North London Forums Bus Group + RW/MMK to write HNF response to Consultaion, particularly emphasising our support for public transport.**
- **15. Planning issues:** Milton Park proposals turned down. **AP to ask Haringey whats happening about the Townsend Yard proposals.** Chanel Noel will update us on Highgate School Development Plan.

FW reported back on Camden Licensing Committee meeting he briefly left our meeting to attend. Outcome of our request for neighbours to be alerted to licensing applications unclear but Committee did agree that current process was inadequate and will be "improved". **FW to contact Haringey with same request.** 

- 16. **Social and Community** (proposal tabled AJ). AJ's proposal for funds to produce Coffee&Computers poster and leaflets was approved, subject to the HNF logo being prominent on them and a check on recycled paper being used.
- 17. Comms ideas for next newsletter (MMK) everyone to send any items to MMK by 18 July Include pic of Tamil Festival?
- 18. **AOB**: KI asked if there was feedback on Highgate Festival? AH responded that – despite fewer events online this year, there was more online traffic.
- 19. **Date of next meeting**: MMK to do Doodle Poll for October after various activities listed above. Request to avoid Wednesdays!

