



FOR HIGHGATE
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Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee Meeting

**At Lauderdale House Lower Gallery
6.30 pm, Tues 18 October, 2022**

Present: Alicia Pivaro (AP Chair), Maggy Meade-King (MMK minutes), Cllr Camron Aref-Adib (CAA), Cllr Nick da Costa (NdC), Peter Walton (PW), Peter Jacobs (PJ), Anne Jamieson (AJ), Louise Lewis (LL), Andrea Horth (AH), Katherine Ives (KI), Martin Adeney (MA), Richard Webber (RW)

MINUTES

1. Apologies: Rachell Fox, Chanel Noel (CN), Siri Zanelli, Francis Wilkinson
2. **Minutes of meeting of 6 July, 2022** (tabled) approved, subject to amendment that RW had only agreed to be Treasurer if he had a full briefing and handover from the previous Treasurer, which had not happened. **Action: AP to chase previous Treasurer**
3. **Chair's Report** - most covered by agenda items but AP chasing Tony Burton for notes of last Neighbourhood Planners London meeting.
4. **Report from Cllr Nick da Costa (Haringey LDs):** continuing to press Council on High Street traffic and asking for Highgate to be designated as a Town Centre + chasing Planning on Townsend Yard + involved in speedgunning on Stanhope Road (15 cars caught in 40mins). **AP will pass on to CN that NdC would like to talk to Highgate School Transport person about North Hill traffic issues.**
5. **Report from Cllr Camron Aref-Adib (Camden Labour):** Council instituting Cost of Living Funds (CAA will share relevant docs) + Warm Welcome hubs. Current consultation on naming Swains Lane roundabout after assassinated Russian opposition leader Boris Nemtsov. Speed signs and traffic calming being considered in Swains Lane (MA indicated that Cemetery would support this).



6. **Meeting with Haringey Chief Executive:** AP reported on meeting with reps from Highgate Society, RW and herself with Andy Donald (AD), Haringey's new CE. They took him on a tour and updated him on issues re Pond Square, Archway Road and Highgate Hill. RW said takeaways included AD hearing that expertise in Highgate was more useful than the Planning Dept currently recognise + concerns re officials being influenced by developers during overly lengthy Pre-App discussions e.g. Townsend Yard situation. Regular meetings were promised.
7. **Meeting with Haringey Group Engineer, Traffic and Parking re Highgate Hill, High Street + the Bank** (note tabled) MMK and RW reported on useful meeting with Simi Shah (SS) to discuss what could be done about congestion and safety concerns on Highgate Hill, the High Street and in particular the junction between Cholmeley Park and Highgate Hill. As ever, the issue re solutions is funding. However, forthcoming work on the Bank + resurfacing of Highgate Hill may present some potential opportunities for improving other matters eg build outs at the bus stop and the crossing and creation of a School Safety Zone. **MMK to organize a further onsite meeting with SS.**
8. **Biodiversity landowners meeting** (note and presentations tabled): MMK reported on a meeting which successfully brought together all the major landowners in Highgate to discuss how they could work together to increase biodiversity in Highgate and how their estates could be linked up with 'corridors'. A further practical meeting between head gardeners of Highgate School, Channing, the Golf Club and Camden Parks contractors had already taken place. **MMK and AP to meet to expedite further follow up actions, leading to a major public event at Lux in May.**
9. **Policing Highgate** (note tabled) **AP to forward FW's paper to NdC, who will chase Haringey Safer Neighbourhood Panel**
10. **Notifying the community of licensing applications** (note tabled) Raised at meeting with AD. RW raised issue of people without email – how will they be involved? **AP will share RW paper with NdC who will follow up with Licensing Committee.**



11. **Visit Highgate:** RW reported endless petty planning delays in getting CIL monies for the information boards + now Camden have said they need to work with Promotions department. **CAA will chase.**

12. **Impact of Russian-Ukraine war on Highgate elite Houses:** RW asked what we should do about the expensive estates of Russian oligarchs in Highgate? **NdC will ask Baroness Lynn Featherstone to table a question in the House of Lords.**

13. **Planning issues:**
 - **Highgate School:** are consulting on extensive development – CN is chasing a meeting for HNF

 - **Townsend Yard:** Shepherds Cottage still under threat + there have been problems with Omved Gardens lorries damaging the walls along the Yard and blocking the High Street. **AP to send examples to NdC to pursue**

 - **Mary Feilding building + proposed Hampstead Lane care home** cause for concern in terms of scale of developments

 - **The Winchester pub:** some good news for a change as it has re-opened and has been beautifully restored. Chris Riley (who led the campaign to retain it as a pub) has sent thanks to all at HNF who supported the campaign.

14. **Social and Community:** AJ reported on the new leaflets and webpages for Coffee&Computers

15. **Business:** Iain Brewster has offered to be co-opted to the HNF committee as our business rep (he lives in the High Street as well as owning several shops). The meeting agreed to his co-option.



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16. AOB:

- LL reported that there are still far too many tree felling applications and the Haringey officer overseeing this is struggling to keep up with them all. Haringey are consulting on their **Parks and Green Spaces Strategy** until Nov 27. MMK to publicise this in HNF newsletter and Twitter feed.
- KI shared that Lauderdale House had won a grant from the Arts Council for development of their community productions

17. Date of next meeting: MMK to send out Doodle Polls for the next three meetings leading up our AGM (to avoid school holidays).